

## FOR ORDAINED DEACONS IN FULL CONNECTION WHO WISH TO TRANSITION TO ORDAINED ELDER IN FULL CONNECTION

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The following steps are recommended for ordained deacons who wish to be received as elders in full connection:

1. Ordained deacons in full connection who are in **good standing** and seek to be ordained as elders in full connection shall **apply in writing** to the Board of Ordained Ministry and inform the district superintendent and bishop of their intention.
2. The Board of Ordained Ministry will **interview** such persons, inviting them to articulate their call and their understanding of the ministry of the elder as outlined in the 2000 Book of Discipline.
3. The Board of Ordained Ministry will determine if such persons have completed **all academic and other requirements for the order of elder** according to the 2000 Book of Discipline, and South Carolina Conference policy guidelines.
4. Such persons shall have completed an appropriate formation time in the ministry of the elder. These persons should be appointed and serve as a licensed for Pastoral Ministry for at least **two years** prior to their ordination as an elder.
5. The Board of Ordained Ministry may require **additional education** to assure that their education is equivalent to the M. Div. Degree.
6. Upon the **recommendation of the Board** of Ordained Ministry and two-thirds vote of the Clergy session, such persons may be ordained elder and receive into the order of elders.
7. Following satisfactory completion of the listed requirements, such persons shall deposit their credentials as a deacon with the bishop and will no longer function as a deacon or participate in the order of deacons. The bishop will then issue credentials as an elder.

### **BOM Policy Guidelines (Section IX & X):**

#### **IX Admission to Full Conference Membership and Ordination as Elder, 2000**

- A. See Disciplinary requirements for Ordained Elder in Paragraphs 304,323-327.
- B. Additional requirements in the S.C. Conference.
- C. Board policies and procedures for Full Membership as Elder.

#### **X Requirements which apply to more than one application process**

**Check List FD to FE:**

Name:

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_ F105 Application signed and submitted to Clergy Services

\_\_\_\_\_ Interview with BOM on call to ministry of Full **Elder**

\_\_\_\_\_ Transcript on Academic Requirements of **Elder** (MDv or equivalent)(Pars. 303, 323-327)

\_\_\_\_\_ Served as a licensed for Pastoral Ministry for at least **two years** prior to their ordination as elder

\_\_\_\_\_ Have been previously ordained a Elder?

\_\_\_\_\_ Deposited Deacon credentials with the bishop's office.

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