

**DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FOR ORDAINED MINISTRY****PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

I hereby declare my candidacy for ordained ministry in The United Methodist Church and request the support and recommendation of the Pastor/Parish Relations Committee (or its equivalent) for certification as a candidate.

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

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We certify that we have interviewed this candidate and to best of our knowledge are willing to recommend them for candidacy in the United Methodist Church. They have answered the following questions to the satisfaction of this committee:

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

Is this individual someone you could accept see or and/or accept as the pastor of this congregation in the future?

Do you believe this congregation is willing 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 ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church, the Pastor/Staff/Parish Relations Committee (or its equivalent) of \_\_\_\_\_ United Methodist Church recommends this individual for certification to the charge conference.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Chair of the Pastor/Parish Relations Committee)

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