



**District Committee on Ministry
Continuance of Certified Candidacy Interview (¶ 313)**

Name: _____ Date of Interview: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____ H W C

Church Serving: _____ District: _____

Purpose of Interview

- A Certified Candidate for ministry must be interviewed by the dCOM each year in order to be approved for the continuation of candidacy.
- **Credentialing Standard: Fitness and Potential. *Does this person demonstrate an increasing fitness for ministry as a fruitful leader?***
- A person can only be a Certified Candidate for twelve (12) years.

For the Interview Team

- The team must determine whether or not the person is continuing to grow in ministry in order to recommend for continuation of candidacy.
- The team must determine whether or not the person is making satisfactory progress toward their chosen educational goals.

Requirements prior to interview

- Annual recommendation of the candidate’s charge conference in file
- Official transcript from the school, college, or seminary showing satisfactory progress

Required Questions

- In what way have you been living missionally in the past year? Give an example of its fruit.
- How has your call been shaped/challenged/affirmed in the past year?
- What does being a disciple of Jesus Christ mean to you and how do you live it out?
- What do you do to take care of yourself physically, emotionally, relationally, & spiritually?
- What does your support system look like?
- What are your plans for continued growth?

Suggested Questions

- How is it with your soul?
- What was the most difficult ministry challenge you faced this past year and how did you meet it? - What did you learn from it, and how do you feel you have grown from this experience?
- What is your plan for paying off your debt, if applicable?
- Describe the last time you were with someone who stretched your thinking on an issue or matter of faith.
- Choose one of the Disciplinary questions for theological articulation. (see ¶324.9)
- If in seminary, tell us about a class in the past year that either challenged you or excited you.

Action Required

- Simple majority written ballot required for continuance of candidacy.

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.