

SUPPLEMENTAL INTERVIEW QUESTIONS BY STAGE

Certified Candidacy

1. How is it with your soul?
2. What did you learn about yourself and about God in the candidacy process?
3. How have you experienced grace?
4. What does your support system look like?
5. Who has been influential in your Christian journey, and how have they influenced you?
6. Who are the marginalized in your community, and how are you leading your ministry setting to minister with them?
7. Choose one Disciplinary question for beginning theological articulation. (¶ 310.1.d)
8. What spiritual disciplines do you practice?
9. What do you do to take care of yourself physically?
10. What are your goals for the year ahead?
11. What excites you about ministry? What's your passion?
12. What is your understanding of the mission of the Church?
13. Share a leadership experience you have had this year.
14. If in seminary, tell us about a class this past year that either challenged or excited you.

Certified Candidate Continuation

1. How is it with your soul?
2. Tell us about your leadership experiences in the past year, and give an example of fruit from your ministry.
3. What was the most difficult ministry challenge you faced this past year and how did you meet it? What did you learn from it, and how do you feel you have grown from this experience?
4. What are the most stressful aspects of ministry for you?
5. What are some of the ways you care for yourself?
6. What is your plan for paying off your debt, if applicable?
7. How has your call been shaped/challenged/affirmed in the past year?
8. Describe the last time you were with someone who stretched your thinking on an issue or matter of faith.
9. What is your understanding of the sacraments?
10. What are your goals for the year ahead?
11. In what ways have your spiritual disciplines affected your practice of leadership in ministry?
12. How do you equip laity in your ministry setting? Share some specific examples.
13. If in seminary, tell us about a class in the past year that either challenged you or excited you.

Local Pastor Continuation

1. How is it with your soul?
2. What does following Jesus mean to you, and how do you live it out?
3. Tell us about your leadership experiences in the past year and give an example of fruit from your ministry.
4. What are the most stressful aspects of ministry for you?
5. What are some of the ways you care for yourself?
6. What is your plan for paying off your debt, if applicable?
7. How has your call been shaped/ challenged/ affirmed in the past year?
8. Describe the last time you were with someone who stretched your thinking on an issue or matter of faith?
9. What are your goals for the year ahead?
10. If in seminary, tell us about a class in the past year that either challenged you or excited you.
11. If in PML or Course of Study, what did you find useful in your studies last year? What changes to your practice of ministry can you identify as a result of the Course of Study?
12. What aspects of your preaching improved since you were licensed?
13. How do you apply United Methodist theology in your teaching?
14. How are you using distinctive Wesleyan emphases and characteristics of The United Methodist Church to lead your church in making disciples of Jesus Christ?
15. In what ways has your theology of grace shaped your understanding of the Sacraments?
16. In what ways have your spiritual disciplines affected your practice of leadership in ministry?
17. How do you equip laity in your church? Share some specific examples.
18. What is the single most important thing you need at this point in time to become a better pastor?
19. What does your work/life balance look like? Integration of personal and professional responsibilities?