

HELPFUL THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT CANDIDACY & LICENSING AS A LOCAL PASTOR

Candidacy

Steps Into Candidacy

- Meetings with District Committee on Ministry (dCOM)
- Online enrollment by invitation from DS or ADS
- Meetings with candidacy mentor
- Criminal Background, Social Security & Credit Check & Psychological Testing
- Recommendation by Home Church
- Approval by District Committee on Ministry (dCOM)

Licensing School

- Must be Certified Candidate
- Registrations on conference webpage: www.inumc.org/clergy/localpastors
 - Week-end School at Indicoso: four alternating week-ends January through March/April
 - Residential School at Tipton: last two full weeks of July (includes the week-end in the middle)

Appointment as Local Pastor

- Complete licensing school
- Recommendation by District Committee on Ministry (dCOM)
- Appointment by DS (Not a local pastor unless appointed)
- Attend Course of Study
 - Week-end School at University of Indianapolis (for part-time local pastors)
 - One week-end in Sept, October and November
 - One week-end in February, March and April
 - Must take one course in fall and one in spring
 - Complete all 20 courses within 12 years.
 - Residential Schools (UM Seminaries/Extension Schools)
 - Two week intensives or semester long courses
 - Must take four courses per year
 - Complete all 20 courses within 8 years
- Assigned a mentor
- Annual Interview with District Committee on Ministry

Behavioral Health Guidelines