

A Simple Guide to Candidacy Stages and Mentors

Inquiring Candidate	<p>Inquiring Stage From when UM member experiences call from God until candidate attends Candidacy Summit</p>		Inquiring Candidate
Exploring Candidate	<p>Exploring Phase From completion of Candidacy Summit to certification</p> <p>Exploring Mentor assigned at the Candidacy Summit</p> <p>Candidate must complete this stage in 2 years or start over at the Summit</p>		Exploring Candidate
Certified Candidate	<p>If candidate for licensed ministry (Seeking to be appointed and attend licensing school and course of study)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Certified Stage From certification to appointment (and between appointments)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Certified Mentor assigned Only if candidate does not receive appointment</p> <p>While candidate not under appointment, must be re-certified by dCOM annually</p>	<p>If candidate for ordained ministry (Planning to complete seminary and seek ordination as deacon or elder—whether serving as a student, PT, FT local pastor or not)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Certified Stage From certification to commissioning</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Certified Mentor assigned After certification</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Candidate must make progress in studies and be re-certified by dCOM annually</p> <p>Candidate must complete this stage in 12 years or start over at the Summit</p> <p>Candidate requests dCOM and BOM recommendation for commissioning after or during last year of education</p>	Certified Candidate
	Licensed Local Pastor	<p style="text-align: center;">Local Pastor PT and FT licensed local pastors must make progress in studies and be re-licensed by dCOM annually</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clergy Mentor assigned While under appointment until local pastor completes basic course of study</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Note: Local pastors who have completed basic course of study may continue studies, complete advanced course of study, and request dCOM recommendation for associate membership or commissioning and provisional membership</p>	