

THE MINISTRY OF ALL CHRISTIANS – The United Methodist Church
Baptized, Confirmed, Called to Serve

Vocational Call Responding to the Gifts We have Received (currently open vocational opportunities)

Laity Ministry

Fulfilling God’s call and Christian commitment through your vocation in your daily life and work.

Licensed Ministry

Fulfilling God’s call and Christian commitment through your vocation and oversight of congregational ministry.

Ordained Ministry

Fulfilling God’s call and Christian commitment through your ministry vocation and authorized by the community of believers to equip the church to be in ministry to the world.

Lay

Both

Clergy

There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are varieties of service, but the same God. There are many forms of work, but all of them, in all persons, are the work of the same God. In each of us the Spirit is manifested in one particular way, for some useful purpose. But all these gifts are the work of one and the same Spirit, distributing them separately to each individual.

For Christ is like a single body with its many parts as they are, together make up one body. For indeed we were all brought into one body by baptism, in the one Spirit, whether we are Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free persons, and that one Holy Spirit was poured out for all of us to drink.

-I Cor. 12: 4-13 (NEB)

Deaconess / Home Missioner
Church Related and Helping Professions

- Call
- Response

- Equipped through education for profession and prescribed seminary coursework.

Commissioned to a life-long relationship in a full-time vocational ministry of love, justice, and service on behalf of The United Methodist Church in a church-related or helping profession

Non-itinerant lay mission personnel who seek their own appointment with approval from the General Board of Global Ministries in consultation with the Bishop in the receiving area.

Certified Personnel
Specialized Ministries
Ordained or Layperson

- Call
- Response

- Equipped through prescribed coursework

Certified to a specialized ministry on behalf of the church in the following areas:

- *Christian Education
- *Music Ministry
- *Youth Ministry
- *Children’s Ministry
- *Evangelism
- *Camp and Retreat Ministry
- *Older Adult Ministry
- *Spiritual Formation
- *Church Business Administration
- *Church Communicator
- *Certified Lay Minister

Local Pastor
Licensed Local Pastor in a Particular Charge

- Call
- Response

- Equipped through a prescribed Course of Study for local pastors

Licensed to pastoral ministry to perform the duties of a pastor (derived from the elder) in a local church setting

Non-ordained clergy serving in a particular church or charge with the authority of a pastor only within the setting and during the time of the appointment—to be approved and renewed each year.

Elder
Pastoral Charge or Extension Ministries

- Call
- Response

- Equipped through seminary training

Ordained to *Word, Sacrament, Order, & Service* affirming the priesthood of all believers

Ordained itinerant clergy (serving where sent by the bishop) with continuing, guaranteed appointment following satisfactory service.

Deacon
Local Church or Appointment beyond the Local Church

- Call
- Response

- Equipped through graduate education for specialized ministry and seminary training

Ordained to *Word and Service* affirming the servanthood of all believers

Ordained non-itinerant clergy who seek their own appointment in consultation with bishop’s approval