



## Supervisors of Licensed Ministers

Licensed Ministers in the GLR are at a level of appointment in which they receive oversight from both the Local Church and the Regional Board of Ministerial Development. As a supervisor of a Licensed Minister there are several ways in which you continue to speak into their ministerial development both professionally and personally. It is strongly recommended that you read through the *GLR Ministerial Training Process* manual which is available at the District website. It will provide detailed information regarding the entire process. Here you will find a summary review of the responsibilities of supervisors and the local church on behalf of the Licensed Minister. Supervisors and Local Churches are expected to:

- Provide the initial recommendation for appointment as a Licensed Minister by a vote of the Local Board of Administration or other administrative group that is responsible for approving the hiring of pastors on behalf of the congregation. In the case of church plants, this may be the Regional Board of Administration. The RBMD provides an application for those who wish to recommend individuals for appointment as a Licensed Minister.
- Provide ongoing encouragement and accountability for spiritual growth and increasing competency as it relates to developing ministerial skills.
- Provide an annual recommendation to the GLR RBMD for continued appointment as a Licensed Minister.

If you have additional questions regarding the Licensed Minister process or any other aspect of the ministry credentialing process in the GLR, feel free to contact the RBMD office or one of the RBMD directors listed below. We would be happy to help you in the process of equipping leaders to pursue God's calling on their lives.

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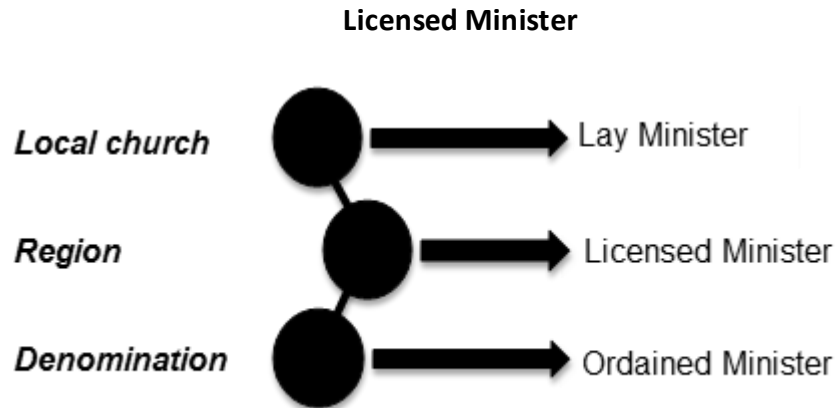
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Individuals who complete the educational requirements for appointment as a Licensed Minister and are recommended by their local church are ready for appointment as a Licensed Minister. Licensed Ministers are appointed by the GLR. These credentials may be granted in the process of moving towards ordination or may be granted on a more permanent basis as a Licensed Ministry. It is strongly recommended that LM candidates read through the *GLR Ministerial Training Process* manual for additional information.

#### **Becoming a Licensed Minister:**

- Step 1:** Be certified as completing the academic requirements for licensing by the Department of Education and Clergy Development.
- Step 2:** Be recommended for appointment by the local church.
- Step 3:** Interview with a member of the Regional Board of Ministerial Development.
- Step 4:** Complete Criminal and Credit background checks with the GLR.
- Step 5:** Complete additional assessments as may be required by the RBMD.
- Step 6:** Submit the LM Covenant.

#### **Continuing as a Licensed Minister:**

- Expectation 1:** Complete at least two courses each year towards academic requirements for ordination or continued appointment as a LM.
- Expectation 2:** Continue to serve in and be mentored by the local church.
- Expectation 3:** Complete an Annual Service Report.
- Expectation 4:** Meet with the RBMD.
- Expectation 5:** Be recommended for continued appointment by local church.

#### **Privileges of a Licensed Minister:**

- Serving in ministry and teaching or preaching under the authority of the local church.
- Certain LMs may serve the sacraments. Please see *GLR Ministerial Training Process* manual.
- Appointment by the GLR Conference and is considered a clergy delegate of Regional Conference.
- Transfer from one district to another in The Wesleyan Church.
- May qualify for a Housing Allowance. Please check with your tax advisor for additional information regarding claiming a Housing Allowance.

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