

Associate Members

Eligibility Requirements (Discipline ¶ 321-322):

- (1) reached age forty (by the time of the Annual Conference Session)
- (2) served four years as full-time local pastor (AC Policy IV.C.5 ... three part-time years are equal to one (1) full-time year)
- (3) completed the five-year Course of Study for ordained ministry in addition to the School of Pastoral Ministry, no more than one year of which may be taken by correspondence or online / distance learning courses
- (4) completed a minimum of sixty semester hours toward the Bachelor of Arts or an equivalent degree in a college or university listed by the University Senate
- (5) been recommended by the district committee on ordained ministry and the board of ordained ministry
- (6) declared their willingness to accept continuing full-time appointment
- (7) satisfied the board regarding fitness for ministry physical examination (F103), psychological testing Phase II (application and Consent Letter.), criminal background (07SCBOM), credit statement (06SCBOM), and submit all reports of sexual misconduct and/or child abuse to provide additional information on the candidate's fitness for the ministry
- (8) submit sermon, Bible Study, and Disciplinary Questions
- (9) for the sake of the mission of Jesus Christ in the world and the most effective witness to the Christian gospel, and in consideration of his/her influence as a clergy member of the annual conference, be willing to make a complete dedication of himself/herself to the highest ideals of the Christian life; and to this end agree to exercise responsible self-control by personal habits conducive to bodily health, mental and emotional maturity, fidelity in marriage and celibacy in singleness, social responsibility, and growth in grace and the knowledge and love of God

Application Process:

- _____ 1. Written Application (F105) to Clergy Services
- _____ 2. Medical (F103)
- _____ 3. Credit Statement (06SCBOM).
- _____ 4. Criminal Background Statement (07SCBOM)
- _____ 5. Psychological Testing: Sign Consent Letter, schedule and complete testing
- _____ 6. Sermon on a text specified by the Board.
- _____ 7. Bible study on assigned Gospel
- _____ 8. Disciplinary Questions (¶324.9): Submit Doctrinal Questions ¶324.9 a-j; and Call & Discipline Life Questions ¶324.9 k-p and be prepared for examination during the interview.
- _____ 9. Recommendation of District Committee on Ordained Ministry (¶322), (01SCBOM).
- _____ 10. DS supervisory Observation Report (05SCBOM)
- _____ 11. F102 Biographical update (with Photo –approximately 2 X 2)
- _____ 12. Academic Integrity Statement (13SCBOM)
- _____ 13. Transcript: minimum of sixty semester hours toward B.A. or equivalent degree in a college or university listed by the University Senate
- _____ 14. Transcript: showing completion of 5 Year Course of Study, including School of Pastoral Ministry
- _____ 15. Interviewed/recommended by the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry (¶322)
- _____ 16. Election by the Ministerial Session of the Annual Conference in Executive Session