

THE ORDAINED ELDER IN FULL CONNECTION, 2004 DISCIPLINE

Eligibility Requirements. (Par. 335, 2004 Discipline)

1. Probationary Member of an Annual Conference for at least **three years** by the time of the Annual Conference Session (335).
2. Been previously elected as a probationary member (335(2))
3. Served full-time as a probationary member under Episcopal appointment and supervision for at least three full conference years following M.Div. graduation or completion of the Advanced Course of Study requirements. (335(1)); at least one of the three years being served within the geographical bounds of the S.C. Conference (SCBOM Policy)
4. Completed the Continuing Education Covenant Group in Ordained Ministry Program (SCBOM XXIII.G)
5. Completed the following educational requirements:
 - a. Graduation with a Bachelor of Arts or equivalent degree from a college or university listed by the University Senate or demonstrated competency equivalence through a process designed in consultation with the GBHEM (Par. 335.3a)
 - b. Graduation with the M.Div. or equivalent degree from a school of theology listed by the University Senate or its equivalent as determined by GBHEM (Par. 335.3b) or satisfied educational requirements of Par. 324.6 for Local Pastors (335.3c)
 - c. Completed by the time of the Annual Conference Session a minimum of two semester or three quarter hours in each of the fields of United Methodist history, doctrine, and polity through listed courses in approved schools of theology or through the Division of Ordained Ministry (335.3d)
 - d. (M.Div. before June, 1990) Completed by the time of Annual Conference Session at least one quarter/unit of Clinical Pastoral Education at a center accredited by the Association for Pastoral Education (SCBOM)
 - e. (M.Div. after June, 1990) Completed three quarter hours or two semester hours each in Black History or Black Studies, homiletics or preaching, and women's studies. (SCBOM Policy)
 - f. Evangelism – graduate course is required 2004 Discipline (Par. 324.4a)
6. Two-thirds affirmative vote of BOM and clergy members in full connection.

Transitional Provisions to Elder's Orders for Associate Members (Par. 369.2)

1. Associate members in good standing as of 1/1/97 and been under appointment for four years of full-time service as an Associate Member.
2. Fulfilled the provisions of Par. 304
3. Received the recommendation of the cabinet
4. Minimum of twenty-four semester hours of the basic graduate theological studies of the Christian faith including the areas of: Old Testament; New Testament; theology; church history; mission of the church in the world; evangelism; worship/liturgy; and United Methodist doctrine, polity, and history. This requirement may be fulfilled either a school of theology approved by the University Senate or in a special Course of Study provided by the GBHEM. At least one-half of the 24 semester hours shall be completed in the same seminary on campus. One-fourth of the 24 semester hours may be taken as independent study from an accredited seminary approved by the University Senate.
5. Provide a written statement demonstrating an understanding of the theology of the ordination of deacons and elders and a willingness to fulfill the purposes of those ordinations.
6. Completed by the time of Annual Conference Session at least one quarter/unit of Clinical Pastoral Education at a center accredited by the Association for Pastoral Education (SCBOM)
7. Completed three quarter hours or two semester hours each in Black History or Black Studies, homiletics or preaching, evangelism, and women's studies (SCBOM Policy)

Board of Ordained Ministry Application Process for Elder Full Member (2004 Discipline)

- _____ 1. Made written application to Clergy Services of Board of Ordained Ministry (F105)
- _____ 2. Report of a satisfactory Physical Examination on BOM form (F103)
- _____ 3. Submission of plans and outline for teaching a book or books of the Bible (Par.335(6))
- _____ 4. Written sermon and cassette tape on a text specified by the Board (Par. 335(5))
- _____ 5. Submission of a written response to Disciplinary Questions Par. 335(7)
- _____ 6. Submission of a satisfactory credit worthiness report (06SCBOM)
- _____ 7. Evaluative statement of "gifts and graces" submitted by DCOM (04SCBOM)
- _____ 8. Supervision Observation Report submitted by the District Superintendent. (05SCBOM)
- _____ 9. Been interviewed and recommended by the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry
- _____ 10. Election by the Ministerial Session of the Annual Conference in Executive Session
- _____ 11. Attend reception into membership at Conference Session and Ordination Service