

CHECKLIST FOR COMMISSIONING/PROBATIONARY CANDIDATES
Central Pennsylvania Conference
Board of Ordained Ministry

The following must be completed or to be completed before the Annual Conference in June, of the year the candidate would like to be commissioned, in order for a candidate to apply for the packet of materials for Commissioning/Probationary Membership.

A. Qualifications:

1. Certified Candidate for 2 years, maximum 12 years.
2. Two years in service approved by DCOM. Must be submitted in writing. 2004 Book of Discipline Para. 324.2. A letter of approval from DCOM should be sent to Candidacy Registrar.

B. Education:

Bachelor

Degree

Graduate Requirement:

Master of Divinity or other Masters degree from an approved seminary

(These graduate theological studies must include the areas of Old Testament; New Testament; theology; church history; mission of the church in the world; evangelism; and United Methodist doctrine, polity, and history, 2 courses in preaching; 2 courses in worship preparation/ leadership; 3 Bible courses beyond survey of OT or NT; 1 course in theory/practice of teaching;

OR

Master's Degree in area of specialization in which the candidate will serve and

Basic Graduate Theological Studies (To include Old Testament; New Testament; theology; church history; mission of the church in the world; evangelism; worship/liturgy; and United Methodist doctrine, polity, history and preaching)

OR

For those over 35 years old at time of becoming a certified candidate

Professional Certification in area of ministry in which the candidate will serve and Basic Graduate Theological Studies (To include Old Testament; New Testament; theology; church history; mission of the church in the world; evangelism; worship/liturgy; and United Methodist doctrine, polity, history and preaching.)

C. Participation in a Deacon Formation Event presented by Section of Deacons and Diaconal Ministries

If the qualifications and educational requirements are met, a candidate may write to the Deacon Registrar and request a packet of materials for Commissioning/Probationary Membership. The candidate is responsible for all submission of materials and following the guidelines and instructions.