WHERE DO I BEGIN?

1. Talk with your minister & read The Christian as Minister.
2. Check your conference website for how to start & who to contact.
3. Write a letter to your district superintendent to apply.
4. Once a candidate, you’ll be assigned a mentor — an ordained person trained to guide you through the process.

EDUCATION

- Deacon: Connects the church to the world through specialized ministry.
- Elder: Orders the sacramental & administrative life of the church community.

The Three C’s!
- Candidacy, Candidates & Certified: Candidacy is the process for those who want to serve the UMC as deacons or elders. A candidate is the person in this process. Certified means the church approved the candidate.

Not UMC? Ask your campus minister how to join.

A district superintendent (DS) oversees the churches in an area.

For more on deacon education, check out www.gbhem.org/deacons!

There are 13 United Methodist Theological Schools. Find them here: www.gbhem.org/seminaries

MONEY $

- Each conference has a Board of Ordained Ministry to help candidates during the process. Check with your BOM about seminary scholarships!
- Deacons may earn (1) a master’s in theology or (2) a master’s in a specialized field plus required theology courses.
- Elders need a master of divinity from a seminary approved by the church.

EXPLORE www.explorecalling.org
MORE INFO www.umcandidacy.org
TWITTER @umcandidacy

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Find scholarships & loans at www.gbhem.org/loansandscholarships.

Contact the financial aid office of the schools you want to attend for their scholarship info.

Hint: More scholarships are available if you’re certified!