



Desert Southwest DCOM Interview Form for Recommendation for Provisional Membership

(¶324, 2016 Discipline)

Name of Candidate _____

Address _____

E-mail Address: _____

Telephone Numbers: _____ *home* _____ *cell* _____ *work*

District: _____ Charge Conference _____

Requirements prior to DCOM interview

1. Certified candidate or licensed local pastor for at least one year by the session of Annual Conference seeking provisional membership. Annual renewal of certified candidacy or license for pastoral ministry
2. Bachelor's degree
3. Will have completed at least one-half of the 27 hour credit hours of an M.Div. (Elders) OR Completed Master degree in area of specialized minister (Deacon) by the session of Annual Conference seeking provisional membership
4. Basic Graduate theological Studies in the Christian Faith (must have a "C" or better to be acceptable): Old Testament, New Testament, Theology, Church History, Mission of the church in the world, Evangelism, Worship/liturgy, United Methodist Doctrine, United Methodist Polity, United Methodist History
5. Completed Assessment Packet & MAS report in file.
6. Familiar with the Preliminary Questions in the Book of Discipline ¶324.9a-p.

Required Questions

1. **All of us are called by God into the "priesthood of all believers." Why do you feel you are called into the ordained ministry? Share about your specific call to ordained ministry.**
2. **What is your understanding of the meaning of the ordination of elders and deacons?**
3. **Share an example of how you have demonstrated fruitfulness in your ministry.**
4. **What are you most passionate about when it comes to your United Methodist identity as a disciple of Jesus Christ?**
5. **How do you understand grace?**
6. **What is your understanding of Jesus Christ as Lord?**
7. **Where do you see the action of the Holy Spirit?**

Suggested Questions

- Other questions that would integrate their theology with their practice of ministry.
- How has your theology changed since you have been in seminary/Course of Study?
- Where/what are your support systems?
- What did you learn about yourself and about ministry through your internship/field education experience?
- What is your understanding of the sacraments?
- What have you learned in the past few years as a student, intern or minister about how you relate to other people? (Authenticity, self-awareness, constructive responses, to limits)
- Is there a different standard of holy living required for the ordained clergy?
- How would you address the need for diversity in the church and the community?
- What would you say to someone who is outside the church as to why you are a follower of Jesus Christ?

Criteria to be considered: Call, Fitness, Gifts, Leadership, Academic Success, Experiences