



Greater Northwest Clergy Application

Thank you for your interest in serving in the Greater Northwest Area. Before completing the application below be sure to familiarize yourself with the goals we have outlined according to Bishop Cedrick Bridgeforth's M.I.L.E. initiative. For an introduction, please watch the video at <https://greaternw.org/mile/>

About you:

Name:

Conference membership:

Denominational membership if not UMC:

Clergy Status, e.g. Elder in full connection, Provisional Elder, etc.:

M.I.L.E. Initiative Responses:

M=Ministry that Matters

Bishop Cedrick states that we spend too much time looking in the mirror and not enough time doing "window work". This means that we are too internally focused rather than engaging interactively with our communities and world. These interactive, collaborative, and relevant ministries would focus on housing, climate, hunger, and health. We expect our clergy and congregations to make these kinds of ministries a priority. **How do you respond to this call?**

I=Itineracy and Location

In order to engage in ministries that matter we need to have clergy appointed or assigned in the areas that fit contextual needs and ministerial gifts. Given the challenges of modern life related to extended family needs and clergy partner careers, we can no longer make assumptions about a clergy person's ability to itinerate without limitations. However, we also know that itineracy is one of the tools we have to place the right pastors in the right context. **Given the necessary tension between itineracy and honest consultation around availability, how do you see your appointment availability in the Greater Northwest Area?**

L=Lay Ministry Enhancement

Laity are essential partners in ministries that matter. While committed, competent clergy leadership is necessary for these ministries, it is not sufficient. **How do you work with empowering and partnering with laity?**

E=Eliminating Racism

As people of faith, we need to renew our efforts to eliminate the racism that is pervasive not only in society, but within our congregations, ministry settings, and denomination. This is a high priority that demands honesty, scrutiny, and humility. **Give examples of your commitment to eliminating racism in your ministry settings.**

General Information:

1. Have you consulted with your bishop/superintendent or equivalent supervisors about your interest in an appointment in the Greater Northwest Area?

Yes

No

If so, please list names and contact information.

2. Are you exploring appointments in other conferences?

Yes

No

If so, which ones?

3. For what appointment year do you wish to be considered?

4. Are you open to serving anywhere in the Greater Northwest Area or do you have restrictions or a particular setting in mind?

5. Provide required references from a superintendent or equivalent, a lay person, a colleague, and any other reference you wish to include.

6. Please include a resumé that includes educational history, congregations served, (along with statistical information around worship attendance, budget, apportionments paid, challenges and accomplishments) and work history. Also describe your strengths as a pastoral leader.

DISCLOSURE

Out of the care for the church, the following questions are asked of all ordained leaders and candidates who are making themselves available for conversation with call committees.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	A.	Have you ever engaged in, been accused of, charged with, or convicted of illegal conduct or a crime, including conduct resulting in suspension or revocation of your driver's license?
<input type="checkbox"/>	No		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	B.	Do you have any addictive behavior, including a history of drug, alcohol, or pornographic addictions that might interfere with your ability to serve or continue serving as an ordained leader?
<input type="checkbox"/>	No		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	C.	Have you ever engaged in, been accused of, investigated for, sued, or charged with sexual misconduct, sexual harassment, substance abuse, child or spousal neglect or abuse, or financial improprieties?
<input type="checkbox"/>	No		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	D.	While in candidacy or after ordination, have you ever engaged in, been accused of, investigated for, charged with, or disciplined for any conduct proscribed in the Book of Discipline?
<input type="checkbox"/>	No		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	E.	Are you living in accord with the Book of Discipline and Book of Resolutions for ordained clergy in the United Methodist Church and do you intend to continue to live in compliance?
<input type="checkbox"/>	No		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	F.	Have you ever engaged in any behavior or been involved in any situations that, if they became known to the church, might seriously damage your ability to begin or continue in ministry?
<input type="checkbox"/>	No		

Comments or explanations to Disclosure questions: