

Pastor's Appointment Preference Form

For Appointment Year 2022-2023

Desert Southwest Conference
The United Methodist Church
2016 Book of Discipline ¶ 338.2

All parties in the appointment-making process are called to work in covenant together in order to assist every local church in “making disciples of Jesus Christ, for the transformation of the world.” One part of the covenant includes the commitment to itinerant ministry and guarantees an appointment for every elder, elder-track person, and associate member in good standing. The covenant does not, nor should it, guarantee or promise any salary (except that of minimum salary), location, size of church, or worship attendance.

Pastor _____

How many years do you anticipate having left in active ministry? _____

Your Birthdate: _____

Spouse Name: _____

Family: Please list all dependents who live with you.

Name	Relationship	Age	Grade in School

Appointment Preference: To meet the missional needs of “Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world,” check one appointment preference for the Conference year 2022-2023.

_____ The missional needs of this church can best be met if I remain. Let us know why.

_____ The missional needs of this church can best be met if I move. Let us know why.

_____ I would like to have further conversation with the District Superintendent to determine if the missional needs of this church can best be met if I remain or if I move.

Please turn to the next page.

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It is sometimes necessary that the seriousness of other covenants we have made (family, marriage, parenting, elder care, etc.) impacts a clergy person's ability to freely itinerate. If this is the case for you for the ensuing appointment year, please complete this section of the form.

_____ I have concerns that impact my ability to freely itinerate. I have read and understand what is written in the 2016 BOD ¶ 338.2.a)(1).

Please share any needs that you want considered:

Children. Please explain;

Spouse. Please explain:

Parents. Please explain:

Other. Please explain:

(Initial) _____ Remembering the Covenant that I made in my commitment to The United Methodist Church, as I make this request I understand that: It may not be possible for the Bishop and Cabinet to find an appointment within the geographical area that I have specified; In order to receive an appointment in my preferred geographical area, I understand that I may need to take a reduction in salary. In order to receive an appointment in my preferred geographical area, I may have to serve less than full-time.

Please know that the Bishop and Appointive Cabinet take seriously your concerns as they seek God's direction about appointments.

Complete your Appointment Preference Form by signing below:

Signature of Pastor: _____ Date: _____

Signature of SPRC Chair: _____ Date: _____

Signature of District Superintendent: _____ Date: _____