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

9. CERTIFIED CANDIDATE:
   Requires annual SPPRC, Charge Conference & dCOM recommendation
   ¶313, Eligible for Ministerial Education Funds

Ordination as a Deacon or Elder Track

CERTIFIED CANDIDATE ¶310
Re-certified annually ¶313

COMPLETE BACHELORS DEGREE
from school recognized by University Senate ¶313.2, 324.3

COMPLETE THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION
from school recognized by University Senate ¶324.4 including Basic Graduate Theological Studies (BGTS)

REQUIRES dCOM RECOMMENDATION
OF PD or PE APPLICATION TO BOM
BOM Deadline October 1

BOM Provisional Interviews November
Required Annual BOM Provisional Continuance Interviews January

IF APPROVED FOR PE or PE,
COMMISSIONED AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

2 YEAR RIM (RESIDENTS IN MINISTRY)
UNDER APPOINTMENT ¶324-327

DEACONS MEET REQUIREMENTS OF ¶328-331
ELDERS MEET REQUIREMENTS OF ¶332-342

BOM APPLICATION OCTOBER 1
FULL CONNECTION INTERVIEWS JANUARY

ORDAINED AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE