

**Appointment Considerations
Western Pennsylvania Conference
The United Methodist Church**

All parties in the appointment-making process are called to work in covenant to assist every local church in “making disciples of Jesus Christ, for the transformation of the world.” One part of the covenant of itinerant ministry guarantees an appointment for every elder, elder-track person and associate member in good standing. The covenant does not, nor should it, guarantee or promise any particular salary (except that of minimum salary), location, size of church or worship attendance.

It is sometimes necessary that the seriousness of other covenants we have made (family, marriage, parenting, elder care, etc.) of necessity must be kept in balance with the commitment to itinerate. If this is the case for you for the ensuing appointment year, please complete the remainder of this form to advise the Bishop and Cabinet of the same.

During the appointment year 20___ – 20___, my itineracy is temporarily constrained by my covenant to others as indicated below:

() Children. Please explain.

() Spouse. Please explain

() Parents. Please explain.

() Other. Please explain

I ask you to honor this but I also understand that:

A. It may not be possible at all to appoint me within the geography that I have specified, and,

B. In order to receive an appointment in my preferred geography, I understand that I may need to take a reduction in salary, and,

C. In order to receive an appointment in my preferred geography, I may have to serve less than full-time.

Signature of Pastor, Date _____

Signature of District Superintendent, Date _____