



# Board of Ordained Ministry

Desert Southwest Conference

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Interview for Recommendation for Associate Membership (¶322)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Assigned Mentor: \_\_\_\_\_

**Criteria:** Areas of competencies, Academic background, Consider current practice of ministry, Review how theological understanding has evolved since licensing. Effectiveness will be evaluated in four areas: call, theology, personal growth and development, and practice of ministry.

### Requirements Prior to Interview:

1. Annual renewal of license for pastoral ministry with service as a full-time local pastor for four years.
2. Reached the age of 40.
3. Will have served four years as full-time local pastor by the next Annual Conference.
4. Completed the five-year Course of Study in addition to the studies for license as a local pastor (up to one half of which may be taken by correspondence or online/distance learning courses) **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. Declared their willingness to accept continuing full-time appointment
7. If there is also the interview for local pastor continuance, see the requirements on that page.
8. Psychological Assessment (Tier I) report completed.
9. Acceptable Legal Background Check in file. (Credit Checks currently are illegal for employment in the state of California so they will not be done on Candidates.)
10. Notarized Declaration Regarding Sexual Misconduct Form

### Required Questions

- All of us are called by God into the “priesthood of all believers.” Why do you feel you are called a ministry set apart as an Associate Member? Share about your specific call ministry.
- Share an example of how you have demonstrated fruitfulness in your ministry.
- What are you most passionate about when it comes to your United Methodist identity as a disciple of Jesus Christ?
- How do you understand grace?
- What is your understanding of Jesus Christ as Lord?
- Where do you see the action of the Holy Spirit?

### Suggested Questions

- All of us are called by God. Share about your specific call to associate membership?
- Why are you seeking associate membership?
- Questions that would integrate their theology with their practice of ministry.
- For associate membership, the Board is looking for **readiness & effectiveness in ministry**. Effectiveness will be evaluated in four areas: call, theology, personal growth and development, and practice of ministry.
- Questions that make the connection between their Course of Study education and their practice of ministry.
- How has your theology changed since you have been in the Course of Study?
- Where/what are your support systems?

### Action Required

Individual written ballot, three-fourths majority required to renew. After the interview, please fill out the “Action Report” form BOOM 200 and turn into Rev. Dee Dee Azhikakath at boom@dscumc.org.