

A Simple Guide to Candidacy Stages and Mentors

Inquiring Candidate	<p>Inquiring Stage From when UM member experiences call from God until candidate attends Candidacy Summit</p> <p>Inquiring Mentor assigned After Candidacy Summit application received (if candidate will be in this stage longer than two months)</p>		Inquiring Candidate
Exploring Candidate	<p>Exploring Phase From completion of Candidacy Summit to certification</p> <p>Exploring Mentor assigned at the Candidacy Summit</p> <p>Candidate must complete this stage in 2 years or start over at the Summit</p>		Exploring Candidate
Certified Candidate	<p>If candidate for licensed ministry (Seeking to be appointed and attend licensing school and course of study)</p> <p>Certified Stage From certification to appointment (and between appointments)</p> <p>Certified Mentor assigned Only if candidate does not receive appointment</p> <p>While candidate not under appointment, must be re-certified by dCOM annually</p>	<p>If candidate for ordained ministry (Planning to complete seminary and seek ordination as deacon or elder—whether serving as a student, PT, FT local pastor or not)</p> <p>Certified Stage From certification to commissioning</p> <p>Certified Mentor assigned After certification</p> <p>Candidate must make progress in studies and be re-certified by dCOM annually</p> <p>Candidate must complete this stage in 12 years or start over at the Summit</p> <p>Candidate requests dCOM and BOM recommendation for commissioning after or during last year of education</p>	Certified Candidate
	Licensed Local Pastor	<p>Local Pastor PT and FT licensed local pastors must make progress in studies and be re-licensed by dCOM annually</p> <p>Clergy Mentor assigned While under appointment until local pastor completes basic course of study</p> <p>Note: Local pastors who have completed basic course of study may continue studies, complete advanced course of study, and request dCOM recommendation for associate membership or commissioning and provisional membership</p>	
		<p>Commissioned Minister Provisional Member From commissioning to ordination</p> <p>Developing Connectional Ministries (DCM) Mentor assigned At summer DCM retreat</p> <p>After two years “residency,” commissioned ministers may request BOM recommendation for ordination and full membership</p>	