



Virtual Candidacy Summit January 6 & 7, 2023 Virginia Conference UMC

Candidacy Summit Purpose

The purpose of the Candidacy Summit is to provide opportunities for vocational discernment, connection with others who are exploring God’s call in their lives, and deeper understanding about the VAUMC journey towards certified, licensed and ordained ministry. This time of vocational exploration is hemmed in by beginning with a remembrance of baptism, and by ending with a celebration of the Lord’s Supper.

Summary of Materials

Date	Activity	Materials
Friday, Jan 6, 2022	Remembrance of Baptism	Bowl with Water, Towel, River of Life Homework
	Small Group Discussion	Strengthfinders Results
Saturday, Jan 7, 2022	Closing Worship	Communion Elements

Candidacy Summit Schedule

* indicates where materials are needed

Friday, Jan 6, 2022

9:45 a.m.	Room opens, participants and leaders come in before 9 A.M.
10:00 a.m.	Welcome
10:02 a.m.	Greetings from the Director for the Center for Clergy Excellence Jessie Colwell
10:04 a.m.	Opening Prayer and Remembrance of Baptism Sygeel *Materials Needed: Bowl with Water, Towel , River of Life Homework
10:30 a.m.	Introductions of Leaders and Participants
10:45 a.m.	The Candidacy Journey
12noon	Lunch Break
1:00 p.m.	Introductions for Options for Ministry Panel Summit Chair and Panelists Licensed Local Pastor Elder Deacon Certified Lay Minister
1:15 a.m.	Interest of Call Small Groups Participants choose small group of interest Licensed Local Pastor

Deacon
Elder
Certified Lay Minister

- 2:00 p.m.** Home Small Groups: Discerning God's Call, in breakout rooms
- 2:30 p.m.** Meditation on Call
- 3:00 p.m.** Break
- 3:30 p.m.** StrengthFinders
- 4:15 p.m.** Home Small Groups: Self Discovery & Spiritual Gifts, in same breakout rooms
*Materials Needed: Strengthfinders Results
- 5:15 p.m.** Small Group Leader Check In

Saturday, Jan 7, 2022

- 9:00 a.m.** Welcome
- 9:02 a.m.** Devotion: Connecting with the Divine through Self Care in times of Discernment
- 9:40 a.m.** Questions and Check in From Clergy Excellence
- 10:00 a.m.** Superintendent's Presentation District Superintendent
- 10:30 a.m.** Discussion led by District Superintendent
- 11:00 a.m.** Commissioning and Closing, District Superintendent
*Materials Needed: Communion Elements
- 11:30 a.m.**