

# 1 BOARD OF ORDAINED MINISTRY

## 3 Our Purpose

4 The Board of Ordained Ministry is responsible for the following major activities within the North  
5 & South Indiana Conferences:

- 6 • To meet the disciplinary responsibilities for the enlistment, recruitment and progress of  
7 individuals into service within the Church as certified persons, local pastors, deacons,  
8 elders and diaconal ministers.
- 9 • To act upon necessary changes in clergy relationship and status of any clergy  
10 ministering within the bounds of the conference or on that clergy's behalf.
- 11 • To provide support services for ministers' career development.
- 12 • To develop standards of effective ministry and provide a means for evaluating the  
13 effectiveness of ministers within the annual conference.
- 14 • A detailed report of our purpose is found in ¶635.2.a-z of *The Book of Discipline 2008*.

## 16 2008 Accomplishments

17 The 2008 Annual Conference session approved a document of clergy effectiveness from the  
18 Board of Ministry. This document stated a definition of clergy effectiveness and put into place a  
19 means of helping clergy achieve their highest level of effectiveness as they serve the churches  
20 and institutions of this conference. A process for the implementation of that document is being  
21 fine tuned and should be in place this coming annual conference.

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23 The Indiana Conference of the Board of Ordained Ministry has approved the following:

- 24 • 15 for commissioning on the elder track and provisional membership.
- 25 • 1 for commissioning on the deacon track and provisional membership.
- 26 • 15 for ordination and full membership as elder.
- 27 • 1 for ordination and full membership as deacon.
- 28 • 1 for Associate Membership in the annual conference.

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30 Completing the Course of Study:

31 From North Conference

32 James W. Abbott, Dale E. Erwin, Duane A. Ginder, Randall Webb

33 From South Conference

34 Robert D. Kirts, Philip E. Mitchell, Glenda K. Riggs, James E. Roach

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36 One of the most significant actions of the Board of Ordained Ministry has been a Task Force  
37 representing members of the North and South Indiana Conferences to work toward becoming a  
38 Board of Ordained Ministry for the Indiana Conference. Healthy dialogue, discernment and  
39 good decision-making has created a healthy relationship between these members and the  
40 promise of ministry to come.

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42 It is a privilege to offer heartfelt thanks for the past and current Board members from both  
43 conferences for the effort, time, prayers and decisions made throughout the years. It is also a  
44 privilege to embrace the possibilities of shaping ministry in new ways with the prayers and vision  
45 of a new Board of Ordained Ministry.

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47 **John Groves, South Board Chairperson**

48 **Jack Hartman, North Board Chairperson**