

PATHS TO CLERGY CREDENTIALING

There are three possible paths to being credentialed as a clergy person in the Global Methodist Church.

Clergy Education

Beginning January 1, 2026, clergy candidates not previously enrolled in an educational program at an institution are required by BDD 507.2 to use an approved Global Methodist educational partner for their education. A listing of approved partners is available on our website. Candidates who began their education prior to this date may continue their education where previously enrolled.

Path: GMC Geographical School of Ministry

Those outside the U.S.A. seeking ordination who have exceptional circumstances due to excessive distance, technology limitations, or language barriers may pursue ordination via a GMC Geographical School of Ministry (BDD 507.2) program that will be held by a local Board of Ordained Ministry. These schools shall feature content from GMC approved partner institutions and mentored training relevant for that local area.



Path: Seminary Degree

Those seeking ordination and desiring to study at a GMC approved institution may desire to complete a degree. The degree program shall contain at the very least the 10 (deacon) or 20 (elder) prescribed courses as stipulated by the Book of Doctrines + Discipline in BDD 507.3-507.4.

Path: Course of Study

Those seeking ordination and desiring to study at a GMC approved institution, but not for the purpose of completing a degree program shall complete the 10 (deacon) or 20 (elder) prescribed courses as stipulated by the Book of Doctrines + Discipline in BDD 507.3-507.4.

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Visit [**hyperlink**](#) to find an approved Global Methodist Church educational partner.