

DEACON CHECKLISTS

INITIAL PATH TO CANDIDACY

		Completed	Date
Professing member of GMC for 1 year	Or of predecessor denomination		
Meet with local pastor or presiding elder	Inquiry and guidance		
Approvals	2/3 Staff-Parish Relations Committee		
	Majority of Charge Conference		
*Fill out Online Application			
Enter Discernment Period			

DISCERNMENT PERIOD

		Completed	Date
Minimum of 6 months	Supervision by BOM through assigned mentor		
Assigned mentor	Also part of candidacy group, if possible		

Work through guidebook with mentor	And group, if possible		
*Criminal Background Check			
*Credit Check			
*Psychological evaluation	Arranged by BOM		
Written statement of call	Submit to BOM		
Interview BOM	Approval by BOM		
Certified Candidate for Ministry			

MINISTERIAL AND SPIRITUAL FORMATION LEADING TO ORDINATION AS DEACON

		Completed	Date
Formation period determined by BOM Mentoring continues	If serving as a Supply Pastor or Transitional Local Pastor, you have only 5 years to qualify as deacon		
Education requirements: 10 courses	Course work or degree		
Introduction to Old Testament			
Introduction to New Testament			
Systematic Theology			
Wesleyan Theology and Doctrine			
Methodist History & Polity of the Global Methodist Church			
Basics of Preaching			
Pastoral Care			
Evangelism and Mission			
Wesleyan Understanding of the Sacraments & Worship			
Inductive Bible Study or Hermeneutics			
Any additional BOM requirements	Some require additional submissions		
Ordination interview with BOM	Historic Questions, Deacon's Questions		
Approvals	2/3 BOM		
	2/3 Deacon & Elders in Clergy Executive Session		
	Bishop		
Ordination as Deacon			