



East Central District Committee on Ordained Ministry

GUIDELINES FOR CANDIDATES SEEKING CONTINUATION OF CERTIFICATION

Following is a list of items that candidates seeking continuation of certification must submit to the East Central DCOM. Please send material as directed to the Registrar and Chair at the addresses listed below. Unless otherwise noted, all material is due three weeks before your interview. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the Registrar or Chair of the DCOM.

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- I. If you are enrolled in college or seminary, please have the school send your most recent transcript to the Registrar. If you are pursuing the course of study, please have your most recent grade evaluations sent to the Registrar.
- II. If you received contingencies from the DCOM, please make sure that all required reports are sent. Reports include self-reports and reports from a counselor, CPE supervisor, etc. Send one copy of each report to the Registrar and one to the Chair.
- III. A written recommendation from your church charge conference is required annually.
The recommendation form is included with charge conference material and is also available on the East Central District website (www.ecdistrictumc.org). Since charge conference dates vary, this form does not have to meet the three week deadline but must be received by the end of the calendar year. Send one copy of this form to the Registrar.
- IV. Typed responses to the questions in Sections A, B, and C.
The Annual Candidacy Renewal questions in Section A are required by the Discipline. The Leadership and Theology questions in Sections B and C are from the Board of Ordained Ministry Application for Probationary Membership. These questions proved an opportunity for you to demonstrate your theological understanding and your ability to integrate your theology into your personal experience and ministry.
Send one printed copy and a copy by email to the Registrar and one copy to the Chair.

As you prepare your responses, please follow these simple instructions:

- Begin each section on a separate page.
- List the question before each answer.
- Use a legible print font and double space your work.
- Number each page.
- Put your name on each page.
- Paperclip your pages together instead of stapling.
- Be sure to document any sources.
- Have your Candidacy Mentor review your answers before submitting them.

Section A. Annual Candidacy Renewal Questions

1. What is your current understanding of your call to ministry? Please give special attention to new insights, affirmations, and questions regarding your call.
2. How are you presently serving in ministry?
3. What have you found exciting about ministry in the past year?
4. What have you found challenging in your ministry in the past year?
5. During the past year, what have you done to care for yourself and grow spiritually, emotionally, and physically?
6. Describe your current areas of growth.
7. Where are you in your educational preparation and what are your plans for education during the coming year?
8. Have there been any changes in your family or marital status, employment, church membership, health, etc?
9. Is there anything else you'd like us to know?

Section B. Leadership Questions

1. How did Jesus model the qualities of effective leadership?
2. Discuss your leadership style and identify the strengths and weaknesses of your style, incorporating your top three spiritual gifts and how that gift-mix works itself out in your leadership style.

Section C. Theology Questions

1. What is your understanding of humanity, sin, and the human need for divine grace?
2. Discuss the nature of the Kingdom of God. Use a parable from the gospels to illustrate at least one aspect of the Kingdom.

Note to candidates: Please be sure to notify the Registrar if changes occur in your mailing address, phone numbers, email address, or employment. Thank you.