

Amend ¶319. 2 as follows:

319.2 Upon completing each year's education and other qualifications, a local pastor who is not a provisional member may be recommended for continuance by the district committee on ordained ministry. Upon completion of educational requirements, either the Course of Study or a Master's of Divinity degree from a senate- approved seminary, a local pastor may be recommended for continuance by the district committee on ordained ministry without meeting with the committee unless requested by the committee, the district superintendent, or the local pastor. The clergy members in full connection of the annual conference may approve continuance of a local pastor after reference to and recommendation by its Board of Ordained Ministry.

Rationale:

This would enable District Committees on Ministry to honor and affirm the work of local pastors who are in vital, effective ministry. Without a mandatory annual meeting it would lighten the load of the dCOM, as they now oversee CLMs as well as a growing number of local pastors.