



**Initial Approval of the Charge Conference
for Certification as a Candidate**

Applicant Name: Chris Nord

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District: Topeka

General Instructions:

- The Candidate is responsible for uploading completed document and any attachments to the candidate’s credentialing track in UMCARES. PDF is the preferred document format.
- Date of Charge Conference approval must be within one (1) year prior to the date of the District Committee on Ordained Ministry Interview for Certification as a Candidate

Recommendation of Charge Conference (or equivalent body) for Certification as a Candidate

Let those who consider recommending persons for certification as a candidate for licensed or ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church ask themselves the following questions which were first asked by John Wesley at the third conference of Methodist preachers in 1746.

1. Do they know God as a pardoning God? Have they the love of God abiding in them? Do they desire nothing but God? Are they holy in all manner of conversation?
2. Have they gifts, as well as grace, for the work? Have they a clear, sound understanding; a right judgment in the things of God; a just conception of salvation by faith? Do they speak justly, readily, clearly?
3. Have they fruit? (For the Elder and Local Pastor candidate...) Have any been truly convinced of sin and converted to God, and are believers edified by their preaching? (For the Deacon candidate...) Are others edified by their service?

Believing that Chris Nord is called of God and is a suitable candidate for licensed or ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church, the Charge Conference of Susanna Wesley United Methodist Church recommends him for certification as a candidate by the District Committee on Ordained Ministry. In making this recommendation, we attest to the fact that the declared candidate has been a professing member in good standing of the United Methodist Church or a baptized participant of a recognized United Methodist ministry for at least one year, has graduated from an accredited high school or received a certificate of equivalency, and has received by written ballot a two-thirds vote of the charge conference.

This congregation is supporting this candidate spiritually.

Authorized Elder, District Superintendent, or Bishop

Date