



**District Committee on Ministry
Recommendation for Other Denomination Status Interview (¶ 346.2)**

Name: _____ Date of Interview: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____ H W C

Church Serving: _____ District: _____

Purpose of Interview

- For persons with ministerial credentials in other Christian denominations who are being considered for part-time appointments, the dCOM must interview them in order to recommend to the Board of Ordained Ministry that they be recognized as an Other Denomination (OD) pastor.
- **Credentialing Standard: Wesleyan Theology and Fruitfulness. *Does this person demonstrate the qualities of Transformational Leadership in a United Methodist context?***

For the Interview Team

- The team must determine whether or not the person has the fruit in ministry in order to recommend for recognition as an Other Denomination (OD) pastor.
- The team must determine whether the person is willing to support the doctrine, discipline, and polity of the United Methodist Church.

Requirements Prior to Interview

- Letter of Application for Appointment
- Completed Background Screening through Trak 1.
- Notarized Disclosure Form 114
- Psychological Evaluation
- Certificate of Good Health Form from family physician (Form 103)
- Minimum of three reference letters or written notes of phone conversations to check references
- Copy of ministerial credentials from home denomination
- Letter from appropriate judicatory representative that states:
 - The person is in "Good Standing" with home denomination
 - Verification that ministerial credentials are valid and active/current
 - Indication that there are no conditions such as warnings, censure, etc., in force
 - Permission from judicatory to serve with United Methodist Church
- Receipt of Supervisory files from sending denomination
- Completed and signed "Loyalty" Statement (Form S) to support and maintain United Methodist doctrine, discipline and polity while under appointment to a church/charge

Required Questions

Initial Interview

- What brought you to seek an appointment in the Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church?
- What is your understanding of the sacraments? Do they have a United Methodist understanding of the sacraments?

- How are you personally reaching out missionally to your community? Do they know the mission of the United Methodist Church?
- What are your plans to complete the required courses in United Methodist history, polity, and doctrine?

Renewal Interview

- What differences have you experienced in ministry compared to you denomination?
- How have you led the local church to be missional in your community? Have they integrated the mission of the United Methodist Church into their ministry?
- What progress have you made toward completion of the United Methodist courses in history, polity, and doctrine? What is one thing you learned that has enhanced your ministry?
- 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?

Suggested Questions

- How is it with your soul?
- What does your support system look like?
- What do you do to take care of yourself physically, emotionally, relationally, & spiritually?
- What are your goals for the year ahead?
- What are your plans for continued growth?
- What excites you about ministry? What's your passion?

Action Required

- Majority vote required to recommend for Other Methodist status.

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.