

THE ORDAINED ELDER IN FULL CONNECTION

Requirements for Admission (Par. 335)

1. Provisional Member of an Annual Conference for at least two years by the time of the Annual Conference Session (Par. 335).
2. Been previously elected as a provisional member (Par. 335(2))
3. Served full-time as a provisional member under Episcopal appointment and supervision for at least two full conference years following M.Div. graduation or completion of the Advanced Course of Study requirements. (335(1)); at least one of the two years being served within the geographical bounds of the S.C. Conference (SCBOM Policy) unless a waiver is granted by the Board.
4. Completed the Formation in Ministry Program
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(3)(a))
 - 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(3)(b)) or satisfied educational requirements of Par. 324.6 for Local Pastors (335(3)(c))
 - 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(3)(d))
 - d. 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. Completed three quarter hours or two semester hours each in Black History or Black Studies, homiletics or preaching, and women's studies. (SCBOM Policy)
6. Two-thirds affirmative vote of BOM and clergy members in full connection.

Board of Ordained Ministry Application Process for Elder Full Member

- _____ 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. Sermon 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 introduction at Conference Session
- _____ 12. Attend Ordination Service

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