



**District Committee on Ministry
Inquiring Candidacy Interview (¶310)**

Name: _____ Date of Interview: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____ H W C

Church Serving: _____ District: _____

Purpose of the Interview:

- At the request of the Conference Superintendent, the dCOM may interview those persons who are at the inquiring or declared candidacy point in the candidacy process.
- **Certification Standard: Calling. *Does this person articulate a God call?***

For the Interview Team

- The team must determine if this person can articulate a calling to licensed or ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church.
- Review any questions or concerns that came from the initial interview with the Conference Superintendent or their designee.

Requirements Prior to Interview

- 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.
- Letter or Email from candidate to the district’s Conference Superintendent and the dCOM Chair with request for admission into the candidacy process, a half-page statement of call, involvement in ministry setting, name/contact of ministry setting.
- Introductory Interview with Conference Superintendent

Required Questions

- Tell us about your personal journey of faith. Briefly describe an experience that shaped your Christian life.
- Tell us about your call to ministry. At this time what do you feel is the nature of your call? (elder, deacon, licensed local pastor, or certified lay minister)
- Tell us about your leadership experiences in the church. What are the fruit of the ministries in which you are involved?
- What is your understanding of the Mission of the Church?

Suggested Questions

- How is it with your soul?
- What do you do to take care of yourself physically, emotionally, relationally, & spiritually?
- What are your personal gifts and growing edges?
- What does your support system look like?
- What excites you about ministry? What’s your passion?

Action Required

- **No vote is required.** However, if the candidate is not ready for entry into the candidacy process, the committee may decide to deny or delay sending the candidate to the Candidacy Retreat. The committee may also recommend more involvement in a local church or ministry setting before entrance into the process.

Comments

Interview Team Members:

Signature of Team Member

Date

NOTE:

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.