

June 30, 2022

According to our records, it appears that you may be eligible to apply for full connection in the Western North Carolina Annual Conference under the 2016 *Book of Discipline* as of June 2023.

Here are the basic requirements you must meet by the 2023 conference in order to apply for this relationship this year:

1. Must have been a provisional member for at least three years as of June 2023.
2. Must have served under episcopal appointment for at least three years following completion of the educational requirements. This service must meet the Board of Ordained Ministry requirements. For elders, at least one year has to have been in the local church unless an exception is granted.
3. Must have participated satisfactorily in the three-year Residency in Ordained Ministry program of the Board of Ordained Ministry and the annual retreats/gatherings, including satisfactory completion of the Fruitful Leadership in Ministry requirement.
4. Must have completed any specific requirements which the Board of Ordained Ministry may have placed upon you to be met before full connection.

If you will have met these requirements, you can apply here: <https://wnc-reg.brapp.com/FC23App>. The deadline to apply is **August 31<sup>st</sup>**. This deadline is firm! Applications received after that date will not be accepted. If you do not intend to apply this year, please let me know.

If you are returning to the Board, you must submit a new application. You are responsible for completing any requirements that were assigned by the BOM, in addition to submitting the assignments.

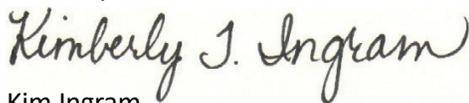
You can find the 2023 assignments here <https://www.wnccumc.org/conference-membership-and-ordination/>. Sometime in the fall, we will send you further information and direct you as to whom to send your paperwork.

Interviews for candidates for full connection are scheduled to be held **February 7-9<sup>th</sup>, 2023**. All assignments must be submitted by **January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**. The work you will be asked to do is comparable in its immensity to what you did for provisional membership; if you remember that, you will know how important it is to get started as soon as possible.

You will have an opportunity to learn more about the requirements for Full Connection Membership at an orientation session on **Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>** hosted by the Board of Ordained Ministry. Please RSVP at <https://wnc-reg.brapp.com/BOMOrientation23> by **Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**. Please go ahead and put all the dates included in this email on your calendar. I also recommend that you save this email and the links provided for future reference.

If you have questions about your eligibility or other concerns, please do not hesitate to call, write, or e-mail me or Joy Allen (jallen@wnccumc.org) in the Office of Ministerial Services. We are eager to assist you in this step toward full connection and ordination.

Sincerely,



Kim Ingram