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# The United Methodist Church

## Declaration of Candidacy for Ordained Ministry

### Charge Conference (Or Equivalent Body)

### Recommendation Form #104

I hereby declare my candidacy for ordained ministry in The United Methodist Church and request the support and recommendation of the Charge Conference or equivalent body as specified by the district committee on ordained ministry for certification as a candidate for:

Order of Deacon \_\_\_\_\_ Order of Elder \_\_\_\_\_ License as Local Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Declared Candidate

### Charge Conference Recommendation (or equivalent body)

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. (See BOD ¶310.1d)

- (1) Do they know God as 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?

Believing that \_\_\_\_\_ (name of ministry candidate) is called of God and is a suitable candidate for ordained ministry in The United Methodist Church, \_\_\_\_\_ (the recommending body) recommends him/her for certification as a candidate to the district Committee on Ordained Ministry. In making this recommendation, we attest to the fact the declared candidate has been a professing member in good standing of The United Methodist Church or a baptized participant of a recognized United Methodist campus ministry or other United Methodist ministry setting for a minimum of one (1) year, has graduated from an accredited high school or received a certificate of equivalency, and has received by written ballot a two-thirds vote of this body.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of authorized elder, district superintendent or bishop

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

\* Return completed form to the district office