

Inquiring Candidate Checklist

- Perceive call to ministry
- Member of any UMC or UM campus ministry for one year (§ 311.1.a)
- Contact home church pastor
- Read and discuss *The Christian as Minister* with clergy guide
 - If additional discernment is needed, read *Understanding God's Call: A Ministry Inquiry Process*
- Ask District Superintendent if you may begin candidacy
 - Send letter or email to District Superintendent (§311.1.b)
 - Send statement of call to District superintendent (§311.1.b)
- District Superintendent interviews and approves Candidacy
- Register for next Discernment Retreat (January or June)
- Enroll in the UMCARES system through GBHEM.org
- Pay \$75 candidacy fee to GBHEM
- Receive *Fulfilling God's Call: Guidelines for Candidacy* (online) through GBHEM
- Create your own candidacy file and keep copies of all forms completed and all work submitted
- Attend initial Discernment Retreat (January or June)
- Be assigned to a mentoring group to continue as Exploring Candidate