

TRANSFERS FROM OTHER METHODIST DENOMINATIONS (§347.2)

1. Before service in the Annual Conference begins the District Superintendent shall review and have in his or her possession the following documents:

- a) Criminal Background Check
- b) Resume and biographical statement
- c) Personnel File from the home conference
- d) A statement from the most recent Superintendent connected with the pastor describing the standing of the pastor and an assessment of the pastor's work in the home conference

(note the following documents are required of transfers from other Methodist Denominations and not other Annual Conferences of the UMC)

- e) A psychological report (§347.2)
- f) Criminal background and credit check (§347.2)
- g) Report of sexual misconduct and/or child abuse (§347.2)
- h) Seminary and college transcripts

2. In most situations, the pastor shall serve in the Cal-Nevada Annual Conference for a minimum of 2 years before being accepted into conference membership by transfer. THE BISHOP MAY DECLARE A TRANSFER URGENT. UPON CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE BISHOP AND THE BOARD OF ORDAINED MINISTRY THE 2 YEAR SERVICE EXPECTATION MAY BE WAIVED OR MODIFIED BY THE BISHOP

3. Prior consultation with the chairperson or executive committee of the Board of ordained Ministry shall be held in order to determine that the minister meets the standards for conference membership established by the *Discipline* and the annual conference (§347.2). This consultation will be an interview by the chairperson or executive committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry with the DS and the candidate to determine if the qualities of transformational leadership expected of all pastors in the Conference are present in this pastor.

4. When the above steps have been completed, a report shall be sent to the Bishop who, in consultation with the bishop of the pastor's home conference, may receive the pastor into membership in the Annual Conference at his/her discretion. The pastor may be received as an elder, a provisional member or a local pastor

NOTE: Acceptance of Transfer, and the standing of the pastor (elder, provisional, or local pastor) is the Bishops' decision when pastors are from other Methodist Denominations.