

Report of Candidacy Mentor to the DCOM

With your candidate, you have completed the journey of exploration into ordained and licensed ministry. This report is intended to be a snapshot of your time together. As you complete it, please remember the covenant of confidentiality in which your conversations took place. Remember also that it is not your role to evaluate the candidate or make recommendations to the District Committee. This report should be completed early enough prior to the dcom interview to be shared with the candidate to make any necessary modifications you may then wish to make. The report can be in narrative form and will probably be one or two pages in length. The following should be covered in your report:

Calling and Gifts

1. Does this person feel a call from God into the ordained or licensed ministry? How does she or he express that call?
2. What are this person's gifts and graces for licensed or ordained ministry? Include the areas of faith commitment, academic accomplishments, interpersonal and leadership skills?
3. How does this person understand the calling and work of ordained or licensed ministry in the United Methodist Church (as distinguished from the ministry of the laity)? What is the candidate's understanding of the connectional system? How would this person improve the quality of the life and ministry of the United Methodist Church?

Personal Growth

4. What spiritual disciplines does this person use in his/her continuing journey with God?
5. What personal considerations (family, local church, work or other) are important for this person in relation to the licensed or ordained ministry?
6. Has this person been able to receive and use feedback from others? Has she/he entered willingly into the mutuality of the mentoring relationship?

Next Steps

7. Are there any significant unresolved issues at this point in your conversation?
8. Remembering the parameters of the mentoring relationship (non-evaluative and confidential) what other comments about this individual would you make to the District Committee.

At the end of your report, after your signature, attach the following statement to be signed by the candidate: "I have read the report of my candidacy mentor and authorize its release to the District Committee and the Board of Ordained Ministry."