



HIGHER EDUCATION & MINISTRY

General Board of Higher Education and Ministry

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Action Outline #1 Vote for Certified Candidacy

Action: The dCOM votes to determine certified candidacy status.

Suggested Motion: Move that _____ be granted certified candidacy status.

Date of Vote: _____

Vote: ___ Certified ___ Denied Certification ___ Certification Delayed at this time

** Individual written ballot, three-fourths majority required to certify (§666.6).

Requirements:

1. Be a member of The United Methodist Church for a minimum of one year or a baptized participant of a recognized United Methodist campus ministry or other United Methodist ministry setting for a minimum of one year
2. Enrolled as a candidate through GBHEM's online candidacy program
3. Recommended by the candidate's home church charge conference or equivalent body as specified by the dCOM
4. Graduated from an accredited high school or received a certificate of equivalency
5. Completed the candidacy studies with an assigned candidacy mentor as evidenced by a written report from the candidacy mentor
6. Provided a written statement of call and response to statements found in §310.2a
7. Completed psychological assessment and evaluation
8. Completed criminal background check and credit check and submitted a notarized statement regarding sexual misconduct and child abuse.
9. Examined (interviewed) by the dCOM (see §310.2)
10. Outcome of certification vote recorded in GBHEM's online candidacy program

Note: Candidacy status **must be renewed annually** by the dCOM (§313) until a candidate becomes a local pastor or provisional member.