

Candidacy and Clergy Mentors

CANDIDACY MENTORS RESPONSIBILITIES

- Pray for candidates.
- Talk with candidates to establish covenant and meeting schedules.
- Study and discuss Answering the Call: Candidacy Guidebook with candidates.
- Establish and maintain confidentiality of mentoring relationship.
- Provide information regarding the psychological assessment process.
- Initiate the psychological assessment process in UMCARES or through the conference's assessment process.
- Proctor psychological assessments as requested by the conference.
- Complete and return psychological assessments and accompanying forms/reports in a timely manner.
- Discuss upcoming P/S-PRC and charge conference meetings with candidates.
- Complete annual mentor reports.
- Meet with the DCOM and candidate at the certification approval meeting.
- Share mentor report with Candidate prior to sharing with DCOM.
- Record DCOM vote and recommendation in UMCARES.
- Make sure the BOM Candidacy Registrar is aware of any status changes for candidates.
- Maintain a Candidacy Mentor file, including all relevant paperwork and reports for candidates.

(FROM "SECTION 3 | The Candidacy Process" www.gbhem.org/bomhandbook)

Clergy mentoring for local pastors

- Local pastors in the Course of Study are assigned a Clergy Mentor who may or may not have been their Candidacy Mentor. Mentors are recommended by the District Superintendent and trained and assigned by the DCOM (§348.1b, 4).
 - The local pastor and Clergy Mentor review learning goals and plans the local pastor had as a certified candidate, and then establish a learning goals covenant to coincide with new responsibilities.
 - The mentor reports annually to both the DCOM and BOOM, in order to maintain communication between the local pastor and the DCOM in helping track the local pastor's growth and discernment process.
 - Conversations between mentor and local pastor are confidential, and information may be released only with written consent of the local pastor and mentor.
 - The report is kept in the local pastor's file by the DCOM and BOOM.
 - Clergy Mentors are integral to local pastors' education, both formally and informally by:
 - Assisting local pastors to reflect and learn from their experiences in ministry
 - Monitoring preparation of material for Course of Study classes
 - Helping local pastors integrate theology and theory into their practice of ministry.
- (FROM "SECTION 1 | District Committee on Ordained Ministry"
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