



## **Provisional Member Biblical Skills Instructions**

**Due August 13, 2026 by 5:00 pm**

Each candidate for provisional 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 August 13. We recommend recording it well in advance of the due date to avoid technical difficulties or other unforeseen problems. We suggest that you record the study well in advance of the due date so that you will have time to review it and, if necessary, record another session to send in by the due date if something goes wrong the first time. Biblical skills submissions must meet or exceed a score of 70 on the Evaluation Criteria (provided for your information), as determined by the Biblical Skills Review Committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry.

### **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. Longer sessions will not be reviewed by the committee. 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.

You must use one of the following texts as the basis for your study (choose one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis 1     | <input type="checkbox"/> Job 1  | <input type="checkbox"/> Revelation 21    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deuteronomy 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Corinthians 12 |

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 [Provisional Member webpage](#) to make sure all the required elements are present in your Bible Study. **In addition to a Bible Study video URL, the following documents are required:**

#### **1. 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:

- The Scripture you have chosen
- The General Themes in this Passage of Scripture
- The Group/Age Level this Bible Study will be used with
- The Learning Objectives:
  - What will the participants be able to do at the lesson's completion?
  - What will the participants know at the lesson's completion?
- The Historical and Biblical setting of this passage- author of the passage, time it was written, original

audience, placement of the chapter in the book it is from, and what is going on historically when it was written.

- Life Application- What connections can you make with this passage with life today?
- List of the specific resources you used in preparing this Bible Study;
- Additional Resource you will use in the teaching this session (e.g. Pictures, video, music, craft, etc.)
- Outline of the entire session- introduction to the lesson, the information to be covered in each section of the Bible Study, the learning activity that will be used and the length of time it will take (e.g. dramatic readings, journaling, watching a video clip, etc.)
- Answer the following question: How did the participants respond to the lesson? Is there anything that you would do differently?

## 2. Student Evaluations

Student evaluations (provided on the [Provisional Member webpage](#)) should be printed out or digitally distributed, and collected into one PDF file to be submitted.

## 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 evaluations are 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 [Provisional Member webpage](#).

## HOW TO SUBMIT:

- a. **Materials should be submitted by August 13** using the JotForm link in the PM Checklist.
- b. You must submit 3 items:
  - i. A link to your Bible study video
  - ii. A PDF or Word document with your Bible Study Lesson Plan
  - iii. A PDF with all of your student evaluations

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 Provisional Membership in order to be invited to the Provisional Member Examination.