



THE WESLEYAN CHURCH

_____ District

DBMD NO 6

TRANSFER OF ORDINATION APPLICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

This application questionnaire assumes the candidate has completed the Transferring Ministers Application, received permission from a General Superintendent to transfer into the Wesleyan Church and has completed all courses required by the Education and Clergy Development Division. The answers on this questionnaire will enable district leaders to judge the readiness of the candidate for validation of their ordination in The Wesleyan Church. It should be completed carefully and fully. **Beginning with #1, please record your answers on another sheet of paper, unless it is a yes or no question.** Thank You!

Date Form was completed _____

Name in full ___ Gender ___ Birth date _____

Address _____ City _____

State/Prov. _____ Zip _____ Phone (____) _____

Social Security/SIN # _____ E-

Mail: _____

Are you a citizen of the United States? ___ Canada? ___ If not explain _____

1. Are you maintaining a life of personal purity and moral integrity?
 - A. What steps are you taking/will you take to minimize the opportunity for sexual temptation?
 - B. What steps are you willing to take to strengthen your accountability to others in this area?
2. What is your understanding of the experience of entire sanctification?

Have you experienced, or are you diligently seeking this grace? _____
3. What terms would you use to describe your present relationship with God?
4. Lifelong personal growth and self-improvement are essential to effective ministry. What do you plan to do to keep current in the areas of intellectual stimulation, pastoral care and counseling, church administration, and theological understanding?

5. Have you seen individuals converted and incorporated into the church as a result of your ministry? Please describe and be specific.
6. Have individuals been encouraged to grow spiritually because of your involvement in their lives? Explain.
7. What do you believe will be the strongest area of your ministry? The weakest?
8. Do you, or have you had, any reservations concerning your loyalty to The Wesleyan Church? Explain.
9. Will you be conscientious in your promotion of the district and general interests of the Church? _____
10. Can you give full support to the higher education institutions of The Wesleyan Church? _____ If not, explain.
11. Read again the Membership Commitments of The Wesleyan Church (*Discipline* paragraphs 260-268). Can you fully support, practice and teach the principles of living outlined? If you have hesitancy or questions please explain.

	Yes	No	Explain
(1) Honor The Lord's Day			_____
(2) Abstain from Spiritism	_____	_____	_____
(3) Exercise Faithful Stewardship	_____	_____	_____
(4) Demonstrate a Positive Social Witness by			
A. Abstaining from all gambling	_____	_____	_____
B. Abstaining from destructive substances (Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs, etc.)	_____	_____	_____
C. Refraining from membership in secret societies	_____	_____	_____
(5) Follow the Scripture's Teaching on Marriage and Divorce	_____	_____	_____
(6) Preserve the Sanctity of the Home	_____	_____	_____
(7) Work to Advance God's Kingdom	_____	_____	_____
(8) Grow in Knowledge, Love and Grace	_____	_____	_____

(9) Preserve the Fellowship of the Church with Reference to Speaking in Tongues _____

(10) Do Good to all People _____

(11) Respect the Right of All People _____

(12) Be Honest, Just, and Faithful _____

12. What is your attitude toward the district budget assessments and the United Stewardship Fund assessments of the General Church?

13. How will you work for 100% payment of these assessments in the churches you pastor?

14. To what extent do you or will you promote prayer support and giving to the missionary causes of The Wesleyan Church?

15. Can you practice and proclaim total abstinence as the appropriate response to abuse of such substances as alcohol, tobacco and drugs used for purposes other than proper medical treatment? _____

16. What basis do you give for abstaining from membership in secret societies and lodges which are oathbound?

17. What should be the Christian's response to the practice of homosexuality?

18. The Wesleyan Church believes that God calls both men and women into ordained/commissioned ministry. Will you continue to support this position? If not please explain.

19. Have you ever been convicted of, or pled guilty or "no contest" to, any criminal offense? _____
If yes, explain fully on a separate sheet (identify each conviction or plea of guilty, when and where each incident occurred, and the sentence received).

Please sign the following statement:

The information provided on this form is confidential. It is only for use by the Wesleyan District Board of Ministerial Development and Wesleyan Church officials and will not be released or provided to any other parties.

