

**District Committee on Ministry  
Recommendation for Provisional Membership (¶ 324)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Interview: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ H W C

Church Serving: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

**Purpose of Interview**

- When a person will have completed the necessary requirements for commissioning as a Provisional Member within the next Annual Conference year, the dCOM must interview them in order to recommend them for Provisional Membership to the Board of Ordained Ministry (BoOM).
- **Credentialing Standard: Readiness and Fruitfulness. *Does this person demonstrate a potential for a ministry of Fruitful Leadership in ordained ministry?***

**For the Interview Team**

- The team must determine whether or not the person displays the necessary qualities that show fruitfulness in ministry in order to recommend for Provisional Membership.
- The Board of Ordained Ministry will be looking for:
  - Readiness for ministry, including demonstrated gifts for ministries of service and leadership
  - Both written and oral theological articulation.

**Requirements prior to interview**

- Certified candidate for at least one year or a licensed local pastor
- Demonstrated gifts for ministries of service and leadership to the satisfaction of the dCOM
- Completed undergraduate degree (transcript must be uploaded into UMCARES)
- Will have Masters of Divinity (or equivalent) completed by next year's Annual Conference session
- Will have one basic unit of Clinical Pastor Education (CPE) completed by next year's Annual Conference session.
- District Superintendent evaluation in file

**Required Questions**

- Share about your specific call to ordained ministry. What is your understanding of the meaning of ordination? Why do you feel called to either ordained elder or ordained deacon?
- If on the elder track: Are you and your family fully itinerant?
- How are you leading the local church or ministry setting to be missional? Give an example of its fruit.
- What does being United Methodist mean to you?
- What leadership have you taken in your ministry setting? Tell about some formative experiences you've had while leading that ministry.
- What are some examples of fruitfulness in your ministry in the past year?
- Choose two of the Disciplinary questions for theological articulation. (see ¶324.9).

**Suggested Questions**

- How has your theological education shaped your theology?
- At this point, the Board is looking for “readiness” for ministry. Based on your current educational and practical/ministry experiences why you think or feel that you are “ready” for provisional membership.
- In what ways have you grown in your understanding of the person and work of Jesus Christ since you were certified as a candidate?
- If recommended for provisional membership, what do you understand to be the next steps as you move towards ordination/full membership?
- How do you care for yourself emotionally, mentally, spiritually, and physically? Share about your understanding of boundaries in ministry and ways you protect your boundaries.

**Action Required**

- Three-quarter (¾) majority vote required for recommendation.

**Comments**

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**Interview Team Members:**

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Signature of Team Member

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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.