Simple Guide To Candidacy in the Florida Annual Conference of the UMC

1. EXPERIENCES A CALL FROM GOD

2. MEETS WITH PASTOR or CAMPUS MINISTER
   Using *The Christian As Minister* (required) *Understanding God's Call* (optional)

3. MEETS WITH DS DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT
   with written statement of call

4. ATTENDS CANDIDACY RETREAT
   January or July
   Includes psychological testing

5. COMPLETES GROUP MENTORING
   6 Sessions + Psychological Feedback
   with mentor after clinical interview
   with MAS

6. RECEIVES SPPRC & CHARGE CONFERENCE (2/3 written ballot) APPROVAL FOR CANDIDACY

7. DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON ORDAINED MINISTRY
   dCOM INTERVIEW
   With Application in UMCARES
   3/4 written ballot

8. IF CERTIFIED, SELECT A TRACK:
   Local Pastor or Ordination on Deacon or Elder Track

**Local Pastor Track**

**CERTIFIED CANDIDATE:** Requires annual recommendation from SPPRC, Charge Conference and dCOM
Eligible for Ministerial Education Funds

**LICENSED LOCAL PASTOR REQUIRES:**
1. Attending 2 weeks of Licensing School in May
2. Licensed at Annual Conference (only if under projected appointment)
3. Annual license renewal from dCOM
4. Attending Course of Study (if no M.Div.) — 2 courses/yr PT 12 yrs max; 4 courses/yr FT 8 yrs max.

**OPTIONAL ROUTES:**
1. Associate Member - ¶ 321-322 required dCOM recommendation to BOM
2. LPs who complete Advanced Course of Study may seek recommendation from dCOM to the Board of Ordained Ministry (BOOM) for commissioning as a Provisional Elder ¶ 324.6 — See next Guide.