

Licensing Interview

Recommendation to be Licensed for Pastoral Ministry (Local Pastor)

Requirements prior to conducting an interview

DCOM Members will review documentation in UMCARES as appropriate to each step listed below.

1. Certification as a candidate for ministry (see requirements page for Certification Interview).

An action to recommend for certification must precede a recommendation for licensing.

2. Sermon manuscript and preaching video
 - a. The setting for preaching may not necessarily be a Sunday morning worship service. For example, the candidate can gather friends in a chapel, speak at a mid-week service or a nursing home—candidate simply must preach before a gathered group.
 - b. Length of the sermon shall be 10 to 15 minutes only.
 - c. Candidate may choose any scripture.
3. Sermon description - in a separate document, candidate responds to the following questions:
 1. What is the sermon title?
 2. What is the biblical text for the sermon?
 3. When and where was the sermon preached?
 4. Write a one sentence purpose statement/focus for this message.
 5. What do you want the hearers to do or be as a result of this message?
 6. After viewing the video, what is your personal evaluation of your sermon and preaching?
4. Written responses to the following questions (minimum of 3 and maximum of 5 pages total for all questions, typed and double spaced):
 1. What is the meaning and significance of the Sacraments?
 2. Talk about the nature of the Kingdom of God and then use a Biblical parable to illustrate one aspect of the Kingdom.
 3. What is your understanding of the Wesleyan concept of divine grace?
 4. How will you discern and implement God's vision for your ministry setting?

Criteria:

- Spiritual fitness
- Psychological fitness
- Physical fitness
- Potential for effectiveness