



# United Methodist Endorsing Agency

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## Top 10 ways to maintain YOUR endorsement/approval

10. Serve the Lord and enjoy the ministry setting where God has called you.
9. Keep your bishop/DS/BOM/charge conference and others in your home conference current on your ministry and location; attend annual conference as often as possible.
8. Keep the bishop of the conference where you work, if other than your own, current on your ministry and location; attend annual conference as often as possible.
7. Complete your annual report to the bishop, if required, and send the United Methodist Endorsing Agency (UMEA) a copy. If you do not regularly send a report to your bishop, send UMEA a short update or evaluation report.
6. Read the quarterly newsletter updates on UMEA retreats; check out the Web site: [www.gbhem.org/chaplains](http://www.gbhem.org/chaplains) for the most current information.
5. Let UMEA know when there are family changes or needs, so we can provide pastoral care.
4. Willingly serve on endorsement interview committees when asked.
3. Attend a UMEA retreat annually when possible; it is an additional way to take care of your spiritual health or needs
2. Encourage others to enter ministry, particularly extension ministries.

!!! AND MOST IMPORTANT !!!

1. Keep family needs and work needs in BALANCE.