

Steps Toward Ordination – Laity
Free Methodist Church, New South Conference

- ___ Discuss call to ministry with a local FM pastor
- ___ Assemble a prayer team who will pray with you through the process
- ___ Become a member of a local Free Methodist church
- ___ Declare your call to ministry with a local FM pastor and Board of Administration
- ___ Register with Free Methodist Ministerial Development and Credentialing (MD&C)
- ___ Divorce clearance (where applicable)
- ___ Complete the Free Methodist History and Polity class
- ___ Upload transcripts to conference office and MD&C
- ___ Complete the StrengthsFinder Assessment – sending results to Conference and MD&C

Turn in to Conference Superintendent:

- ___ Theological Questions for Ordination (baseline)
- ___ Names of 3 references (Mentor, Layperson, Ministry Peer)
- ___ Completed Spouse Questionnaire (where applicable)
- ___ Written testimony of faith and call
- ___ History and Polity class grade and assessment
- ___ Sample sermon or Bible lesson
- ___ List of most influential books, teachers, mentors
- ___ Complete and current ministry resume

- ___ Interview with NSC Ministerial Education and Guidance Board, which will recommend one of the following:
 - Non-credentialed service
 - Additional discernment
 - Diaconate
 - Provisional CMC status pending AC approval

- ___ Conference Ministerial Candidate Approval at next scheduled Annual Conference (AC)

- ___ MEG directed Outcomes Based Education assessment
 - Head, Heart Hands Assessment
 - Coursework Requirements (NT, OT, Wesleyan Theology)

- ___ Review Theological Questions for Ordination

- ___ Recommendation to AC for Elder ordination

