



Minnesota
Annual Conference
of the United Methodist Church

Instructions: Statement of Call/Historic Questions 1

The Book of Discipline (§310.1.d) requires that you are able to articulate a statement of call, and be able to answer some specific questions concerning your call. The MN Annual Conference requests that you submit this in written form. Be aware that this may be one of the first impressions you will make, so make sure that your paper is well-written. You are encouraged to invite help with proofing and editing your written work. Also, if English is not your first language, feel free to work with someone you trust to help translate your thoughts, theology, and ideas into graduate level English.

Please write a Statement of Call based on the following:

1. Why do I follow Jesus?
2. What difference does Jesus make in my life?
3. How have I been called to pursue a Christian clergy vocation?

Your paper should be at least one page in length. As you write your statement, keep in mind Wesley's historic questions, which will be the basis of interview questions asked by both your church SPRC committee and the District Committee on Ordained Ministry. This paper will help you articulate answers so you are prepared for your interviews.

John Wesley's Historic Questions (2016 Book of Discipline §310.1d):

Do you know God as a pardoning God? Have you the love of God abiding in you? Do you desire nothing but God? Are you holy in all manner of conversation?

Have you gifts, as well as evidence of God's grace, for the work? Have you a clear, sound understanding; a right judgment in the things of God; a just conception of salvation by faith? Do you speak justly, readily, clearly?

Have you fruit? Have any been truly convinced of sin and converted to God, and are believers edified by your service?

When completed, save your document. You may or may not be requested to submit it to your church SPRC; either way you can refer to it during your interview. And you will be requested to add further information to this document as you continue the candidacy process.