

# PATH TO ORDINATION IN THE WESLEYAN CHURCH

A step-by-step overview from calling to ordination

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## Discern a Call (Local Church)

- Sense a call to ordained ministry
- Talk with your Wesleyan pastor
  - Local church evaluates grace, gifts, fruit, and calling
  - Local Church recommends you to district

This is where your journey begins.



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## Ministerial Student (District License)

- Enroll with Education & Clergy Development (ECD)
- Interview with DBMD
- District Conference votes
- Licensed as a Ministerial Student

Minimum: 1 year



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## Formation & Education (Simultaneous)

- Meet annually with DBMD
- Serve at your local church
  - Complete education requirements, minimum of 2 courses per year

Education & ministry happen together

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## Licensed Minister (District Appointment)

- Complete licensing education
- Examined by DBMD
- District Conference votes
- Appointed to ministry by the district leadership

Active in ministry under supervision



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## Service Requirement

- Serve under district appointment
- 1 year (MDiv graduates)
- 2 years (all other pathways)
- At least one year in the ordaining district



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## Ordination

- Education certified by ECD
- Final examination by DBMD
- District Conference votes
- Public ordination service

Ordained Minister of The Wesleyan Church