Initial interview with applicant for the office of Local Preacher

Interview Report Form

This interview shall be conducted at the Circuit Local Preachers’ Meeting or, if the Circuit has no active LP Meeting, at a meeting of the Circuit Executive. The interview shall be conducted by the Superintendent Minister or her/his nominee and should take the form of a conversation.

The purpose of the interview is to determine whether there is a reasonable prospect that the applicant is called to preach and is likely to successfully undertake the required training.

The interview consists of four standard questions and is intended to be reasonably informal in style. The Superintendent (or nominee) should record below their observations regarding the answers to these questions.

Name of Applicant:

Q1 - Tell us about your journey of faith.

Q2 - Tell us what you know about Methodism and how you come to be a Methodist.

Q3 - Tell us what you understand as being the purpose of preaching.

Q4 - Tell us how you have sensed God leading you towards preaching.

If the members of the Local Preachers’ Meeting or, if the Circuit has no active LPs’ Meeting, the Circuit Executive are satisfied with the applicant’s answers, the Circuit Executive shall recommend to the Ministerial Secretary of the Connexional Local Preachers’ Committee that the applicant is received as a Local Preacher in Training.

The Circuit Executive has examined the above applicant and is satisfied with the answers given and receives her/him as a Local Preacher in Training in the Methodist Church In Ireland.

Signed.................................................................................................................................

Superintendent..................................................................................................................

Secretary.............................................................................................................................

Date........................................................................................................................................

This form should be forwarded to the Ministerial Secretary of the Connexional LPs’ Committee immediately following the Circuit Executive.