IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE ORDAINED?

Deacon

Connects the church to the world through specialized ministry.

Elder

Orders the sacramental & administrative life of the church community.

The Three C's!

Candidacy, Candidates & Certified: **Candidacy** is the process for those who want to serve the UMC as deacons or elders. A *candidate* is the person in this process. *Certified* means the church approved the candidate.

WHERE DO I BEGIN

Talk with your minister & read *The* Christian as Minister.

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Check your **conference** website for how to start & who to contact.

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Write a letter to your district superintendent to apply.



in an area.

Once a candidate, you'll be assigned a **mentor** — an ordained person trained to guide you through the process.

Deacons may earn (1) a master's in theology or (2) a master's in a specialized field plus required theology

courses.

Not UMC?

education, check out www.gbhem.org/deacons!

For more on deacon

www.gbhem.org/







Elders need a master of divinity from a seminary approved by the church.

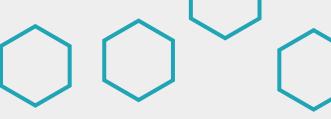
EDUCATION



MONEY

Each **conference** has a **Board of Ordained Ministry** to help candidates during the process. Check with your BOM about seminary scholarships!

Find **scholarships** & loans at www.gbhem.org/loansand scholarships.

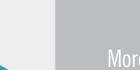






Contact the financial aid

office of the schools you



Hint:









