

Candidacy Summit Application (Due Date: JUNE 07, 2024)

July 8-9, 2024

**Mt. Wesley Retreat Center, Kerrville, TX
Rio Texas Conference**

Name: _____ Date of Birth: ___/___/___

Student: ___ Yes ___ No College/ University/Seminary Attending: _____

Gender: ___ Male ___ Female Expected Graduation Date: ___/___/___

Preferred Address: _____ Current Occupation: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Preferred Contact info:

Phone: _____ - _____ - _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Home Church: _____ District: _____

Primary Language: _____

I would prefer to have a translator for Candidacy Summit (Please check one): ___ Yes ___ No

Dietary Concerns: _____

____ I have read the *Checklist for Inquiring and Exploring Candidates* located on the back of this form.

____ I completed *The Christian as Minister* with Rev. _____ on ___/___/___

Pastor's Address: _____

Pastor's Phone: _____ - _____ - _____ Email: _____

Pastor's Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___

____ I have requested admission into candidacy process by contacting the District Office and providing them with the required information stated in *Checklist for Inquiring and Exploring Candidates*.

Signature of District Superintendent: _____ Date: ___/___/___

____ I have enclosed \$80.00 for the Candidacy Summit Registration fee.

____ At the Candidacy Summit, I would like to complete the Psychological testing required of all candidates for ministry. In addition to the \$80.00 for the Summit, I have also included an additional \$150.00 for the Psychological testing. (You may choose to pay only ½ of the Psychological fee, with the remainder due before your final interview with the Psychologist.)

____ I need accommodations for the night prior to start of the Summit.

Please mail the completed application and applicable fees (Check payable to Rio Texas Treasurer) to:

Rio Texas United Methodist Center

Attn: Candidacy Summit/ Alicia Leyva

16400 Huebner Road

San Antonio, TX 78248

Questions: Contact your District Office, or Rev. Tamara Strehli at tstrehli@sierravista.org or (325) 944-4041

Checklist for Inquiring and Exploring Candidates

Phase One: Inquiring Candidate (IC)

- Perceive a call to ministry
- Member of any UMC or UM campus for one year (§ 310.1a)
- Contact home church Pastor or UM Campus Pastor
 - Meet with pastor to discuss call to ministry
 - Read and discuss *The Christian as Minister* with pastor. And upon completion have Pastor sign Candidacy Summit Application.
 - *The Christian as Minister* is available at www.cokesbury.com
 - Download Candidacy Summit Application from www.riotexas.org.
- Contact District Superintendent/District Office to begin candidacy
 - Send letter or email to District Superintendent/District Office (§ 310.1 b) indicating the following:
 - Completion of *The Christian as Minister* and email/phone number of pastor with whom you completed it
 - Name/contact information of ministry setting (local church/campus ministry etc.)
 - Description of involvement in ministry setting and fruitfulness of ministry
 - Statement of call (half- page)
 - Request entrance into process
 - Complete Candidacy Summit Application **which District Superintendent signs.**
- Mail Candidacy Summit Application with \$80 check by June 10, for July Summit. Psychological testing is required for all candidates for ministry. Testing may be taken at the Summit for an additional \$150.
- Information about enrolling in “Passage” is forthcoming. Passage UMC is a new system just being implemented. It is the central location for candidates and clergy to track progress toward their vocational goals in the United Methodist Church.
 - Your District office will submit your name to Passage UMC. You will receive an email with instructions to register. *Please do so immediately.*
 - At Candidacy Summit you will receive the book *Answering the Call: Candidacy Guidebook*.

Phase Two: Exploring Candidate (EC)

- Prepare for and attend a Candidacy Summit (*You will receive this information after your application has been received, but will include some reading and required completion of candidacy forms.*)
- Create your own candidacy file and keep copies of all forms completed and all work submitted.
- Attend Candidacy Summit
- Meet with Mentor Groups four times over the six months following Candidacy Summit. Dates will be determined by your group at the Candidacy Summit. Video conferencing (i.e. Skype) will be a possibility for groups with large geographic distance between group members.
 - Complete required sections in *Fulfilling God's Call: Guidelines for Candidacy*.
 - Discern continuation to **Phase Three: Declared Candidate (DC)** and complete required steps. Information about this phase will be given at Candidacy Summit.