



Minnesota
Annual Conference
of the United Methodist Church

Instructions: Statement of Call/Historic Questions 2

Please update your original Statement of Call/Historic Questions paper to include responses to the following statements from the 2016 Book of Discipline ¶1310.2a:

1. The most formative experience of your Christian life
2. God's call to licensed or ordained ministry and the role of the church in your call
3. Your beliefs as a Christian
4. Your gifts for ministry
5. Your present understanding of your call to ministry as elder, deacon, or licensed ministry
6. Your support system

Your mentor may be helpful as you formulate a written response to these statements; feel free to ask him/her for assistance. Wesley's historic questions, as well as these statements, will be the basis of interview questions asked by the District Committee on Ordained Ministry, so writing this paper will help you prepare for that interview.

For your reference, the original assignment was: to write a Statement of Call based on the following (keeping in mind Wesley's questions listed below):

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?

John Wesley's Historic Questions (2016 Book of Discipline ¶1310.1d):

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, please send a Word or PDF version of your paper to Janet Beard, Conference Registrar at janet.beard@minnesotaumc.org