

Michigan Conference

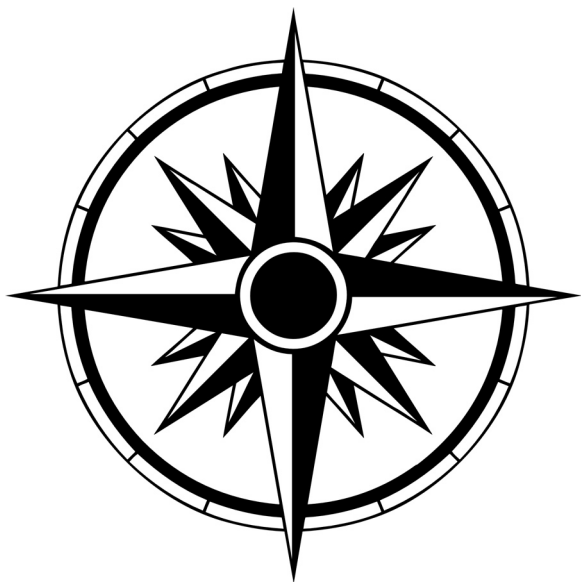
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Eight-Year Assessment Model Draft

God's Positioning System 2019

Notes from the conference on the EYA Draft

- We're calling it "God's Positioning System" and using the "journey" metaphor.
- We're starting in 2019 with a trial group of about 35 clergy: members of the BOM, the Extended Cabinet, and 2 District Superintendents.
- We plan to launch in 2020 with the first group of 75, selected on a first-come-first-served basis from among all Full and Associate members and all Local Pastors. Provisional members are exempted (they're busy enough) and fully retired members are exempted. Retired-but-actively-serving clergy may choose whether or not they wish to participate.
- Each year all of the participating clergy will use the months of July-December for their six-month journey.
- We hope to create an online version, maybe even an app, of the attached Passport. Participants will use either the hard copy or the digital version to plan and record their journey.
- The Guidebook mentioned in the introduction to the Passport will be online-only, and will be a resource guide for everything from retreat centers and spiritual directors to books and online assessments, etc., etc. We expect it will be in a state of constant revision.
- The only required elements are EM 360 and a baptismal visit. The elective elements are expected to be distributed so that they include renewal for body, mind and spirit.

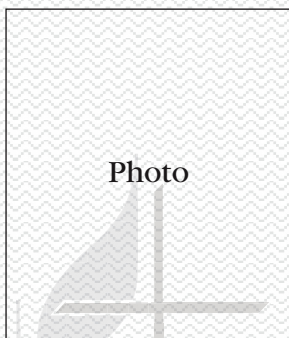


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Name

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Dates of my six-month GPS journey

Guiding Scripture verse



GPS

A Note to the Traveler

GPS is an intentional, 6-month journey of reflection, renewal and retooling for ministry for you, the active clergy of the Michigan Conference of The United Methodist Church.

Your journey begins with EM 360, the Conference's biannual evaluation process, and the needs and goals it has identified. With that information as a starting point, and with the consultation of those who know your ministry well, you will develop a plan for your journey that includes a variety of opportunities for growth and enrichment.

- Your journey will begin at Annual Conference and end with a closing midwinter celebration: times of blessing and celebration that establish as holy the time that the journey takes.
- Two important and therefore required elements of that journey are a visit (physical or not) to the place of your baptism and a Time Away period: 4 (preferably consecutive) weeks away from your ministry setting for sustained and deliberate communion with God.
- Other elements of your journey are up to you, but the expectation is that it will include a variety of opportunities for learning, growth, refreshment and the reassessment of your call to ministry. An online Guidebook, found on the Office of Clergy Excellence page of the Michigan Conference website, will list resources of all kinds for your consideration and use.

- As a group, these opportunities should address all three dimensions of human life: body, mind and spirit. Many will fall into more than one category. In all cases, the intention is that each opportunity also involves an element of joy and celebration.
- The continuing education funds made available to each Michigan Conference clergyperson (\$1500/quadrennium) may be used to cover your GPS expenses. Contact continuingeducationmiumc@gmail.com

The purpose of this Passport is to serve as a sort of travel journal: a place to record your dreams, plans and reflections. The space for a stamp, indicated by the baptismal shell symbol on many of the Passport's pages is meant to be used in the same way that an actual passport includes different countries' visa stamps. Your "stamps" can

be signatures, stickers, drawings, photos, etc. – anything that serves as a mark of completing that particular portion of the journey.

This Passport belongs to you alone. But you may wish to share it with loved ones and colleagues, as well as with your Staff/Parish Relations Committee (or its equivalent) and your District Superintendent, both in planning and in reviewing and evaluating your six months.

This journey is meant to make a significant difference in your life and in your ministry. The intention is that you will use it to strengthen your relationship with God, because that will also mean that your ministry and indeed your whole life will also be strengthened.

Our prayer for you is that this experience will allow you to rekindle the passion that brought you to ministry in the first place, that you will learn more about yourself as the

wondrously made child of God that
you are, and that your ministry after
this journey will be more effective
in its service to Christ and the world
than it was when you began.

May you be blessed on the way,
The Continuing Formation Team of
the Board of Ordained Ministry

*Remember your baptism
and be thankful*



Dreams & Visions

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Where might I go?
How might I get there?

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**What am I leaving behind?
What am I letting go?**

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Annual Conference 2019

Opening Ceremony

Photos, Drawings, Mementos



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EM 360

Reflections on the process

**What I learned.
Where I want to go
from here.**

EM 360

Reflections on the process

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Baptismal Visit

**Who? When? Where?
Why? How?**

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Body: Ways to Grow, Paths to Take

Health

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Delight

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Spirit: Ways to Grow, Paths to Take

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Contemplation

Depth

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Time Away

*Where and when?
What did I do?
What did I learn?*

Time Away

Where and when?

What did I do?

What did I learn?

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Reflections on My Call to Ministry

*What have I experienced since
that first call?*

Has my call changed?

What am I called to next??

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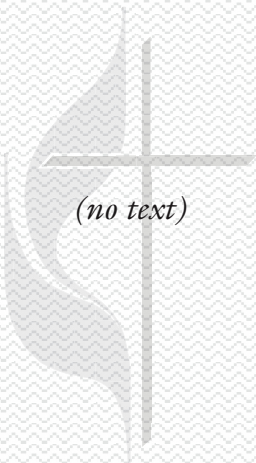
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