

Is God calling you to ordained ministry?

The call of Jesus may come in various ways. It may come through a discerning Christian saying, “Have you ever thought about being a pastor?” The call may come through seeing and responding to a need or through a direct encounter with Jesus.

Do you want to join a discernment path to explore your call?

Aspiration:

a personal sense of God's calling to help others understand who God is, who we are, and who we get to be in relationship to God

1. Contact your local Free Methodist Church pastor and share your experience. Your local church is the beginning point and training ground for your discernment process.

2. Invite others to pray for you and guide you as you continue to discern God's call. Engage in hands-on ministry at your local church to affirm your gifts and graces.

Affirmation:
support or encouragement from others that you are suited and gifted for ministry; you bear fruit others can see and trust

Opportunity:
relationships and space where you learn and serve to discern and grow in your calling

3. Prayerfully seek opportunities to learn more about Christian faith, the Wesleyan movement, and the particular history and organization of the Free Methodist Church. Learn more about the Bible and the ways we seek to understand and apply truth to our lives.

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STEPS LEADING TOWARDS ORDINATION

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There are four steps to becoming an ordained minister in the Free Methodist Church.

A. The person sensing the call of God and the church to pastoral ministry is first licensed as a local ministerial candidate (LMC). (BOD 5330 & 6500).

B. Step two involves acceptance by the annual conference as a conference ministerial candidate (CMC) (BOD 5340).

C. Conference ministerial candidates, upon recommendation of the ministerial education and guidance (MEG) board, are received into the annual conference membership and elected to elders orders (BOD 5400).

D. Ordination of the elder completes the process (BOD 8400).

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