



East Central District Committee on Ordained Ministry (EC DCOM)

2010 GUIDELINES FOR CERTIFIED CANDIDATES SEEKING CONTINUATION OF CANDIDACY

Certified candidates are required by *The UMC Book of Discipline (2008, ¶1312)* to meet annually with their District Committee for continuation of certified candidacy status.

Following is a list of items that candidates seeking continuation must submit to the EC DCOM in preparation for the interview. Unless otherwise noted in the directions, all material must be sent to the EC DCOM Registrar three weeks before your interview.

1. A written **renewal of recommendation form** from your church's charge conference is required annually. The recommendation form is found on the Florida Conference website and is also included with annual charge conference material. Since charge conference dates vary, this form does not have to meet the three week deadline but must be received by the end of the calendar year. It is the candidate's responsibility to see that a copy of both pages of this form is sent to the District Committee Registrar.
2. If you are enrolled in college or seminary, please have the school send your most recent **transcript** to the Registrar.
3. If you received contingencies from the EC DCOM at your last interview, please make sure that all **required contingency reports** are sent on time. This includes self-reports and reports from counselors, CPE supervisors, spiritual directors, etc.
4. **Typed responses to the following questions.** This material may be sent by email or regular mail.

Section A Annual Candidacy Renewal Questions

- 1) Describe all educational work (school, seminary, workshops, etc) you attended in the past year.
- 2) Describe two of the most exciting/interesting concepts/skills/information experiences you had this past year.
- 3) Describe your current ministry setting and responsibilities.
- 4) What has given you the most satisfaction in this setting in this past year and why?
- 5) Describe your current areas of growth.
- 6) What do you see as a future area of growth for you?

Section B. Leadership Questions

(Choose **two** questions you haven't answered in previous work submitted to the DCOM)

- 1) Describe several leadership qualities that Jesus modeled in his ministry.
- 2) Describe leadership qualities which you demonstrate in your ministry and two or three strengths and weaknesses of each.
- 3) What leadership experience have you had in your ministry setting and beyond? Describe at least two skills you have learned from these experiences.
- 4) How do your spiritual disciplines affect your practice of leadership in ministry?
- 5) How will you discern and implement God's vision for your ministry setting?
- 6) How will you equip people for ministry and develop leaders?