THE DESERT SOUTHWEST ANNUAL CONFERENCE Candidacy and Local Pastor Mentor's Discernment Report to the District Committee on Ministry BOOM 030

The central purpose of the *Candidacy and Local Pastor Mentor's Report* to the DCOM is to describe the issues examined in the candidacy process as part of the vocational decision for licensed or ordained ministry; and to provide valuable information to the DCOM about the continuing education, changes in discerned vocation, or other needs manifested by the continuing candidate/local pastor during the course of the appointive year.

This form has been revised to assist both groups of individuals in the process of initial and continued discernment of their call into United Methodist Ministry as candidates and as they continue in their relationship with the Desert Southwest Conference as Local Pastors.

The responses should be brief and provide useful information to the DCOM and to the candidate. Copies of the Candidacy Mentor's and Local Pastor's Discernment Report are to be submitted to the DCOM Registrar <u>four</u> weeks prior to the DCOM meeting called to consider the candidate for certification or recertification. The Report should be prepared early enough that the mentor is able to <u>share it with the candidate</u> and include any modifications that the candidate/local pastor may agree upon. Your responses should be typed if at all possible. This form is available in both DOC and PDF fillable format for your convenience.

Candidate/Local Pastor Name _	Date	
Mentor's Name (print)		
Mentor's Phone	Mentor's Email	
District	Seminary/College (if applicable)	
Candidate's current status with t	the District/Conference	
The Candidate's Membership G	toal with the Conference	
For Local Pastors:		
Date of License	Date began COS	
Units of COS Completed	Expected COS Completion Date	
If Appointed Charge Appointed	to/District	

Initial Candidate/Local Pastor Report

1.	How often do you meet with your mentee? What is the setting in which you meet? Under what circumstances did you meet?
2.	"What are the gifts, graces, and promise of potential effectiveness of this candidate/local pastor?"This may include: 1) Passion for studying and sharing God's Word and work, 2) academic and educational aspirations, 3) Interpersonal skills bonded in compassion and kindness, 4) Leadership skills and potential, etc.
3.	How has this person responded to information about the calling and work of the ordained or licensed ministry and their self-understanding in relationship to a possible vocation in the ministry in the United Methodist Church?

4.	How does this person respond to and use feedback from others?
5.	What spiritual disciplines does this person utilize in their daily/continuing journey with God?
6.	What personal considerations (family, local church, work, or other) are important for this person in relation to the licensed or ordained ministry?
7.	Describe the candidate's/local pastor's understanding of the connectional system.
8.	What other factors, considerations, comments, or suggestions about this individual can you offer that are important for the dCOM's consideration of this person?

Signature Page:	
Mentor (print)	
Mentor (signature)	_
Date Discussed with Candidate/Local Pastor	
I have read and agree with the report of my candidacy/local pastor mentor District Committee on Ministry and to the Conference Board of Ordained	
attached a statement to this report to that regard.	, G
Candidate/Local Pastor (print)	
Candidate/Local Pastor (signature)	
Date	