

**THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
APPLICATION FOR CLERGY RELATIONSHIP TO THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

First Name Middle Last Name

Address _____
 Street City State Zip

Home Phone (_____) _____ School or Office Phone (_____) _____

E-mail Address _____ Birthday _____

Being fully persuaded that God has called me to be a minister of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, I hereby request affirmation of that call by The United Methodist Church through the granting of a clergy relationship to the annual conference. The relationship for which I am applying is

- _____ Local Pastor
- _____ Part-time
- _____ Full-time
- _____ Associate Membership
- _____ Provisional Membership
- _____ Deacon in Full Connection
- _____ Elder in Full Connection

At the same time that I am applying for this relationship to the annual conference, I am also applying for

- _____ License for Pastoral Ministry
- _____ License for Ministry of the Deacon
- _____ Ordination as a Deacon
- _____ Ordination as an Elder
- _____ Recognition of orders granted by another denomination

Signature _____ Date _____

An application for membership in full connection is to be sent to the registrar of the Board of Ordained Ministry.

An application for license as a local pastor, associate membership, or provisional membership is to be sent both to the district committee and Board of Ordained Ministry.

Information on required documentation is located on the reverse side of this page.

Documentation to be examined along with this Application for Clergy Relationship to the Annual Conference

License for Pastoral Ministry (§315)

1. All documentation for candidacy certification
2. Report of the faculty of the licensing school or transcript from an approved school of theology indicating credit for one-third of the M.Div.
3. Biographical Information Form (Form 102)
4. Medical Information Form (Form 103)
5. Notarized statement concerning any criminal behavior, criminal background and credit checks
6. Psychological assessment report and any other information required by the Board of Ordained Ministry

Associate Membership (§322)

1. Transcript from the Course of Study
2. College transcript with 60 semester hours credit or equivalent
3. Annual reports from a clergy mentor
4. Recommendation of the district superintendent
5. Biographical Information Form (Form 102)
6. Medical Information Form (Form 103)
7. Notarized statement concerning any criminal behavior, criminal background and credit checks
8. Psychological assessment report and any other information required by the Board of Ordained Ministry

Provisional Membership (§324)

1. College transcript indicating a bachelor of arts degree or its equivalent as determined by the Division of Ordained Ministry
2. Seminary transcript indicating completion of half of the MDiv, including one-half of the basic graduate theological studies; or Course of Study transcript indicating completion of five year Course of Study and 32 semester hours of graduate theological study or its equivalent through the Advanced Course of Study
3. Annual reports of the clergy mentor
4. Recommendation of the district superintendent
5. Biographical Information Form (Form 102)
6. Medical Information Form (Form 103)
7. Written responses to doctrinal questions
8. Notarized statement concerning any criminal behavior, criminal background and credit checks
9. Psychological assessment report and any other information required by the Board of Ordained Ministry

Membership in Full Connection (§§330, 335)

1. Reports of the clergy mentor
2. Recommendation of the district superintendent
3. Biographical Information Form (Form 102)
4. Medical Information Form (Form 103)
5. Written responses to doctrinal questions (where required)
6. Project that demonstrates fruitfulness in carrying out the Church's mission
7. Psychological assessment and other information as determined by the Board of Ordained Ministry (optional)

Recognition of Orders

1. Certificate of Ordination
2. College transcript
3. Seminary transcript