



## **Full Member Biblical Skills Instructions**

**Early Submissions May 1 - July 1**

**Regular Submissions July 1 - September 1**

Each candidate for full membership in the Baltimore-Washington Conference must submit a video of a Bible Study you have taught in your congregation. The due date for the Bible Study is September 1. We recommend recording it well in advance of the due date to avoid technical difficulties or other unforeseen problems. If you submit your Bible Study by our “early submission” due date of July 1 and do not pass, you will be permitted to submit one additional Bible Study for evaluation by September 1.

### **BIBLICAL SKILLS REQUIREMENTS**

Each candidate is required to prepare and record a 45-minute to one hour Bible Study session designed to show evidence of your training to research biblical books and passages and your ability to teach Scripture. The Biblical Skills Committee will accept Bible studies using ZOOM or a similar product. The candidate must be heard and seen, and participants must be audible and, if possible, visible. You will submit the URL of your Bible Study video. You can use a service like YouTube or Vimeo to upload your video.

The focus of the study is the Bible. We are looking for biblical scholarship that reflects your seminary training. A good study engages and excites participants about Scripture. This is to be a participatory Bible Study where there are ample opportunities for participants to engage and respond. **Create an original Bible study based on a pericope of your choosing.** The Bible Study must incorporate at least three sources and be consistent with Methodist doctrine. Please also review the grading rubric that can be found on the [Full Member webpage](#) to make sure all the required elements are present in your Bible Study. **In addition to an uploaded Bible Study video, the following document is required:**

#### **Bible Study Lesson Plan**

A detailed description of the instructional plan for a single Bible study session. Include your name at the top right-hand corner of each page and have pages numbered (1/9, 2/9, etc.). The lesson plan should include:

- ***A primary Scripture text*** - use The New Revised Standard Version as your primary version. Other versions can be used for comparison when teaching. A group reflection on one or two verses of Scripture will not fulfill the requirement for a study.
- ***Description of the Learners and Setting*** - Age of students, Church or community members
- ***Learning Objectives:***
  - Behavioral Objectives - What participants will be able to do by the end of the session.
  - Knowledge Objectives - What the participants will know at the lesson's completion.
- ***List of Materials Needed*** - e.g., Bible, images, hymnal
- ***List of Additional Resources*** consulted for preparation or presentation, as well as a list of any other media you used to develop or lead your session. Please include a bibliography of commentaries and texts. If video clips are used or words of songs printed, please include your church's copyright license information. (A good resource to consult: Dick Murray's: Teaching the Bible to Adults and Youth)
- ***Outline of Session*** which includes an introduction to session, the historical and biblical setting of the Scripture text (this information must be taught), the information to be covered in each section of the Bible Study, the teaching techniques used (ex. auditory (hearing), visual (seeing), kinesthetic (touch), and participatory methods) and the approximate time for each activity.
- ***Evaluation*** - How well did the learners respond? Is there anything you would do differently?

## Evaluation Criteria Used by Biblical Skills Committee

The total possible score for the Bible Study is 100 points. A score of 70 or higher is passing.

The evaluation criteria include:

1. **Content** - Exegesis/Research and Life Application
2. **Presentation** - Teaching Plan and Teacher/Student Interaction
3. **Materials** - Lesson Plan, Video Quality, and Bible Study Inventory is complete. A brief commentary about the study will be sent to the candidate after it has been evaluated by the Biblical Skills Committee.

A copy of the grading rubric can be found on the [Full Member webpage](#).

## HOW TO SUBMIT:

- a. **Early submissions should be submitted by July 1** using the JotForm link in the FM Checklist.
- b. **Regular submissions should be submitted by September 1** using the JotForm link in the FM Checklist.
- c. You must submit 2 items:
  - i. A link to your Bible study video
  - ii. A PDF or Word document with your Bible Study Lesson Plan

All materials must be received by the due date. You will be notified of the results within 2 months. Please be patient. Candidates who fail to comply with these instructions jeopardize their eligibility to attend the Examination.

Once the Biblical Skills requirement has been passed, there is no need to repeat it. Please note that you must have passed Biblical Skills for Full Membership in order to be invited to the Full Member Examination.