

INITIAL INTERVIEW WITH APPLICANTS FOR MINISTERIAL STUDENT OR SPECIAL WORKER LICENSES

Purpose: To become acquainted with the applicant; to explore the basis for and to affirm the existence of a divine call to ministry; to advise the candidate regarding appropriate means of preparing for ministry.

Resources: DBMD Initial Information Questionnaire; Spiritual Gifts Inventory

Requirements: Applicant needs letter of recommendation from Local Church Conference or Local Board of Administration (see *Disc.* 3015:1,3460,6420)

Length: One-half hour

Recommendation: Recommendation to District Conference or District Board of Administration for permission to study under district supervision or counsel for the applicant to pursue other avenues of spiritual development and service

Follow-up Needed: Completion of District Permission to Study form by DBMD chair; enrollment of student/special worker with Education and the Ministry (form and \$15 fee required); student advised to send all prior college or seminary transcripts to E&M; "Steps to Ministerial Training" letter to candidate from District Superintendent, along with list of academic requirements for ordination; "English as a Second Language (ESL)" certification form (if applicable); issuance of license signed by District Superintendent and District Secretary

Questions:

1. Tell us about yourself. What would you like us to know about your background, interests, and priorities?
2. Tell us about your call to ministry. What do you believe God has called you to do and why are you convinced this is His will? What special qualifications do you believe you have for this ministry?
3. Tell us about your spiritual background. What people and circumstances led you to faith in Christ? What have you experienced or understood so far about the Lord's work of entire sanctification in believers' lives?
4. Tell us about your spouse (if married) and your family. Are they supportive of your call to ministry?
5. Tell us about your church relationship. How would you rate your commitment to the teachings, membership standards, principles and government of The Wesleyan Church—high, moderate, or low? Why?
6. Are there any personal, marital, relational, financial or life style circumstances involving you, which if known might hinder or disqualify you for ministry in The Wesleyan Church?
7. What plans do you have for preparing yourself for ministry through one of the programs approved by The Wesleyan Church (college, seminary, Education and the Ministry (FLAME and Correspondence), District Extensions, Equipping for Ministry, SIMS)?