Local Pastors

In the West Virginia Conference, the primary purpose of the District Committee on Ordained Ministry is to serve as the entryway and initial credentialing body for all persons who are discerning and answering a call to credentialed ministry, and to be the source of support and accountability for licensed pastors and those assigned to our local churches. Part of that work includes an annual interview by DCOM. In preparation for your interview, please give the questions below some thought and **return your written responses to the district office at least ten days prior to your interview**. Feel free to use additional paper as needed.

1. **Describe your personal experience of God and the understanding of God you derive from biblical, theological, and historical sources.**

2. **The United Methodist Church holds that the living core of the Christian faith was revealed in Scripture, illumined by tradition, vivified in personal experience, and confirmed by reason. What is your understanding of this theological position of the Church?**

3. **Describe the nature and mission of the Church. What are its primary tasks today?**

4. **Explain the role and significance of the sacraments in the ministry to which you have been called.**