

List your work experience in chronological order beginning with current situation. In listing work experience indicate whether urban , suburban, rural, denomination and title of ministry. Briefly describe your ministry in each situation and give dates of each ministry.

Other Assignments, Special Appointments, etc. Leaves of Absence, Sabbaticals, Disability Leaves, etc. Please specify with dates and specifics:

IV. STATE BRIEFLY THE REASON(S) FOR DESIRING SERVICE/TRANSFER INTO THE SOUTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.

V. LIST TITLE, NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER, EMAIL OF YOUR IMMEDIATE SUPERVISORS.

Title _____ Phone (____) _____

Name _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____

NOTE: By signing this form, the applicant grants permission to the SC Conference to have access to their Personnel Record, and consents to the SC Conference process.

TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR:

To the best of your knowledge, do you concur with data presented on this application? Yes__ No

Do you personally recommend this applicant for ministry in the United Methodist Church? Yes__ No__

REMARKS:

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISOR _____

ATTACH CURRENT PHOTO

ATTACH PHOTOCOPY OF CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION AND/OR LICENSE TO PREACH

USE ADDITIONAL PAGES TO PROVIDE INFORMATION IF NECESSARY:

A. APPROVAL FOR SERVICE

1. The Approval for Service Committee shall be composed of three Cabinet representatives appointed by the Bishop and the BOM Administrative Registrar and three representatives appointed by the BOM Chairperson.

2. Interviewees are to be advised prior to the interview that no travel, lodging or other related expenses will be provided by the South Carolina Conference. If possible, interviews will be completed approximately six weeks prior to the first session of appointment making.

3. For Clergy from Other Annual Conferences or Other Methodist Denominations (Par. 346.1)
The Approval for Service Committee, at the request of the Bishop, may interview clergy from other annual conferences or other Methodist denominations and make recommendations to the Bishop concerning their possible appointment. As a part of that process, the committee may request or require such documentation as it believes necessary.

4. For Clergy from Other Denominations (Par. 346.2)
Candidates from other denominations shall be interviewed by the Conference Approval for Service Committee for recommendation to the Board of Ordained Ministry. Prior to approval for service, the Committee shall review their credentials/orders, Medical, Credit Statement, Psychological Testing, and Criminal Background Statements. The Committee shall interview for evidence of the candidate's assurance of their Christian faith and experience, and agreement with and willingness to support and maintain United Methodist Doctrine, discipline and polity. (Par. 346.2) After completion of an approval for service application prior to January 15, and at the discretion of the Committee, selections will be made for interviews. The Chair of the Approval for Service Committee, in consultation with the BOM Registrar, may waive this deadline requirement.

5. License for Pastoral Ministry School
Clergy from other denominations shall be required to complete the License for Pastoral Ministry School prior to appointment. Clergy from other Methodist denominations may be required to complete the License for Pastoral Ministry School prior to appointment. Clergy appointed ad interim shall attend the next available License for Pastoral Ministry School.

B. TRANSFERS

1. For Clergy from Other Annual Conferences (Par. 347.1)
a. Clergy from other annual conferences shall normally be required to serve under appointment in the annual conference pursuant to Par. 346.2 for two years prior to transferring, subject to the discretion of the Bishop.

b. Upon receipt of a letter from the candidate requesting transfer into the annual conference, the Bishop may request that the Executive Committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry interview the candidate and provide a recommendation regarding transfer.

2. For Clergy from Other Methodist Denominations (Par. 347.2)
a. Clergy from other Methodist Denominations shall serve under appointment in the annual conference pursuant to Par. 346.2 for two years prior to transferring.

b. Upon receipt of a letter from the candidate requesting transfer into the annual conference, the Executive Committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry shall determine that the candidate meets the requirements for conference membership established by the Discipline and the annual conference, including educational requirements. The Executive Committee shall require a psychological report, criminal background check (including related notarized statements), medical examination report, and credit check.

c. The Executive Committee shall forward to the Bishop its recommendation, together with an evaluation of the applicant from the supervising District Superintendent (if any), to the Bishop for consideration.

3. For Clergy from Other Denominations (Par. 347.3)

a. Recognition of Orders: Upon satisfactory completion of two years of service under appointment in the annual conference pursuant to Policy Guideline XX.A., the Board of Ordained Ministry, in accordance with Par. 347.3a, "...may recognize the orders of elders or ordained clergy from other denominations and receive them as provisional members or local pastors." Such persons shall satisfy the requirements for Provisional Membership. Persons so received may qualify for Elder in Full Connection or Deacon in Full Connection under the same disciplinary requirements applicable to all other Elder or Deacon applicants under the current Discipline. The two-year "Formation in Ministry" program, for Provisional Members may be satisfied by at least ten years prior service as an active clergy in good standing. In cases where the Formation in Ministry program is not required, a clergy mentor shall be assigned.

b. Requirements for Full Membership: After at least two years as a Provisional Member in satisfactory service, transfer candidates from other denominations (Par. 347.3) may apply for full conference membership and "...complete all the requirements of ¶ 335, including courses in United Methodist history, doctrine, and polity, before being admitted into full conference membership (Par. 347.3b)." All transfer applicants from other denominations seeking full membership and elder's orders shall have successfully completed at least three quarter hours or two semester hours at a University Senate list seminary in EACH of the following:

- Black History or Black studies;
- Homiletics, preaching, Public Speaking or Communication
- Women's Studies; and
- One unit/quarter of Clinical Pastoral Education

The requirements for Public Speaking or Communication, Women's studies, Black History, or Black Studies may not be taken by correspondence or directed study, but may be taken at the undergraduate level at approved universities and colleges

c. Admission to Full Membership for those Transferring from Other Denominations (Par. 347.3): The Board requires the same procedure as required for Full Elder: a physical, review of psychological testing, the credit statement, criminal background statement, responses to disciplinary questions (Par. 335.7), response to ordination qualifications (Par. 304 and Par. 335), including submission of a Sermon/Written Proclamation on a text specified by BOM, submission of a plan and outline for teaching a book or books of the Bible, a Board interview, all educational requirements for Full Membership, and any additional *Book of Discipline* or Board requirement for Provisional Membership or Deacon or Elder's orders. For transfer from another denomination (Par. 347.3), in addition to the responses to disciplinary questions required for Full Membership, satisfactory written responses to additional questions in United Methodist history, doctrine, and polity may be required by the Board. Letter of request for transfer shall be submitted by June 1 prior the next annual conference at which the Transferee is received as a full member in order that the candidate may participate in the Board Orientation for change of status applicants.