

Action Outline #3

Local Pastor Completion of Studies & Orientation to Ministry

Action: The dCOM certifies the completion of the prescribed studies and the Orientation to Ministry to the candidate and the BOM, and the candidate is to be listed in the conference journal as eligible to be appointed as local pastor.

The bishop awards the license as a local pastor only when an appointment is made (see ¶316).

Suggested Motion: Move that _____ be certified as having completed the prescribed studies for licensing as a local pastor (pending completion of those studies and the Orientation to Ministry) that he/she be listed in the conference journal as eligible for appointment, and that the bishop award the license as a local pastor if and when appointed.

Date of Vote: _____

Note: “Pending completion of those studies” shown above in parentheses should be included when action is taken prior to the candidate’s having finished licensing school.

Requirements:

1. Certification as a candidate for ministry (see Candidacy Certification, ¶ 310).
2. The Orientation to Ministry.
3. Completed studies for the license as a local pastor or one third of the work for a master of divinity degree.
4. Been examined (interviewed) by the dCOM.
5. The candidate must receive approval of the BOM and provide the board with a satisfactory certificate of good health.

Note: Persons who are awarded the license as local pastor shall be classified as on the following:

- a. Full-time local pastor (¶318.1)
- b. Part-time local pastor (¶318.2)
- c. Student local pastor (¶318.3)

Note: Licensing and eligibility certification must be renewed annually (see Local Pastor Continuance, ¶ 319).