

Consultation Form for Limited Itineracy

North Texas Conference

The United Methodist Church

In The United Methodist Church ordained elders, provisional elders and associate members are part of an itinerant system in which clergy are appointed annually to various mission fields by the Bishop. These clergy have agreed to accept itineracy as part of their covenant.

This covenant does not, nor should it, promise to clergy any particular location, size of church, or salary (except that of minimum salary for a full time appointment).

Yet it is sometimes necessary that the seriousness of other covenants (such as marriage, parenting, elder care) must take priority over the commitment to itinerate. If this is the situation for you for the next appointment year, please complete the remainder of this form to advise the Bishop and Cabinet of the same.

During the appointment year _____, my ability to itinerate is limited in the following ways: (Please state your limitations and the covenantal reasons why this must take precedence over your commitment to itinerate.)

I ask the Bishop and Cabinet to consider the above limitations and I understand that:

- In order to receive an appointment based upon my limitations to itinerate, I understand I may receive an appointment with less compensation than I am currently making.
- In order to receive an appointment based upon my limitations to itinerate, I am willing to serve less than full time.
- It may not be possible to appoint me at all within the limitations that I have specified. If that is the case, I am willing to:
 - take a leave of absence
 - retire
 - consider an appointment beyond the limitations listed above.

Signature of Pastor

Date