

# Application for Recommendation

**Fill this form out, and give it to your pastor. This is intended for your interview with your local church board. They will use this to recommend you on to the District Board of Ministerial Development (DBMD). Do not send this to Education and the Ministry.**

**Applicant:** Fill out the questionnaire and return it to your pastor preceding the time scheduled for your interview with the Local Board of Administration. If you need more space, please use separate sheets of paper.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

1. What level of recognition are you seeking?  
Ministerial Student \_\_\_\_\_ Lay Minister \_\_\_\_\_  
Lay Commissioned Special Worker: \_\_\_\_\_  
Specific Area of Special Worker Ministry? \_\_\_\_\_
2. If you are seeking recognition as a Lay Minister, in what areas of local church life do you feel you could minister most effectively?
3. If you feel that you are called to full-time ministry in the church, explain how you came to that belief.
4. What gifts do you feel you possess that qualify you for specialized ministry?
5. How and when were you converted?
6. Have you been entirely sanctified? \_\_\_\_\_ What is your understanding of this grace?
7. In what ways are you presently serving the Lord in the church?
8. What are your plans for preparing yourself for ministry?
9. Are there special areas of ministry to which you feel particularly called?
10. Does your spouse support your call to ministry? \_\_\_\_\_ Explain any resistance.

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT AND PASTOR**

1. The pastor and Local Board of Administration have a serious responsibility relative to the recommendation of a lay minister or of a minister-in-preparation to the district for license and study. The pastor and board should evaluate carefully and prayerfully the candidate's Christian experience, reputation, conduct, and spiritual stability. While recommendation for license should not be given lightly, neither should a candidate be rejected without sound reason.
2. Each pastor should have a copy of the *Manual of Ministerial Preparation* in order to give guidance to those seeking to fulfill their call to ministry. Copies are available from Education and the Ministry, P.O. Box 50434, Indianapolis, IN 46250-0434 or call 317-774-3912. The Manual is also online at [www.wesleyan.org/em](http://www.wesleyan.org/em).
3. There are two types of lay ministry which are credentialed by The Wesleyan Church: lay minister, and lay special worker. For the lay minister, a five-course plan of study has been developed. For the special worker, a ten-course plan of study has been developed.
4. Normally the lay minister has no plans for ministry except in connection with his/her local church. The lay minister is to assist the pastor, as the pastor shall direct. The lay minister's license is valid for only one year. There is no district involvement in the licensing of a lay minister. Once the layperson has been licensed as a lay minister, he or she is to register immediately with the Education and the Ministry Department at The Wesleyan Church Headquarters, and pursue the Lay Minister's Course of Study.
5. A special worker is a lay person who believes that he or she is divinely led to serve the Church as a director of music, director of Christian education, youth director, song evangelist, chalk artist, children's worker, spouse in ministry, lay evangelist, social worker or in some other special capacity, and who has been authorized to carry on such work by a District Conference. Upon recommendation by the Local Church Conference to the District Conference, the special worker candidate should register with the Education and the Ministry Department and pursue the Special Worker's Course of Study.
6. A ministerial student is a person who is convinced of a call, which he expects to lead to ordination, and is engaged in studies either full or part-time. A ministerial student must be examined and recommended by the DBMD to the District Conference and prepare for ordination under the supervision of the District Board of Ministerial Development. There is a twenty-three course plan of study (plus Supervised Ministry) for the ordination track.