

District Committee on Ordination
Required Paperwork & Process for Certified Candidates
Seeking to become a Licensed Local Pastor

FIRST DCOM meeting with candidates for certification as a Licensing Local Pastor

1. Candidacy Completion Report from Mentor
2. Form 104 (Recommendation by Charge Conference)
3. Credit Check via myfico.com with a score of 640, anything below that can be considered by dCOM but a plan would need to be established for improvement and a recommendation to the Credit Advisory Taskforce. This report should be no older than 30 days old at the paperwork due date.
4. Criminal Background check via Trak-1. The district office will process this request, but the candidate pays for it. This should have been done when they started candidacy. If it has been more than two years a new background check should be requested.
5. Background Affidavit
6. Psychological Assessment (these are only good for four years)
7. Questions Listed below

Wesley's Historical Questions

1. Do you know God as pardoning God? Have you the love of God abiding in your? Do you desire nothing but God? Are you holy in all manner of conversation?
2. Have you gifts, as well as evidence of God's 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 you speak justly, readily clearly?
3. Have you fruit? Have any been convinced of sin and covert to God, and are believers edified by your service?

Theology & Doctrine

1. Describe your personal experience of God and the understanding of God you derive from Biblical, theological, and historical sources.
2. How do you interpret the statement, "Jesus Christ is Lord"?

Practice of Ministry

1. Submit a manuscript or transcript of a sermon you have recently preached.

Call & Disciplined Life

1. Describe your call to ministry and why you feel being a local pastor is the best way for you to respond to God's claim upon your life.
2. What habits do you practice to keep yourself healthy: physically, mentally, and spiritually?
3. Do you have any current or chronic health problems? If so, what steps are you taking to care for yourself?

Leadership

1. What leadership roles have you been involved with in the past year?

SECOND and BEYOND Questions for Meeting with Local Pastors

Local Pastors will complete a review with the dCOM each year.

This review should include:

- Educational Progress
 - if completing COS did the Local Pastor fulfill the Book of Discipline requirements of two courses during the appointment year?
 - If completing college or seminary are they making progress toward a degree completion?
- Complete either the New Pastor Conversation form or the Returning Pastor Conversation form.
 - New would be those serving the first year in any appointment
 - Returning would be those serving beyond the first full year in an appointment
 - A new form would be used each time a local pastor starts a new appointment.