

RECOMMENDATION FOR CERTIFIED PULPIT SUPPLY INTERVIEW (¶267)

For the interviewer: The key question you are trying to answer for yourself is:
"Does this person demonstrate a fitness for ministry?"

Requirements Prior to Interview

1. Completed coursework from columns one and two of the Map to Certified Lay Ministry
2. Pastor and church approval

Required Questions

1. Tell us about your leadership experiences in the church. What are the fruit of the ministries in which you are involved?
2. What gifts, skills and abilities do you bring to certified pulpit supply?
3. Tell us about your call to pulpit supply ministry, including where you have given the message in the past year?
4. How do you seek out opportunities to fill a pulpit or gain experience?
5. If asked, could you give a message next week?
6. Explain the steps you take to prepare when you are filling a pulpit in a church you aren't familiar with.

Suggested Questions

1. How is it with your soul?
2. What are your spiritual disciplines? How are you growing spiritually?
3. What are you doing to improve your preaching and teaching?
4. What are your learning goals in the year ahead?
5. What excites you about ministry? What is your passion?
6. What is your understanding of the Gospel?
7. How do you shape your sermons to represent Wesleyan teaching?
8. What do you study to learn more about giving a message consistent with Methodist theology?

Educational Goal

- Review the guidance on page 20 regarding identifying an educational goal for the interviewee and recording it on the after-interview action report.

Action Required

- **dCOM Secretary:** Send the after-interview action report to the dCOM members, the district office and the Conference Lay Education Director, who will send recommendation to Conference Lay Ministry Executive Committee for approval/disapproval and communicate with Conference Center for Leadership Excellence, district lay education coordinator, district registrar, candidate's church and candidate about decision.
- Majority vote required for recommendation from district team.

RECOMMENDATION FOR RECERTIFICATION AS CERTIFIED PULPIT SUPPLY INTERVIEW (¶267)

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"Does this person demonstrate a fitness for ministry?"

Requirements Prior to Interview

1. Currently Certified Pulpit Supply
2. Latest Lay Annual Report Form on file
3. Completed necessary goal course in last two years

Required Questions

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2. What gifts, skills and abilities do you bring to certified pulpit supply?
3. Tell us about your call to pulpit supply ministry, including where you have given the message in the past year?
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CERTIFIED PULPIT SUPPLY INTERVIEW (¶267)

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**If person is under assignment, interview will be conducted by dCOM annually. Those not under assignment will be interviewed by district committee on lay ministries every two years.*

District: _____ Date: _____

Candidate: _____

Candidate's Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Highest level of education (check one):

- GED High School Diploma Undergrad (Years completed:_)
 Master of Divinity (Years completed:____)
 Master of Theology Studies (Years completed:____) D. Min. Th. D. Ph. D.

Name of School (if attending): _____

Names of Interview Team:

The dCOM took the following action regarding the person listed above (choose one):

- Recommended for **certification** as a Certified Pulpit Supply (¶267)
 Recommended for biennial **recertification** as a Certified Pulpit Supply (¶267)

Interview Summary:

Educational Goal for Renewal Certification: Identify the goal that will best support the growth and development for serving in this role.

Additional notes, recommendations or requirements for follow-up: