

BOARD OF ORDAINED MINISTRY

Description: The Board of Ordained Ministry exists to recruit, equip, nurture, distill and deploy spiritual leaders for the church.

Book of Discipline: *BOD 635*

Conference Rules:

- Membership:
 - At least six ordained elders and deacons in full connection
 - At least two associate members or local pastors who have completed the Course of Study
 - At least one-fifth laypersons (up to one-third board membership)
 - Must include women and ethnic persons
 - At least one retired ordained clergyperson
 - At least one ordained clergyperson serving in extension ministry
 - Two district superintendents named by the bishop to represent the cabinet
- Recommended Duties:
 - The Center for Leadership Formation strongly recommends that the chairperson of every District Committee on Ordained Ministry be part of the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, *ex-officio*, with voice and vote.
 - The Center for Leadership Formation further recommends that a minimum of one-fifth of Board of Ordained Ministry members are under age forty and that no board member serve for more than eight consecutive years.
- Nominations: Members are nominated by the Bishop and elected by the TAC.

Expectations: The Board of Ordained Ministry members should be able to meet at least quarterly, for a total of about 12 days each year, including several extended sessions which necessitate overnight accommodations. Meetings are usually held at Lakeview Conference Center, or at a location set near the center of the Conference, convenient to most team members. Team members should exhibit love and concern for ordained ministers and have a thorough understanding of the current process toward licensed and ordained ministry. Chairperson should also be a skilled leader, with the time, willingness, and expertise to plan, implement, and assess fruitful ministry.