

Ministerial Recommendation

To be filled out by elders or deacons in full connection with the Alabama-West Florida Annual Conference (including retired clergy). Deadline is September 14, 2023.

_____ is applying to the Alabama-West Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church for Admission as a

Provisional Elder.

Provisional Deacon.

The Board of Ordained Ministry asks each applicant to secure the recommendation of three persons in Full Connection in the Conference. Recommendations may not be submitted by relatives/family members. Please give your answers to each of the questions below and use the back of this sheet for longer answers. If you can do so without reservation, sign the statement giving your endorsement to this applicant. Please send this form directly to the Office of Ministerial Services: erika@awfumc.org. Deadline is September 14, 2023.

1. How long and under what circumstances have you known the applicant?
2. Describe the gifts, graces, and fruit that lead you to believe that this applicant is genuinely called of God to serve as a provisional elder or deacon in the Alabama-West Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church?
3. Are you convinced that this applicant is totally committed to the doctrines and policies of the United Methodist Church?
4. Is this candidate the type of leader who can lead the church into the future and into the community and world to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world?
5. What are the candidate's growing edges or weaknesses that, with attention, would increase his or her effectiveness for lifelong fruitful ministry?
6. Please list ANYTHING else the BOM should know about the candidate in order to best serve him or her and the United Methodist Church.

Endorsement: I give my full endorsement to _____ as a candidate for Provisional Deacon or Elder in the Alabama-West Florida Conference.

Name

FE or FD

Signature

Date

I understand that this is to be returned to the Office of Ministerial Services only at erika@awfumc.org and not the candidate.