

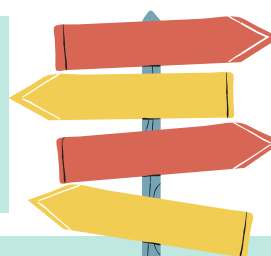


# Path to Become A CERTIFIED CANDIDATE

- A professing member of a UMC or baptized member of campus ministry for 1 year.
- Graduation from an accredited high school or certificate of equivalency.
- Read and review *The Christian as Minister* or *Blessed Wrestling* with local pastor or campus minister.
- Pastor submits report to certify meeting with candidate.
- Write a call statement.
- Complete Biographical form 102.
- Write to DS and dCOM chair, requesting an interview to be admitted as a candidate.
- Meet with dCOM to be admitted as a candidate. If admitted, continue checklist.
- Register with General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.
- dCOM assigns a Candidacy Mentor. Meet at least 3 times using *Answering the Call*.
- Candidate is invited to Unity. (Checklist tracked in Unity).
- Prepare written responses to questions in paragraph 310.1d. Share with S/PPRC.
- Meet with S/PPRC Committee of local church (or equivalent) for recommendation.
- Charge Conference approval. Complete Declaration of Candidacy form 104.
- Prepare written responses to questions in paragraph 310.2a.

## Questions? Contact the Center for Clergy Excellence

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Complete Candidate's Disclosure form 114, notarized.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Expanded Background Check.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Complete Medical Report form.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Complete Psychological Assessment.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Submit top 5 Gallup StrengthFinders.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Attend Candidacy Summit.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Candidacy Mentor Report.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Schedule dCOM meeting.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Interview with dCOM.
<input type="checkbox"/>	If certified, continue meeting with Candidacy Mentor.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Discern next step - licensed local pastor or provisional member?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Review checklist for becoming a licensed local pastor or provisional member.
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