

**North Alabama Annual Conference
The United Methodist Church
Declaration of Candidacy for Ministry**

Print your name _____

Part 1: Declaration of Candidacy:

I hereby declare my candidacy for ministry in the United Methodist Church and request the support and recommendation of the Charge Conference for certification as a candidate by the District Committee on Ministry.

Signed _____ Date _____

Part 2: Pastor and Pastor (Staff) –Parish Relations Committee Recommendation

Let those who consider recommending persons for candidacy as ministers in the United Methodist Church ask themselves the following questions which were first asked by John Wesley at the third conference of Methodist preachers in 1746:

1. Do they know God as a pardoning God? Have they the love of God abiding in them? Do they desire nothing but God? Are they holy in all manner of conversation?
2. Have they the gifts, as well as grace for the work? Have they a clear, sound understanding; a right judgment in the things of God; a just conception of salvation by faith? Do they speak justly, readily, clearly?
3. Have they fruit? Have any been truly convinced of sin and converted to God, and are believers edified by their preaching?

Believing that the above-name person is called of God and is a suitable candidate for ministry in the United Methodist Church, we recommend him/her for certification as a candidate by the District Committee on Ministry. In making this recommendation, we attest to the fact that the declared candidate has been a professing member of the United Methodist Church for at least one years, has shown appropriate leadership qualities to become a pastor in the church, and has graduated from an accredited high school or received a certificate of equivalency.

(pastor)

Pastor (Staff) –Parish Relations chairperson

date

*Note: this form should be completed to this point and mailed to the District Superintendent **prior** to the scheduled Charge Conference*

Part 3: Charge Conference Recommendation

Upon written ballot and in consideration of the gifts and graces of the above-named person for ministry, the Charge Conference of _____ United Methodist Church recommends him/her as a candidate for ministry in the United Methodist Church.

Signed _____ Date _____
(Signature of district superintendent)