

**THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FOR ORDAINED MINISTRY
CHARGE CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATION
(or equivalent body)**

This form is to be completed on all new or continuing candidates for ministry.

Candidate Name:
(please print)

Charge:

Date:

For Continuing Candidates: I hereby request **continuation** of my candidacy for ordained ministry in The United Methodist Church and request support and recommendation of the Charge Conference for continued certification as a candidate for:

Order of Deacons

Order of Elders

License as Local Pastor

For New Candidates:

I hereby declare my candidacy for ordained ministry in The United Methodist Church and request the support and recommendation of the Charge Conference or equivalent body as specified by the district committee on ordained ministry for certification as a candidate for:

Order of Deacons

Order of Elders

License as Local Pastor

CHARGE CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATION (or equivalent body)

Let those who consider recommending persons for candidacy as ordained ministers in The United Methodist Church ask themselves the following questions which were first asked by John Wesley at the third conference of Methodist preachers in 1746. (See Discipline ¶310)

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

Believing that _____ is called of God and is a suitable candidate for ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church, (the recommending body) _____ recommends him/her for certification as a candidate to the District Committee on Ordained Ministry. In making this recommendation, we attest to the fact that the declared candidate has been a professing member in good standing of The United Methodist Church or a baptized participant of a recognized United Methodist campus ministry or other United Methodist ministry setting for a minimum of one (1) 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 this body.

Signed

Date

Signature of authorized elder, district superintendent, or bishop

Conference

District

This Declaration of Candidacy for Ordained Ministry should be sent to the district office for the candidate's file.