



**District Committee on Ministry
Recommendation for Associate Membership (¶ 322)**

Name: _____ Date of Interview: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____ H W C

Church Serving: _____ District: _____

Purpose of Interview

- When a licensed Local Pastor has completed the necessary requirements and has requested to be elected to Associate Membership, the dCOM must interview them in order to recommend to the Board of Ordained Ministry (BoOM) for election to Associate Membership.
- **Credentialing Standard: Fruitfulness and Effectiveness. Does this person demonstrate fruitfulness in ministry?**
- The Board of Ordained Ministry (BoOM) will be looking for effectiveness in ministry.

For the Interview Team

- The team must determine if the person demonstrates the necessary fruit in their ministry to recommend they be elected to Associate Membership.
- The team must determine whether or not the requirements for Associate Membership have been met by the individual.

Requirements prior to interview

- Annual renewal of license for pastoral ministry
- 40 years of age or older
- Served minimum of four years of a Full-Time Local Pastor (may equate part-time service toward full-time service requirement. See ¶322.2)
- Completed the Course of Study with no more than one-half online
- Completed a minimum of 60 semester hours toward Bachelor’s Degree from University Senate approved college or university (transcript must be uploaded into UMCARES)
- Declared willingness to accept continuing full-time appointment while fully itinerant

Required Questions:

- Share about your specific call to associate membership. What is your understanding of the responsibilities and privileges that come with associate membership?
- Are you and your family fully itinerant?
- How are you leading the local church to be missional? Give an example of its fruit.
- What was the greatest joy you experienced in ministry during the past year? Why?
- What was your greatest challenge in ministry during the past year? What did you learn from it?
- What are your goals or vision for the local church?
- What are your plans for continued growth?

Suggested Questions

- How is it with your soul?
- How has the Course of Study shaped your theology?
- What does your support system look like?
- What do you do to take care of yourself physically, emotionally, relationally, & spiritually?
- Choose two of the Disciplinary questions for theological articulation (see ¶324.9).
- Other questions that would integrate their theology with their practice of ministry.
- Other questions that make the connection between their Course of Study education and their practice of ministry.

Action Required

- ¾ majority written ballot required for recommendation

Comments

Interview Team Members:

Signature of Team Member

Date

NOTES:

dCOM Secretary: Send minutes within 14 days to dCOM members, the district office and the Administrator of Leadership Development - Ministerial Services, including any vote totals and actions taken for all candidates.

dCOM Registrar/Chair: Upload dCOM Action Report (Form D) and follow-up letter into UMCARES. Fill-out Provisional Membership Recommendation (Form F) in UMCARES.