RESOURCES FOR MENTORS

PHASES OF MINISTRY

- Experiencing a Call to Ministry “how to know”
- Years 5-8 Expectations “yearn to learn”
- Years 13-15 Rumblings, wounds, and wrestling “Do I want to keep doing this?”
- Years 20-25 Legacy “How do I finish well?”

BOOKS

- *Calling & Character: Virtues of the Ordained Life* by William Willimon
- *The Power of the Call* by Henry Blackaby & Henry Brandt
- *The Call of a Lifetime: How to Know if God is Leading You to the Ministry* by Keith Drury
- *Flourishing in Ministry: How to Cultivate Clergy Wellbeing* by Matt Blume

CONTENT AREAS

LMC-Level Content Areas
At the Local Ministerial Candidate level, satisfactory evidence of mastery in the following content areas will be required:

- The Free Methodist Way
- Basic Christian Doctrine
- History and Polity of the Free Methodist Church
- Wesleyan Theology

CMC-Level Content Areas
At the Conference Ministerial Candidate level, satisfactory evidence of mastery in the above LMC-level and the following content areas are required:

- Old Testament Survey*
- New Testament Survey*
- Systematic Theology
- Inductive Bible Study/Hermeneutics
- Old Testament Elective (i.e., book of the Bible)
- New Testament Elective (i.e., book of the Bible)
- Personal Formation and Self Care*
- Homiletics*
- Shepherding, Leadership, and Church Administration*
- Congregational Spiritual Formation and Pastoral Care*
- Community Engagement, Evangelism, and Justice*
- Cross-Cultural Experience*

WEBSITE

*Flourishing in Ministry*
(research on what motivates pastors to be engaged in ministry; study the emerging trends of how clergy can live into their calling, feel a sense of fulfillment, and feel engaged in a very demanding environment)