



**THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
CHURCH SUPPORT FOR CANDIDACY OR RECOMMENDATION/RENEWAL FOR CANDIDACY  
FOR LICENSED AND ORDAINED MINISTRY BY**

The Charge Conference (§ 310.1e and §313)

Let those who consider recommending persons for candidacy as ordained 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. Since that time these questions have been the criteria by which prospective Methodist preachers have been judged.

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?

I hereby declare my purpose to enter the Christian ministry in The United Methodist Church and apply for certification or renewal as a candidate for ordained ministry.

Name of Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDATION OF FIRST TIME CANDIDATE**

First Time Candidate must have approval of SPRC Committee and approval of DS prior to Charge Conference  
*Vote Requires Written Ballot Vote at Charge Conference*

**OR**

**ANNUAL RENEWAL OF CONTINUING CANDIDATE**

*Hand Vote at Charge Conference*

**Prior to completing and submitting this form, all Candidates must meet with their District Superintendent as outlined on the Office of Clergy Excellence webpage: Candidacy Checklist. Candidacy must be certified (§310.1e) or renewed by Charge Conference annually (§313), 2016 Book of Discipline.**

Believing that \_\_\_\_\_ is a suitable candidate for and has promise for the ordained ministry and that he/she is called of God to further explore the duties and the responsibilities of this office, the Charge Conference of (church/city) \_\_\_\_\_ recommends him/her for the Candidacy for Ordained Ministry studies. This action was taken by the Charge Conference in accordance with the provisions of the Discipline of The United Methodist Church. We understand that he/she as a baptized Christian is already in the general ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ and is inquiring into the appropriateness of his/her entering the status of ordained ministry.



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## CHURCH SUPPORT FOR CANDIDACY FORM 117

¶313.2 – A candidate preparing for ordained ministry shall ... provide a report as to whether his or her local church is supporting them spiritually and financially (see ¶246.8) ... The report of local church financial support may be used by the district superintendent to express gratitude for this support or encourage a local congregation to improve its basic care for those it recommends.

Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Local Church Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Ministry Setting (if not a member of local church): \_\_\_\_\_

### Financial Support

- The above named local church has supported the candidate financially in the previous year.
- The above named local church has not supported the candidate financially in the previous year.

How has the local church supported the candidate financially? (Include the amount of financial support provided to the candidate.)

### Spiritual Support

- The above named local church has supported the candidate spiritually in the previous year.
- The above named local church has not supported the candidate spiritually in the previous year.

Please Explain.

### Signatures

Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

District Superintendent \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

When complete, the candidate submits form to the district Committee on Ordained Ministry before candidacy is renewed.



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