

# MAP TO CREDENTIALING OR ORDINATION

## Recruitment Vocational Discernment “Culture of Call”

*Includes outreach events, trainings and events led primarily by the Center for Leadership Excellence and targeted at potential candidates and seminarians.*



## Three-day Candidacy Summit

*An event led by the Center for Leadership Excellence that offers various opportunities to begin the candidacy process with the aid of districts and mentors.*



## Post-Certifications

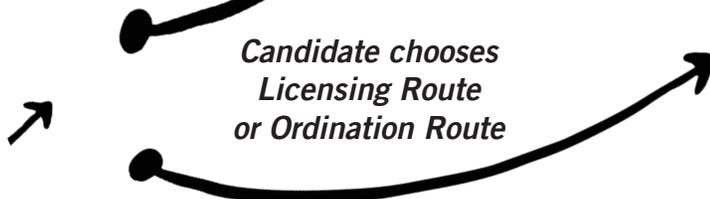
*Follow-up process after Candidacy Summit and before commissioning interviews that involves dCOM, Center for Leadership Excellence, Districts and candidates*

**Associate Members:** Licensed local pastors who have reached age 40, completed at least four years of full-time service as a local pastor and the five year Course of Study, and have been approved by the Board of Ordained Ministry (§321-323).

**Deacon:** Deacons are called by God, authorized by the church, and ordained by a bishop to a lifetime ministry of Word and Service to the community and the congregation in a ministry that connects the two (§328-331).

**Elder:** Elders are persons called by God, authorized by the church, and ordained by a bishop to a lifetime ministry of Word, Sacrament, Order, and Service. Elders devote themselves to the ministry of the Word, which includes primary responsibility for preaching and teaching the Word of God (§332-335).

**Licensed Local Pastor:** Someone who is not ordained as an elder or deacon but is appointed to preach, conduct worship, and perform the duties of a pastor in a particular setting (§315).



## LICENSING ROUTE

### Licensing School

*Annual educational event held in the spring for those pursuing the local pastor licensing route.*



### Course of Study

*Full-time local pastors get eight years to complete; Part-time local pastors get 12 years to complete.*

**PML:** A three-year, fast-track program covering the 10 basic courses for part-time local pastors in Missouri following Licensing School 2017. Learn more on page 93.

### Annual interview and approval by dCOM

## ORDINATION ROUTE

### Commissioning Interview

*Interview process first involving the dCOM and potentially the Board of Ordained Ministry.*



### Residency in Ministry

*A two-year period for provisional members that includes education, hands-on experience in a local church and interviews by the Board of Ordained Ministry.*

### Ordination Interview

*An interview with the Board of Ordained Ministry for consideration as a Deacon or Elder*



*See the full definitions and step-by-step candidacy checklist in Section D, Resources*