



## Networking Conversations

**Tuesday and Wednesday, 4:45 – 6:00**

## Table Topics

**Cassatt Ballroom**

Topics are based on questions received from the pre-event survey. Tables are numbered and topics are assigned to table numbers as listed below. Please join others for conversations that would be helpful. There are a few free tables as well. Topics will be repeated each evening.

<b>Table</b>	<b>Topic</b>
1.	How do you work with ineffective clergy?
2.	What are some best practices for coordinating the work and maintaining consistent standards with all of the dCOMs and the BOM?
3.	How do you work with SPRCs and what resources do you provide for them to evaluate potential candidates to approve from their charge conference?
4.	Developing clergy morale and building community among clergy?
5.	Completing the Business of the Annual Conference report (BAC) – tips and tricks.
6.	How do you help candidates not fear the BOM? How can the BOM be transparent with its process while maintaining needed confidentiality about candidates?
7.	Candidacy Summit – what are conferences offering? Group Candidacy Mentoring – structure, process, hints.
8.	Online education policies?
9.	What process does a conference use to approve and evaluate clergy from other denominations who are serving a UMC? What policies and procedures are used when ministers want to transfer into the conference?
10.	What kind of interview questions and process does the BOM use for provisional and full membership?
11.	Best practices for incorporating young clergy into conference leadership.
12.	How do you evaluate if a provisional member needs to be discontinued? What process and resources do you use when discontinuing a provisional member?
13.	How do you identify and recruit BOM lay members who can be really effective and have the time to serve?
14.	How do you evaluate fruitful ministry for provisional members who are serving in extension ministry?
15.	Best practices for clergy mentoring.
16.	How do you work with cultural and racial diversity on interview teams? What is the interview process when the candidate's first language is not English?
17.	Cabinet Liaisons – how do you handle confidentiality issues and bridging the relationship between the BOM and Cabinet?
18.	Best practices for Residency in Ministry.



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19. Recruiting, Supporting, and Deploying Deacons
20. Best practices for supporting mid-career clergy.
21. What does your conference do for site visits for candidates and/or provisional members?
22. How is cultural sensitivity a part of your BOM's training and interview process?
23. Maintaining relationships with retired clergy and clergy on leave of absence.
24. Emotional Intelligence – what is being done to evaluate a candidate's social skills and ability to relate well with others?
25. BOM Staff – how many conferences have staff? How can a conference add this position? What are the job descriptions for BOM Staff? What are best practices for accomplishing BOM work without a BOM staff person?
26. How can you fully engage BOM members? What do you do about BOM members who do not respond to emails or believe training is worth their time or attention?
27. Identifying concerns with candidates and responding as a BOM when “you just can't put your finger on” the concern about the candidate.
28. Sharing clergy for effective ministry between conferences.
29. What's the best way for onboarding new BOM members?
30. How can the BOM develop a strategic plan for developing leaders for Latino/Hispanic ministry settings?
31. What policies and procedures are conferences using to address the new requirement in ¶205 to bring lay supply ministers into the CLM or candidacy process?
32. What are some good ideas for continuing education and formation?
33. Using digital files – what programs? How do you make the conversion? Policies related to file and record-keeping.
34. Training candidacy and clergy mentors.
35. No real subject – just wanting to talk to some other folks 😊!