

# RECOMMENDATION FOR CERTIFIED LAY MINISTER INTERVIEW (¶268)

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## Requirements Prior to Interview

1. Completion of Certified Lay Ministry training through Missouri Conference Part-Time Ministerial Leader Training. Learn more at [www.moumethodist.org/pml](http://www.moumethodist.org/pml) and refer to CLM certification checklist in Section D, Resources, for all requirements.

## Required Questions

1. Tell us about your personal journey of faith. Briefly describe an experience that shaped your Christian life.
2. Tell us about your call to ministry. At this time what do you feel is the nature of your call?
3. Tell us about your leadership experiences in the church. What are the fruit of the ministries in which you are involved?
4. How would you describe your understanding of God, Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit?
5. Share with us a conflict situation in which you have been involved and how you dealt with it.
6. What gifts, skills and abilities do you bring to certified lay ministry?

## Suggested Questions

1. How is it with your soul?
2. What are your spiritual disciplines? How are you growing spiritually?
3. What have you read that has been helpful in your spiritual life?
4. What do you do to take care of yourself physically?
5. What are your personal gifts and growing edges?
6. What are your goals for the year ahead?
7. What does your support system look like?
8. What excites you about ministry? What’s your passion?
9. What is your understanding of the Mission of the Church?

## Action Required

- Majority vote required for recommendation to Conference Committee on Lay Servant Ministry.
- **dCOM Secretary:** Send minutes and After Interview Action Reports within 14 days to dCOM members, the district office and Jenny Gragg, [jgragg@moumethodist.org](mailto:jgragg@moumethodist.org), in the Office of Leadership Excellence.
- **Conference Lay Servant Ministry Team** will respond by returning the action report to the district office.
- **Conference Lay Servant Ministry Team** will contact Candidate with the decision.
- **District Superintendent** will assign a mentor. When possible, give strong consideration to pastor of the CLM home church as a mentor (requirements must be met).
- A certificate of CLM will be presented at Annual Conference.

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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 (check all that apply):**

- Recommended for certification as a Certified Lay Minister (¶271)  
 Recommended for biannual recertification as a Certified Lay Minister (¶271)

**Interview Summary:**

**Notes, Recommendations or Requirements for follow-up:**

**Conference Lay Servant Ministry Team Decision:**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Not Approved (with attachement)