



HIGHER EDUCATION & MINISTRY

General Board of Higher Education and Ministry

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Action Outline #6 Provisional Membership Recommendation

Action: The dCOM recommends in writing to the BOM based on a three-fourths majority vote those requesting provisional membership toward deacon's orders or elder's orders (§324.10).

Suggested Motion: Move that _____ be recommended for election to provisional membership toward:

_____ Deacon's Orders

_____ Elder's Orders

Date of Vote: _____

Vote: _____ Recommended

_____ Not Recommended

Requirements:

1. Certified as a candidate for at least one year, but no longer than 12 years, before being elected to provisional membership
2. Demonstrated gifts for ministries to service and leadership to the satisfaction of the dCOM
3. Completed a bachelor's degree from a college or university recognized by the University Senate (See § 324.3 for allowable exceptions)
4. Ready to complete all other requirements listed in §324 before being elected to provisional membership.

Note: In the event that the person being recommended for provisional membership has previously been ordained as a deacon or elder, the motion shall be amended to allow for the recognition of orders (§347).