



ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP CHECK LIST

Board of Ordained Ministry | South Carolina Conference | The United Methodist Church

QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTION TO ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP (¶322)

- (1) served four years as full-time local pastors; and reached age forty;
- (2) declared their willingness to accept continuing full-time appointment;
- (3) 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, integrity in all personal relationships, social responsibility, faithful sexual intimacy expressed through fidelity, monogamy, commitment, mutual affection and respect, careful and honest communication, mutual consent, and growth in grace and in the knowledge and love of God;
- (4) completed the Course of Study in addition to the studies for license as a local pastor or received a Master of Divinity degree that includes the basic graduate theological studies from a school of theology listed by the University Senate;
- (5) completed a minimum of sixty semester hours toward the Bachelor of Arts or an equivalent degree in a college or university recognized by the University Senate;
- (6) been recommended by a three-fourths majority vote by the district committee on ordained ministry and the Board of Ordained Ministry;
- (7) satisfied the board regarding their physical, mental, and emotional health (the annual conference shall require psychological reports, criminal background and credit checks, and reports of sexual misconduct and/or child abuse to provide additional information on the candidate's fitness for the ministry);
- (8) Each candidate shall submit on a form provided by the BOM a notarized statement detailing any convictions for felony, or misdemeanor, or written accusations and its disposition of sexual misconduct or child abuse; or certifying that this candidate has not been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor or accused in writing of sexual misconduct or child abuse
- (9) Presented a detailed plan and outline for teaching a Bible study topic assigned by the by the BOM.
- (10) Prepared and preached at least one written sermon on a biblical passage specified by the BOM.
- (11) Each candidate shall respond to a written and oral doctrinal examination administered by the BOM. (Consideration shall be given to the questions listed in ¶ 324.9.)
- (12) Each candidate shall have been recommended by the BOM to Clergy Session, based on a three-fourths majority vote.
- (13) Each candidate shall have a personal interview with the BOM.
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BOARD OF ORDAINED MINISTRY APPLICATION PROCESS FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBER

- _____ 1. Made written application to the Clergy Services/Registrar of BOM (F105)
- _____ 2. Satisfactory Physical examination (Form 103)
- _____ 3. Completion or update of Online SCUMC Pastor's Profile including an update of contact information.
- _____ 4. Signed and Notarized and submitted Criminal & Sexual Background Statement (07SCBOM)
- _____ 5. Signed and submitted Credit Worthiness Statement (06SCBOM)
- _____ 6. Completion of a Criminal and Credit Background Check.
- _____ 7. DCOM action report with recommendation.
- _____ 8. Submission of Statement of Theological Fulfillment with current official transcript (final official transcript must be submitted before the first day of annual conference).
- _____ 9. Submission of Bible Study on assigned book of the bible.
- _____ 10. Submission of Sermon on text provided for Elder Candidates. Deacon Candidates may complete the sermon requirement or a Contextual Project.
- _____ 11. Submission of transcripts
- _____ 12. Supervision Report submitted by the Mentor (08bSCBOM) to DS, & Clergy Services.
- _____ 13. Submission of a written response to Disciplinary Questions for the Theology & Doctrine Committee.
- _____ 14. Submission of a written response to Disciplinary Questions (for the Call & Disciplined Life Committee.
- _____ 15. Interview and recommendation by BOM for ordination .
- _____ 16. Election by the Clergy Session of the Annual Conference in Executive Session.
- _____ 17. Attend Reception into membership at Conference Session and Commissioning.