

CANDIDACY PROCESS

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

INQUIRING CANDIDATE (§311 & 311.1a)

1. Inquiring candidate must be a professing member in good standing of the United Methodist Church for as least one year. (See §311.1 for alternate membership requirements.)
2. Begin talks with pastor of local church or ministry setting. Use resources such as *The Christian as Minister*.

EXPLORING CANDIDATE (§311.1b,c)

1. Write District Superintendent requesting admission to candidacy process, and include statement of call. Be assigned a Candidacy Mentor.
2. Through District Office, register on-line with GBHEM in candidacy process. Pay fee of \$75.00. Receive *Candidacy Guidebook*. Begin work with mentor. Complete first two sections.
3. Sign Psychological Consent Letter at District Office. Complete psychological testing.

DECLARED CANDIDATE (§311.1d,e)

1. Write statement of call and answer Wesley's historic questions in §310.
2. Confer with pastor and request meeting with PPRC (or equivalent).
3. After providing proof of graduation from high school or equivalent, and reviewing responses to 1. above, receive approval of PPRC.
4. Meet with Charge Conference (or equivalent) and, after examination and review of responses to 1. above, receive two-thirds approval of Charge Conference on written ballot.

CERTIFIED CANDIDATE (§311.2)

1. Complete the following:
 - a. Written response to queries in §311.2a.
 - b. Criminal background check.
 - c. Credit review.
 - d. Medical examination.
 - e. Statement of any convictions – or written accusations – of sexual misconduct or child abuse. (§311.2b)
 - f. The TABE (Test of Adult Basic Education). (Successful completion – 10th Grade equivalency)
 - g. Finish the *Candidacy Guidebook*.
2. Meet with the District Committee on Ordained Ministry.
 - a. Candidacy Mentor provides statement to dCOM.
 - a. Agree to the personal dedication outlined in §311.2d
 - b. Be examined by dCOM, including review of all materials and standards of §311.2c.
 - c. Be approved as a Certified Candidate upon three-quarters approval by written ballot.

CONTINUATION OF CANDIDACY (§312)

1. Request continuation by Charge Conference or equivalent body annually
2. Receive favorable recommendation from Charge Conference (§312.1)
3. Provide evidence of satisfactory progress in required studies (§312.2)
4. Annual report of Mentor to DCOM
5. Annual interview with DCOM for vote on continuation (§312)