

**DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY****CHARGE CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATION**

I hereby declare my candidacy for licensed or ordained ministry in The United Methodist Church and request the support and recommendation of the Charge Conference (or its equivalent) for certification as a candidate for:

 Order of Deacons Order of Elder License as Local Pastor

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Declared Candidate)

**CHARGE CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATION (or equivalent body)**

Let those who consider recommending persons for candidacy as ministers in The United Methodist Church ask themselves the following questions which were first asked by John Wesley at the third conference of Methodist preachers in 1746 (*The Book of Discipline*, ¶310).

- 1) Do they know God as a pardoning God? Have they the love of God abiding in them? Do they desire nothing but God? Are they holy in all manner of conversation?
- 2) Have they gifts, as well as evidence of God's grace, for the work? Have they a clear, sound understanding; a right judgment in the things of God; a just conception of salvation by faith? Do they speak justly, readily, clearly?
- 3) Have they fruit? Have any been truly convinced of sin and converted to God, and are believers edified by their service?

Do you believe this congregation is willing to make a commitment to assist with the financial cost of candidacy for this individual? Candidacy Orientation Retreat (\$50), Criminal Background Checks (\$50), Psychological Testing (\$200), and Candidacy Enrollment & Guidebook (\$75)

Believing that \_\_\_\_\_ is called of God and is a suitable candidate for licensed or ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church, \_\_\_\_\_ United Methodist Church (the recommending body) recommends this individual to the District Committee on Ministry for candidacy in the United Methodist Church.

In making this recommendation, we attest to the fact that the declared candidate has been a professing member in good standing member of the United Methodist Church or baptized participant of a recognized United Methodist campus ministry or other United Methodist ministry setting for a minimum of one year, has graduated from an accredited high school or received a certificate of equivalency, and has received by written ballot a two-thirds vote of this body.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(**Conference Superintendent** or authorized Presiding Elder)

Conference \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_