

## VIRGINIA CONFERENCE Path to Become AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Reached age 40
Served 4 years as full-time local pastor, or equivalent
Completed a minimum of 60 semester hours toward a Bachelor of Arts or equivalent
Apply for Associate Membership through Center for Clergy Excellence.  Applications open June 15 - July 15.
Associate Membership Track is added in Unity.
Write written responses for dCOM recommendation (instructions in Unity track)
Receive interview date and time from dCOM Chair.
Receive a recommendation for Associate Membership by September 1.
Candidate is invited to Associate Phase 1 track in Unity.
Attend the Mentor Covenant Retreat & participate in Mentor Covenant Group.
Attend 1 year of the Provisional Residency Process (two 2-day retreats)
Complete the EQi (Emotional Intelligence Assessment) and coaching sessions.
Complete the Psychological Assessment (if not completed in past 5 years).
Complete Extended Background Check
Apply for Phase 2 of the Associate Member process through the Center for Clergy Excellence.



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Completed Course of Study or MDiv that includes basic theological studies by May of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of application process.	
Candidate is added to the Associate Phase 2 Track in Unity.	
Theological or COS School Recommendation.	
D. S. recommendation.	
Medical Report Form.	
Prepare written papers and other materials on call, personal growth & practice, and theology.	development,
Sign & date BOM plagiarism policy.	
All materials are due the first week in January (date varies by year).	
If all materials meet the requirements as set in the application packet, an interview will be scheduled for the end of February (dates vary by year.	with the Board
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