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General Board of Higher Education and Ministry

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Action Outline #7 Associate Membership Recommendation

Action: The dCOM recommends candidates for election as associate members.

Suggested Motion: Move that _____ be recommended for election as an associate member of the annual conference.

Note: Those elected to associate membership under the *2016 Book of Discipline* shall not be ordained as deacons. They are granted an ongoing license for pastoral ministry.

Requirements (§322):

1. Reached age 40
2. Served a minimum of four years as a full-time local pastor
3. Completed licensing school and the Basic Course of Study
4. Completed at least 60 semester hours toward the Bachelor of Arts degree or an equivalent degree in a college or university listed by the University Senate
5. Be willing to meet the other requirements listed in §322 of the *2016 Book of Discipline* as required by the Board of Ordained Ministry
6. Received a three-fourths majority recommendation by the dCOM and BOM, and a three-fourths majority approval by the Clergy Session.