I hereby freely give permission for the use of this information by the district and general officials of The Wesleyan Church and waive my right to examine any confidential information about me provided by other persons. Further, I understand that validation of my ordination by The Wesleyan Church is a privilege granted me, not a right that I claim. I hereby acknowledge the authority of the Church in granting validation of ordination to those who, after thorough examination, are believed to have the gifts, fruit and call of God. Also, I understand that though I may complete all of the academic requirements for transfer of ordination, it does not guarantee my transfer of ordination.

Date _____ Signature _____

Send completed form

to: _____

The Membership Commitments of the Wesleyan Church

(1) To reverence the name of God and to honor the Lord's Day by divine worship and spiritual edification, participating in those activities which contribute to the moral and spiritual purposes of this day.

(2) To seek only the leading of the Holy Spirit and to abstain from all forms of spiritism, such as the occult, witchcraft, astrology and other similar practices.

Toward Self

(3) To exercise faithful stewardship through the wise use of their time and material resources, practicing careful self-discipline in order to further the mission of Christ's church (remembering the principle of tithing which is basic to the New Testament standard of stewardship) and to demonstrate compassion to those in need.

(4) To demonstrate a positive social witness by abstaining from all forms of gambling and by abstaining from using or trafficking (production, sale or purchase)* in any substances destructive to their physical, mental and spiritual health, such as alcoholic beverages, tobacco and drugs (other than proper medical purposes of drugs); and by refraining from membership in secret societies and lodges which are oath bound, believing that the quasi-religious nature of such organizations divides the Christian's loyalty, their secret nature contravenes the Christian's open witness and the secret nature of their oaths is repugnant to the Christian conscience.

(5) To follow the teachings of the Scriptures regarding gender identity and sexual conduct.

Toward Family

(6) To follow the teachings of the Scriptures regarding marriage and divorce. We affirm that sexual relationships outside of marriage and sexual relationships between persons of the same sex are immoral and sinful. We further affirm that heterosexual monogamy is God's plan for marriage, and we regard sexual sin of the spouse, such as adultery, homosexual behavior, bestiality or incest, as the only biblical grounds for considering divorce, and then only when appropriate counseling has failed to restore the relationship.

(7) To preserve the sanctity of the home by honoring Christ in every phase of family life and by demonstrating Christ-like love (always avoiding violence, including physical, psychological, emotional, or sexual abuse toward one's spouse or family members, as well as sexual infidelity or desertion, any of which warrant church discipline for the offender and may justify separation or divorce if true repentance and appropriate counseling cannot bring about reconciliation), and by living peacefully with one another, thereby building up one's spouse and family members through word and deed, and encouraging the nurture and education of the children in the Christian faith so as to bring them early to the saving knowledge of Christ.

Toward The Church

(8) To work together for the advancement of God's kingdom and for the mutual edification of fellow believers in holiness, knowledge and love; to walk together in Christian fellowship by giving and receiving

counsel with gentleness and affection; by praying for each other; by helping each other in sickness and distress; and by demonstrating love, purity and courtesy to all.

(9) To grow in the knowledge, love and grace of God by participating in public worship, the ministry of the Word of God, the Lord's Supper, family and personal devotions and fasting.

10) To preserve the fellowship and witness of the Church with reference to the use of languages. The Wesleyan Church believes in the miraculous use of languages and the interpretation of languages in its biblical and historical setting. But it is contrary to the Word of God to teach that speaking in an unknown tongue or the gift of tongues is the evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit or of that entire sanctification which the baptism accomplishes; therefore, only a language readily understood by the congregation is to be used in public worship. The Wesleyan Church believes that the use of an ecstatic prayer language has no clear scriptural sanction, or any pattern of established historical usage in the Church; therefore, the use of such a prayer language shall not be promoted among us.

Toward Others

(11) To do good as much as is possible to all people as God gives opportunity, especially to those in the body of Christ; by giving food to the hungry, by clothing the destitute, by visiting or helping those who are sick or in prison; by instructing, correcting or encouraging them in love.

(12) To respect the inherent individual rights of all persons, regardless of race, color or sex.

(13) To live honestly, be just in all dealings and faithful in all commitments.