

**Board of Ordained Ministry
Eastern Pennsylvania Conference
United Methodist Church**

Ordination Project Proposal (Fruitfulness Project)

Provisional Member: _____

Deacon _____ / Elder _____ (Check one)

District/Conference: _____

Date of Proposal Submission: _____

Anticipated Ordination Year: _____

Title of Project: _____

Address each of the following with just a few sentences. The length of this proposal should be no more than three pages.

1. Prepare a statement that explicitly expresses how this project will make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
2. Provide some theological basis for the selection of this project.
3. What is being developed, improved or planned?
4. Describe the ministry context that addresses why this should be done here and why now?
5. Who did you involve in the selection of this project and how?
6. Who is the (new) ministry intended to serve?
7. What is the scope of the project?
8. Who will be involved in planning and executing this project?
9. What methods do you expect to use to assess the “fruit” of this project? (Connect this with making disciples of Jesus Christ and/or transforming the world.)
10. When will the first fruits be observable?

Submit this Project Proposal to the Board of Ordained Ministry’s Ordination Project Subcommittee Chairperson within about six months of Commissioning (assuming 2 years between Commissioning and Ordination). Either electronic or hard copy submission is fine.

The Board of Ordained Ministry will review this proposal and respond within a month. Approval of this proposal implies that the successful completion of a project like the one described here seems like an appropriate way for this Provisional Member to demonstrate fruitfulness in ministry. The completion of this project will be documented and assessed as part of the Ordination Process. If the Provisional Member decides to change projects, or if the goals or plans for this project change significantly from what is documented here, a new Project Proposal should be submitted. Minor changes are expected, and can be discussed with the Provisional Group Leader or Mentor. When in doubt, ask the BOM’s registrar.

Signature of Provisional Member: _____

Board of Ordained Ministry: Approved _____ / Not Approved* _____ (Check One)

Signature of BOM Representative: _____

*If not approved, please provide an explanation and guidance on what adjustments are needed. Attach these comments to this form and return within one month of submission date.