

Exploring Candidate Checklist

- Attend Candidacy Summit; bring forms and *Answering The Call*
- Create your own candidacy file and keep copies of all forms completed and all work submitted
- Continue work in *Answering The Call* with mentor group, in person or via video conference or conference call
- Complete work in *Answering The Call* with mentor group, in person
- Schedule and complete psychological interview; psychological evaluations are valid for five years
- Contact home Pastor to schedule interviews
 - Pastor-Staff Parish Relations Committee interview (§ 310.1.d)
 - Charge Conference (§ 310.1.e) - requires 2/3 written ballot approval
 - Pastor will also need to accompany candidate to Certification interview, which is scheduled by District Committee on Ministry (dCOM)
- Prepare for interviews with mentor
 - Write statement of call including (i) through (vi) in § 310.2.a; review with mentor; send to P/SPRC and Pastor
 - Answer Wesley's historic questions (§ 310); review with mentor; send to P/SPRC and Pastor
 - Review mentor's recommendation letter
 - Review psychological report
- Contact District office for Certification interview date (§ 310.2)
 - Send statement of call including (i) through (vi) in § 310.2.a to District
 - Send answers to Wesley's historic questions to District (if requested by dCOM)
 - Ask about other District requirements
- Attend Pastor-Staff Parish Relations Committee interview (*Discipline* § 310.1.d)
- Staff Parish Relations Committee complete SPR Ministry Discernment Tool and submit to District Office (Effective June 1, 2015)**
- Graduate from an accredited high school or receive a certificate of equivalency
- If recommended by P/SPRC, attend Charge Conference (§ 310.1.e)
 - 2/3 written vote required; send minutes to District office

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- If recommended by Charge Conference, attend Certification interview with District Committee on Ministry (§ 310.2.a)
 - Home church Pastor accompanies you to interview.
3/4 written vote required (§ 310.2.e)

- If certified, **deacon and elder candidates** will continue steps as a “**Certified Candidate**,” receive a certified mentor, and complete theological education.

- If certified, **local pastor candidates** will ask District Superintendent for appointment. If appointed, continue steps as “**Local Pastor**,” attend licensing school, receive a local pastor mentor, and begin course of study. If not appointed, receive a certified mentor and await appointment.

- Complete Exploring Candidacy within 2 years of attending Candidacy Summit