

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**CONTINUATION OF CANDIDACY
FOR
ORDAINED OR LICENSED MINISTRY**

I request renewal of my candidacy for ordained or licensed ministry in the United Methodist Church and request the support and recommendation of the Charge Conference (¶313.1)

Order of Deacons _____ Order of Elders _____ License as Local Pastor _____

Signature of Candidate _____ Date _____

**Continuation of CHARGE CONFERENCE
RECOMMENDATION**

Let those who consider recommending persons for candidacy as ordained or licensed 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:

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, 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 or licensed ministry in the United Methodist Church, the Charge Conference of _____ recommends him/her for continuation of certification as a candidate by the district Committee on Ordained Ministry. In making this recommendation, we attest that the certified candidate's gifts, fruits, and evidence of God's grace continue to be satisfactory and that the candidate is making satisfactory progress in the required studies.(¶313.2)

Signature of _____ Date _____
Authorized Elder, District Superintendent, or Bishop

Signature of SPR Chair _____ Date _____

_____ District and Conference

Return to district Chair of Ordained Ministry

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