

PPRC LETTER OF INVITATION FOR INTERVIEW TO THE CANDIDATE

Dear _____,

We are excited for you that you are discerning a call from God about entering licensed or ordained ministry. Both the instruction in scripture and the practice of the church invites us, your congregation, to be part of that discerning process with you. It will be our prayerful task to listen to you share your call with us, look at the evidence of God's grace in your life, your gifts for ministry and your leadership in our church to determine if you possess the potential and promise for fruitful, effective ministry in the United Methodist Church.

In response to your request for a meeting with the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee to approve your candidacy in the United Methodist Church, we would like for you to:

- Prepare your written statement of call (United Methodist Book of Discipline paragraph 310.1.d) by _____ (date). This written work should be 1-2 pages in length, 12 point font and double-spaced. Our next PPRC meeting is _____, and unless your statement of call is not received by the deadline, we will welcome you at _____ (time) in _____ (room or place).
- Additionally, we would like for you to read paragraphs 301-320 in The 2016 Book of Discipline about the broader understandings of ministry in our church in preparation for our conversation, paying particular attention to paragraph 310.

We are looking forward to meeting with you and will continue to hold you and God's call in your life in our prayers.

SIGNEE – PPRC CHAIR