

**Iowa Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry
Continuance Examination Form**

Name _____

Full current address --

Address after July 1, if different from current address --

Check the one(s) that applies to you:

_____ I have asked for a _____ full-time _____ less than full-time appointment.

_____ I want to be appointed to school for the next appointment year.

_____ I want to be put on leave of absence effective (date) _____

_____ I want to continue my leave next appointment year. (Limit 5 years.)

_____ I am currently in my (number) _____ year of leave.

Be sure to stay in touch with the co-chairpersons of the Conference Relations Committee:

Rev. Dr. Gary Armstrong, 515.570.3330 or garyarms@mchsi.com

Rev. Dennis Tevis, 319.572.1940 or gtevis@aol.com

Send all materials to Lisa Steel at lisa.larson@iaumc.org or Office of Ministerial Services, 2301 Rittenhouse Street, Des Moines, IA 50321 by December 1st.

Answer the following questions using as many pages as necessary.

1. Describe what you did to complete any requirements or recommendations you were given by your Conference Examination Team. Please refer to the letter you received from your Examination Team Director following last year's examination. *Proof of completion may be sent with this document.*
2. Describe what progress you have made toward full-time appointment and/or Elder's/Deacon's orders in this appointment year.
3. Describe one or two ways you have been working toward effectiveness in ministry with respect to preaching, teaching, leadership, and/or care/visitation during this appointment year. Be sure to include continuing education courses you have taken.
 - a. Which Residence-in-Ministry Covenant group are you attending, and how many times have you attended this year? *Be sure the facilitator sends the RIM Report Form to the Office of Ministerial Services by December 1st.*
 - b. How many times have you met with your clergy mentor this year? *Be sure your mentor sends the Mentor Report Form to the Office of Ministerial Services by December 1st.*
 - c. Send your CEU certificates to the Office of Ministerial Services.
4. What skill/effectiveness area do you plan to strengthen during the next appointment year? What are your continuing education plans?
5. What are the questions or concerns you wish to discuss with your team during this examination? List them.
6. **For those in their first year in a local church or other non-school appointment only:** (No more than three pages total.)
 - A. Describe your congregation's demographics, theology, and ministry practices.
 - B. Describe your community's demographics and socio-cultural practices.
 - C. Describe how your gifts and graces fit and where your growing edges are in such a context.