

REQUIREMENTS

Students must be Certified Candidates and be approved by their District Superintendent to attend Licensing School.

TUITION

New England Conference Students: \$50
Out-of-Conference: contact the Registrar
Additional costs may include books and/or study materials.

STUDY TIME

Plan on significant study and preparation before you arrive at the school. Be sure to acquire the books listed in time to complete the advance assignments.

2022 CLASS SCHEDULE

As of December 13, 2021, the schedule has been revised to be fully online (see below). **In addition to the schedule below, there will also be required covenant group gatherings to be scheduled when the class convenes.** Students are required to attend all classes and complete all requirements.

Day	Time
Sun, Jan 16	2:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Sat, Jan 22	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Sat, Jan 29	8:00 am - 12:30 pm
Sat, Feb 5	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Sat, Feb 19	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Sat, March 5	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Sat, March 19	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Sat, March 26	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Sat, April 2	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Sat, April 9	8:00 am - 12:00 pm

OVERVIEW

The purpose of the School for Licensing as a Local Pastor is to foster the spiritual growth and skill development of persons newly called into ministry. Students share in collegial fellowship, worship, study and practical experience which enable them to qualify for the License as a Local Pastor and service in a congregation. The school emphasizes practical preparation for ministry, and the development of attitudes that will lead to future growth by each participant. The focus will be on understanding and leading the local church – worship and preaching, sacraments, weddings, funerals, pastoral leadership, education, and pastoral care.

Courses are taught by qualified persons from the New England Annual Conference. Each faculty member is selected on the basis of their leadership skills and their familiarity with the character, style, resources and the diversity of churches in the New England AC.

Students are required to attend 80 hours of instruction and complete all course requirements. In addition, students are expected to demonstrate openness to new learning and a growing faith. Those who show evidence that they are called by God and capable of leadership within The United Methodist Church will be given a Certificate of Completion.

Please note that although completion of an approved licensing school is a prerequisite for the License for Pastoral Ministry, your participation does not guarantee a license. Your licensing (and appointment as a Local Pastor) is decided by the Clergy Session of your Annual Conference after considering the recommendations of the licensing school, your District Committee on Ordained Ministry, and your Board of Ordained Ministry.

New England Annual Conference Local Pastor Licensing School

2022 Revised Program

Fully Online

January 16, 2022 -
April 9, 2022

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REQUIRED READING

You must obtain and read the following books prior to the school:

Pastoral Care in the Small Membership Church – James L. Killen, Jr.

From Pew to Pulpit – Clifton F. Guthrie

Worshipping with United Methodists – Hoyt Hickman

Administration in the Small Membership Church – John Tyson

Christian Education in the Small Membership Church – Karen Tye

In addition, in New England Conference, we recommend the following:

Safe Sanctuaries Anniversary Edition: Reducing the Risk of Abuse in the Church for Children and Youth (Sept 2008) – Joy Melton

The Wolf Shall Dwell with the Lamb, A Spirituality for Leadership in a Multicultural Community—Eric Law

The Power of Parable: How Fiction by Jesus Became Fiction about Jesus - John Dominic Crossan

These books are sold by Cokesbury.com (1-800-672-1789) and the first five are sold in a licensing school bundle. Books may also be available from other vendors.

ADMISSION / REGISTRATION

Students must have been

- (1) approved by their District Committee on Ordained Ministry (dCOM) as Certified Candidates,
- (2) approved by the District Superintendent for licensing school,

To register, send your completed and signed application form to the Licensing School Registrar, Deborah Venator, (bomregistrar@yahoo.com). For info and registration form, contact the Registrar or at this link: <https://www.neumc.org/BOMeducationtrainingandretreats>

IMPORTANT:

Students must participate in all sessions and complete all assignments on time. Absence of one session will prevent a candidate from completing the required 80 hours of instruction. This may disqualify the candidate from receiving a Certificate of Completion and recommendation from Licensing School.

The Licensing School uses a variety of faculty to strengthen the candidates connection to the Annual Conference and to build relationships with clergy and lay people of the conference. These connections help to create a network of support is for consultation and advice as the candidates serve in ministry.

LICENSING SCHOOL & COURSE OF STUDY

Many people feel called to serve as a pastor but are unable to attend seminary. In the United Methodist Church there is a path for these folks to serve in a local church. This path is called Local Pastor.

An important step in your education to becoming a Local Pastor is the Licensing School.

Following Licensing School and being appointed as a Local Pastor, you will also be required to complete continuing education which is called the Course of Study (COS). The COS program is a “year-round experiential and classroom learning process. This process assumes cooperation between the instructors in the COS Schools and the clergy mentors in the annual conferences. Each Regional Course of Study School shall offer all 20 courses of the Basic Five-Year COS and shall seek to meet the needs of both the full-time and part-time local pastors. Normally courses are to be taken in the sequence prescribed by the curriculum. At a minimum, students are expected to take first year courses in the first year of study and fifth year courses in the final year of study.”

<http://www.gbhem.org/education/licensing-and-course-study>

For more information please talk to your District Superintendent, Local Pastors and see the website link above.