



Individuals who have demonstrated the gifts, experiences, and competencies required of someone who is called to the service of Christ and the Wesleyan Church may be ordained by the Denomination. Upon ordination they are fully vested with all the privileges and responsibilities of the Christian ministry in The Wesleyan Church. It is highly recommended that ordination candidates read through the *GLR Ministerial Training Process* manual for additional information.

Becoming Ordained:

In order to be ordained as a Wesleyan Pastor a person must meet the following requirements:

- Membership within a Wesleyan Church in the GLR.
- Certification by the Department of Education and Clergy Development that the academic requirements and any other required competencies required for ordination are completed.
- Completion of the service requirements.
- Completion of a Criminal Background and Credit Check through the GLR office, if one has not been completed on the regional level within the previous three years.
- Receive a recommendation from candidate's supervisor or mentor, vice-chair or leading lay leader of local church where candidate is a member or serving, and at least two other colleagues or lay leaders within the local church.
- Complete the Ordination application and any other assessments required by the RBMD.
- Meet with the RBMD with his/her spouse, if married, for an ordination interview and be recommended by the RBMD for ordination.
- Receive approval by the GLR Conference for ordination.
- Receive approval from the General Superintendent for ordination.
- Participate in the GLR Ordination service.

Continuing as an Ordained Pastor:

The expectations of an Ordained Minister include:

- Faithfully serve in the category for which he/she is appointed.
- Faithfully support and maintain membership in The Wesleyan Church where he/she is a member.
- Complete an Annual Service Report.
- Participate in the GLR Conference and other training events provided by the Region.
- Remain in a category of active ministry unless appointed to the category of “retired.”