

Itineracy Consultation Form
Baltimore-Washington Conference of The United Methodist Church

In The United Methodist Church, ordained elders, provisional elders and associate members are part of an itinerant system in which clergy are appointed annually to various mission fields by the Bishop. Through ordination these clergy have agreed to accept itineracy as part of their covenant (§1338, 2016 Book of Discipline). This covenant does not, nor should it, promise to clergy any particular location, size of church, or salary (except that of minimum salary for a full-time appointment).

It is sometimes necessary that the seriousness of other covenants that clergy persons and families have made (such as marriage, parenting, elder care, etc.) must take priority over the commitment to itinerate. If this is the situation **for you** for the next appointment year(s), the circumstances must be communicated to the Bishop and Cabinet in the space provided below. If you have no limitations to full itineracy, please sign at the bottom of the form.

During the appointment year(s) _____, my ability to itinerate is limited in the following ways: (Please state your limitations and the covenantal reasons why this must take precedence over your commitment to itinerate. If limitations to itineracy are not listed now, such reasons will not be able to be considered in the following year's appointment season. This Consultation Form is due December 1 of each year in which it applies.)

I ask the Bishop and Cabinet to consider the above limitations and I understand that (*please initial all*):

- Initials _____ In order to receive an appointment based upon my limitations to itinerate, I understand I may receive an appointment with less compensation than I am currently making.
- Initials _____ In order to receive an appointment based upon my limitations to itinerate, I am willing to serve less than full-time.
- Initials _____ It may not be possible to appoint me at all within the limitations that I have specified. If that is the case, I am willing to:
 - Initials _____ take a leave of absence
 - Initials _____ retire
 - Initials _____ consider an appointment beyond the limitations listed above.

_____ *Print Name of Pastor* _____ *Signature of Pastor* _____ *Date*

Initials _____ I have recommitted myself to full itineracy. _____ *Signature of Pastor* _____ *Date*

Failure to sign this form will be considered a request for limited itinercy.