

OE/OF membership transfer considerations/requirements

General Note/requirement:

- All OE or OF clergy wanting to be considered for transfer of membership to the Great Plains Conference must complete a minimum of two years of full-time (or part-time equivalent) service in the Great Plains Conference before applying for transfer. In other words, the earliest that a full-time OE or OF who was first appointed effective July 1, 2018, would be during 2020-2021.
 - OF or OF wanting to request a transfer of membership must communicate this request to the DS no later than August 15 in order to receive Cabinet (DSs and Bishop) approval of transfer request before starting any credentialing transfer requirements (DCOOM/BOOM)

To determine the appropriate credentialing status and steps for a non-Great Plains clergy person, ask the following questions:

Is the clergy an OE, OD, OP or OA **from another UM conference?**

- Yes – transfer is usually bishop to bishop
 - The only time there will be additional credentialing requirements will be for a provisional member requesting to transfer membership to the Great Plains Conference. If this is the case, the OP will need to meet all GPC credentialing requirements for provisional membership and complete all GPC requirements for full membership (including GPC Residency program).
 - Requires recommendation by the BOOM executive committee and approval of the clergy session
- No – continue to the next question

Is the clergy and **OE (Other Methodist) or OF (other non-Methodist denomination/fellowship)?**

- Yes – transfer is governed by 2016 BOD ¶1347.2 (OE other Methodist) and ¶1347.3 (OF other non-Methodist) plus additional GPC requirements
 - All OE (other Methodist) and OF will be received only as a provisional member or local pastor. At a minimum, this includes:
 - Completion of GPC psychological assessment and background check
 - Evaluation of educational equivalency by BOOM registrar (with assistance from GBHEM as needed); action by the BOOM Competency Team may be needed for non-standard educational history/equivalency determination
 - Educational requirement for approval for license as a local pastor is a high school diploma or equivalency. Any graduate level theological studies will be considered for equivalency with the Course of Study (COS) and Advanced Course of Study (ACOS) according to GBHEM standards. GBHEM is the issuing body for all COS/ACOS equivalency transcripts.
 - Educational requirement for provisional membership is normally completion of a M.Div. degree from a University Senate approved

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school that includes the Basic Graduate Theological Studies classes (¶324.4); alternative educational track of COS/ACOS is allowed

- Completion of all requirements for requested status
- Interview/Approval by DCOOM (local pastor & provisional member) and BOOM (provisional member only)
- Once transfer is approved, candidate must complete all ongoing credentialing requirements for GPC membership status (continued local pastor or provisional member)
- Prior ordination is recognized only at time full membership is granted (¶347.6)

See also Transferring Membership PowerPoint presentation (in PPT or PDF format) previously shared with Cabinet and available in the Cabinet shared drive (shared by Dee Williamston)

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