

INTERVIEW WITH LICENSED MINISTER APPLICANTS

Purpose: To authenticate the call of the candidate and his/her spiritual, experiential, and educational readiness for appointment

Resources: DBMD Subsequent Years Questionnaire; Education and the Ministry transcript; Annual Service Report; leadership style preference inventory

Requirements: Letter of recommendation needed from Local Church Conference or Local Board of Administration (see *Disc.* 3033,6420); certification from MSCA that student has completed minimum educational requirements for licensing; photocopy of Social Security card and/or work permit

Length: One-half hour

Recommendation: Recommendation to District Conference or District Board of Administration for license, counsel for the applicant to continue for the time being as a ministerial student, or counsel for the applicant to pursue other avenues of spiritual development and service

Follow-up Needed: Issuance of license signed by District Superintendent and District Secretary

Questions:

1. How has your awareness and assurance of God's call been affected by your studies and experience since you began preparing for ministry?
2. In what practical ministries are you currently involved? What have you learned about yourself and about ministry from these involvements?
3. What "fruit" can you point to as evidence of your personal growth and effectiveness in the area of ministry to which you feel called?
4. Describe your current devotional habits and spiritual disciplines that you are practicing (prayer, Bible study, church attendance, fasting, journaling, serving, tithing, etc.).
5. Who do you view as the most important role models and influencers helping to shape your life and ministry right now?
6. What areas have you noticed that need further development in your life in order for you to minister more effectively?
7. Are there any personal, marital, relational, financial or life style circumstances involving you, which if known might hinder or disqualify you for ministry in The Wesleyan Church?
8. If you have been involved in a supervised ministry experience this past year, how has it helped you most?
9. Are you prepared to accept a ministry assignment under the supervision of the district? In what area of service are you interested?
10. Sum up your understanding of Wesleyan teachings concerning the nature of the church; the relationship between clergy and laity; salvation; sanctification; the sacraments; the authority of the Scriptures.
11. Mandatory Legal Questions---
 - A. Have you ever been accused or found guilty of any criminal activity?
 - B. Have you ever participated in any sexual misconduct which would include child sexual abuse (pedophilia), the sexual abuse of adolescent minors, or homosexuality?
 - C. Are there any pending legal actions that might incriminate you in the future?
 - D. Are you a U.S. citizen? If not, what is your current visa or immigration status? Have you given our office a photocopy of your Social Security card, resident visa, green card or other INS documentation?