

**THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FOR ORDAINED MINISTRY  
PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

I hereby declare my candidacy for ordained ministry in The United Methodist Church and request the support and recommendation of the Pastor/Parish Relations Committee for certification as a candidate.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Declared Candidate)

**PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

We certify that we have interviewed this candidate and to best of our knowledge are willing to recommend him/her for candidacy in the United Methodist Church. They have answered the following historic questions of John Wesley to the satisfaction of this committee:

- 1) Do they know God as a pardoning God? Do they have the love of God abiding in them? Do they desire nothing but God? Are they holy in all manner of conversation?
- 2) Do they have the gifts, as well as grace, for the work? Have a clear, sound understanding; a right judgment in the things of God; a just conception of salvation by faith? Speak justly, readily, clearly?
- 3) Have they evidence of fruit for ministry? For Elder and Local Pastors: Have any been truly convinced of sin and converted to God, and are believers edified by their preaching? For Deacons: Are others edified by their service?

Is this individual someone you could accept as a pastor of this congregation in the future?

Do you believe this congregation is willing to assist with the financial cost of candidacy for this individual? Cost includes: Criminal Background Checks (\$75) Psychological Testing (\$200) Candidacy Enrollment & Guidebook (\$75)

Believing that \_\_\_\_\_ is called of God and is a suitable candidate for ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church, the Pastor/Staff/Parish Relations Committee (or its equivalent) of \_\_\_\_\_ United Methodist Church recommends this individual for certification to the charge conference.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Chair of the Pastor/Parish Relations Committee)

Conference \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

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CHARGE CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATION**

I hereby declare my candidacy for ordained ministry in The United Methodist Church and request the support and recommendation of the Charge Conference for certification as a candidate for:

Order of Deacons

Order of Elder

License as Local Pastor

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Declared Candidate)

**CHARGE CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATION**

As members of the Charge Conference of \_\_\_\_\_ UMC do you accept the recommendation of the Pastor Staff Parish to support this candidate for ministry and are you satisfied that the individual has answered the following historic questions of John Wesley?

- 1) Do they know God as a pardoning God? Do they have the love of God abiding in them? Do they desire nothing but God? Are they holy in all manner of conversation?
- 2) Do they have the gifts, as well as grace, for the work? Have a clear, sound understanding; a right judgment in the things of God; a just conception of salvation by faith? Speak justly, readily, clearly?
- 3) Have they evidence of fruit for ministry? For Elder and Local Pastors: Have any been truly convinced of sin and converted to God, and are believers edified by their preaching? For Deacons: Are others edified by their service?

Is this individual someone you could accept as a pastor of this congregation in the future?

Do you believe this congregation is willing to make a commitment to assist with the financial cost of candidacy for this individual? Cost includes: Criminal Background Checks (\$75) Psychological Testing (\$200) Candidacy Enrollment & Guidebook (\$75)

Believing that \_\_\_\_\_ is called of God and is a suitable candidate for ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church, the Charge Conference (or its equivalent) of \_\_\_\_\_ United Methodist Church recommends this individual to the District Committee on Ministry for candidacy in the United Methodist Church.

In making this recommendation, we attest to the fact that the declared candidate has been an active member or affiliate member of the United Methodist Church or ministry setting for at least one year, has graduated from an accredited high school or received a certificate of equivalency, and has received by written ballot a two-thirds vote of the charge conference.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(District Superintendent or authorized Presiding Elder)

Conference \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_