

The Board of Ordained Ministry Reference Form

DESERT SOUTHWEST ANNUAL CONFERENCE of THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PERSONAL RATING FORM

The person named below has applied for certified candidacy, commissioning or full membership in the Desert Southwest Conference of the United Methodist Church. (All of these steps are pathways toward ordination and/or licensing in the United Methodist Church.) Your name has been given as a reference, and we are taking the liberty to request your opinion of this candidate in order to facilitate our evaluation of this candidate's application. We would appreciate it if you would complete any areas of this form about which you believe you have sufficient information to form an opinion. All efforts will be made to preserve the confidentiality of the information which you provide on this form.

Name of Candidate:

How would you rate the candidate on the following points? Check the column best describing the candidate.

	No Concerns	Some Concerns	High/Many Concerns	No Opinion
1. Is candidate relatable?				
2. Does candidate get along with young people?				
3. Does candidate get along with older adults (people over 65)?				
4. Does candidate get along with peers?				
5. Is candidate good at listening?				
6. Can candidate look at themselves objectively?				
7. Does candidate have good study and reading habits?				
8. Does candidate inspire & challenge?				
9. Is candidate a good public speaker?				
10. Is candidate a good conversationalist?				
11. Is candidate able to sustain connection to people for several hours?				
12. Is candidate well organized?				
13. Can candidate handle details?				
14. Can candidate assess needs and develop plans?				
15. Does candidate follow through with communication, tasks and responsibilities?				
16. Can candidate work on a team?				
17. Can candidate lead a team?				
18. Can candidate accept authority when they disagree?				
19. Is candidate honest?				
20. Is candidate of high moral character?				
21. Is candidate sincere?				
22. Is candidate practical to thought & execution?				
23. Is candidate intellectually keen & alert?				
24. Is candidate dependable?				
25. Is candidate a consistent & hard worker?				
26. Is candidate understanding of social problems of the day?				
27. Does candidate have the ability to understand sympathetically the problems of others?				
28. Does candidate have religious depth?				

In your own words, please provide a supporting explanation for each of the following questions. You may use additional paper if needed.

1. How long have you known this person? How well? In what relationship have you known the candidate?
2. What is candidate's reason for entering the ministry – if known to you, or as they appear to be?
3. Can candidate cope positively with opposition?
4. Can candidate cope with disappointment?
5. Can candidate cope with frustration?
6. What are candidate's outstanding strengths?
7. What are your concerns with candidate?
8. Do you have concerns about candidate's health?

9. Do you have concerns about the candidate's personal finance affairs?

10. How can the Board of Ordained Ministry best help this candidate?

11. Do you believe this person has chosen the right vocation?

Please share anything else you feel the Board of Ordained Ministry should know about this candidate? (optional)

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Vocation: _____

Official position in your church: _____

Address _____
Street

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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