

Inquirer-Candidacy Flow Chart

#1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professing member in good standing of the UMC• Baptized participant of a recognized UM campus ministry for minimum 1 year• Contact Clergy person to discuss the felt call and study <u>The Christian as Minister</u>
#2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prepare a statement of Call to ministry for the Clergy person (statement of call will stay with the Inquirer until BOM)
#3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• After BOTH agree. . .submit a letter seeking admission to the Candidacy Program (w/a copy of the Call Statement) to DS• DS directs person to attend next orientation to ministry retreat where he/she is assigned to group with mentors
#4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DS informs Inquirer of canapply.gbhem.org where registration occurs and fees are paid on line (email required).• DS adds Inquirer to Pathway to Ministry and then invites Inquirer to register at https://pathwaystoministry.com
#5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DS informs Inquirer of the need for the following:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Background Check2. Psychological exam @ Emory Clergy Care3. Equifax Credit Report from myfico.com

* Psychological exam scheduled after inquirer joins group

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- Group Mentors meet the Inquirers for first time @ orientation to Ministry Retreat and set schedule for times together
- Inquirers with the Group Mentors meet for 6 total meetings in 6 months

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- Inquirer will rewrite the statement of call paper with the Mentor's help

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- If both are satisfied with progress and Inquirer can articulate call and has answered **The Book of Discipline** ¶310 questions a contact to the clergy for SPR vote occurs
- Submit call and any other required papers to SPR

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- Inform DS of SPR action and DS will call a Charge Conference
- 2/3 vote must be achieved to appear before the dCOM

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- Prior to dCOM Inquirer with Mentor prepares the following:
 1. An updated Statement of Call, BOD ¶310 questions plus anything else required by dCOM
- All reports, evaluation, and transcripts ready for presentation

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- Mentor presents a letter to dCOM (signed by Inquirer)
- Inquirer and Mentor meet with the dCOM at their invitation

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- If approved the Candidate meets yearly with dCOM for recertification
- If approved and recommended for License to Preach School make plans to attend the school in late Spring
- Continue seminary or begin Course of Study Program