



## Deacon Application Packet 2026

This packet is for those who are applying to be ordained as a deacon at 2027 Annual Conference. Please read everything carefully. Here are the things we'd like for you to be aware of:

- Deadline for the application is November 30, 2026.
- Make sure to submit your completed work, including the signed application. Partial work is not accepted.
- Please submit your best work. You may ask proofreaders review your work for grammar.
- Your interview by the Board of Ministry will be in February via Zoom. You will receive detailed instruction in January.
- Please submit your complete work to [nkellum@globalmethodist.org](mailto:nkellum@globalmethodist.org).



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## Deacon Application (Part 1)

\*Please send your headshot picture as well.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address:

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_

### Checklist:

- ( ) Finished candidacy guidebook with a small group
- ( ) Credit check
- ( ) Psychological Assessment and interview
- ( ) Mentor's report for your internship
- ( ) 3 references
- ( ) Deacon Educational Requirements (Please attach your transcript)
- ( ) Sermon Transcript (or manuscript), Video Link and Exegetical Process (in writing)
- ( ) Written Examination in Part 2

# Deacon Application (Part 2)

## Sermon Sample Submission

Each ordination candidate is responsible for:

- preaching a sermon in a congregational setting in the past year and
- provide a video recording (or a link), your exegetical process in writing, and your sermon transcript/manuscript.

Sermons recorded in a private setting are not acceptable. Please send a link to the video of your sermon. If the video includes the whole worship service, please indicate the minute mark when the sermon begins.

## Written Examination (§509.1)

The questions below should be submitted in a Word document using 12-point Times New Roman font, double-spaced, with one-inch margins. Each page should include the page number and last name of the candidate. As a professional document that will be reviewed by clergy peers and laity, ensure all biblical references and other materials are properly cited in footnotes. Maximum length of submission is **25 pages**.

- (a) What is your personal experience of God?
- (b) What is your understanding of evil?
- (c) What is your understanding of grace?
- (d) How do you understand the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers and in the Church?
- (e) What is your understanding of the Kingdom of God?
- (f) What significance do you believe that the resurrection holds?
- (g) What is your understanding of the nature and authority of Scripture?
- (h) What is your understanding of the nature and mission of the Church?
- (i) What gifts and graces do you bring to the work of ministry?
- (j) What is the meaning of ordination?
- (k) What is the role and significance of the sacraments?
- (l) Have you studied our form of church discipline and polity, and will you support and maintain it?
- (m) For the sake of the church's witness, are you willing to dedicate yourself to the highest ideals of the Christian life, exercising self-control in your personal habits, integrity in all

of your relationships and if married, fidelity in your covenant with your spouse, or if single, chastity in your personal conduct?

## Bishop's Historic Ordination Questions

Please read the following questions. If your answer is “yes” to all of them, sign your name below. Reference ¶ 408 *Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline* of GMC.

1. Have you faith in Christ?
2. Are you going on to perfection?
3. Do you expect to be made perfect in love in this life?
4. Are you earnestly striving after perfection in love?
5. Are you resolved to devote yourself wholly to God and to God's work?
6. Do you know the General Rules of our Church?
7. Will you keep the General Rules of our Church?
8. Have you studied the doctrines of the Global Methodist Church?
9. After full consideration do you believe that our doctrines are in harmony with the Holy Scriptures?
10. Have you studied our form of church discipline and polity?
11. Do you approve of our church government and polity?
12. Will you support and maintain them?
13. Will you exercise the ministry of compassion?
14. Will you diligently instruct the children in every place?
15. Will you visit from house to house?
16. Will you recommend fasting or abstinence, both by precept and example?
17. Are you determined to employ all your time in the work of God?
18. Are you in debt so as to embarrass you in your work?
19. Will you observe the following directions?
  - (a) Be diligent. Never be unemployed. Never be triflingly employed. Never trifle away time; neither spend any more time at any one place than is strictly necessary.
  - (b) Be punctual. Do everything exactly at the time. And do not mend our rules, but keep them; not for wrath, but for conscience 'sake.

**By signing this document, you affirm that you answered “yes” to each of the above questions (except a “no” on question 18).**

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Signature

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Date