

Statement of Intellectual Integrity for the
North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church

Plagiarism is a serious act of fraud. It attempts to present someone else's work, ideas, or research as your own. Sometimes words like "copying," or "borrowing" are used to soften and excuse an act of plagiarism. This includes both written and oral presentations. (i.e. ordination paperwork as well as sermons.)

The following are considered to be acts of plagiarism:

- Submitting another's work as your own.
- The use of copied sentences or ideas without citation.
- Failure to include quotation marks when a direct quote is used.
- Including incorrect information about a quote.
- Changing words, but keeping the sentence structure of a source without providing citation.
- Copying the majority of your work, in words or ideas, from another source that it constitutes the majority of your work, whether or not citations are provided. (This includes internet sources.)
- Make oral reference to the origin of the quote, illustration, or idea used.
- Information and research gained from the internet also has to be properly cited.

Most cases of plagiarism can be avoided by simply providing proper citations.

I have read and understand the above statement on plagiarism and hereby certify that none of the work I have submitted to the Board of Ordained Ministry this year is plagiarized. I understand that if any of my work is found to be plagiarized, I and my work will be deferred with contingencies and/or other actions taken that the Board deems appropriate.

Signed _____

Date _____

*taken from the *Statement of Intellectual Integrity of the Board of Ordained Ministry Interview Documents*, Florida Annual Conference of the UMC.