

PROVISIONAL RESIDENCY IN MINISTRY PROGRAM

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

As You Establish Your Clergy Mentor/Provisional Member Covenant

Guidelines

1. A Clergy Mentor will be assigned by BOOM in consultation with, and the approval of, your District Superintendent. The District Superintendent must sign off on *DS Clergy Mentor Approval* form .
2. Clergy Mentors are required to participate in the BOOM Clergy Mentor training. Provisional Members are strongly encouraged to participate in this training with their ClergyMentor.
3. Determine how often you will meet together. A minimum requirement is 8 monthly meetings within a 12 month period. Be realistic with your goals and aim to establish a regular time and day of the week that is set aside for this endeavor.
4. Write out a brief covenant that you and your mentor agree to. This should include at least three goals that are established for your year together. Remember that you will need to report back to the Provisional Committee on *Form 11. Mentor Provisional Member Report Form* every six months about how you are doing in achieving those goals. Please note: the covenant must be renewed on a yearly basis. Also, should Mentor and Probationer deem appropriate, the covenant may be revised during the year.

Some Questions to Think About (As covered in the Clergy Mentor training.)

1. Where will we meet together that will have the least possible distractions (doorbells, phones, colicky babies, etc.)?
2. How will my mentor and I mutually set the agenda?
3. How will my mentor and I make the transition between the Candidacy process and the Provisional program?
4. Will we read a book together and discuss it?
5. How will we avoid the pitfall of "problem-centered" discussions?
6. How will my mentor and I challenge each other to grow in our faith and ministry commitment during our time together?
7. How will we exercise the spiritual disciplines within the mentoring relationship?
8. Will we engage in recreational activities that will help us explore ministry issues in a more relaxed setting?
9. How will my mentor and I establish appropriate boundaries in this relationship (especially if there is a gender difference)?
10. How will we mutually agree to keep our covenant confidential?

Please note: all forms are returned to the BOOM Registrar. Questions or concerns regarding the Clergy Mentoring relationship should be directed to: Chair Provisional Committee.