



United Methodist Endorsing Agency

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WHY ECCLESIASTICAL ENDORSEMENT?

- Endorsement is part of your connection with The United Methodist Church, *2004 Book of Discipline*, para. 1421.5.
- Increases accountability to the church and those served in specialized settings.
- Provides important networking opportunities, a way to share knowledge and experience.
- Annual retreat opportunities provided. Expenses at the retreat are paid by The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM), Division of Ordained Ministry (DOM).
- Pension Grant Fund through the General Board of Pensions for endorsed clergy under appointment and not covered by an employer pension plan while endorsed is available.
- Endorsement is available for: deacons and elders who may be probationary, full connection or associate members of their annual conference.
- Government agencies and some civilian agencies require endorsement.
- Endorsement may be required for certification by professional pastor care organizations, i.e. Association of Professional Chaplains (APC), American Association of Pastoral Counselors (AAPC), etc.
- Cost of the endorsement process paid by The United Methodist Church, GBHEM.

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