

### **Action Outline #3**

#### **Local Pastor Completion of Studies**

**Action:** The dCOM certifies the completion of the prescribed studies to the candidate and the BOM, and the candidate is to be listed in the conference journal as eligible to be appointed as local pastor

The bishop awards the license as a local pastor only when an appointment to a pastoral charge is made (see ¶316).

**Suggested Motion:** Move that \_\_\_\_\_ be certified as having completed the prescribed studies for licensing as a local pastor (pending completion of those studies), that he/she be listed in the conference journal as eligible for appointment, and that the bishop award the license as a local pastor to her/him if and when he/she is appointed to a local parish.

**Note:** "Pending completion of those studies" shown above in parentheses should be included when action is taken prior to the candidate's having finished licensing school.

**Requirements:**

1. Certification as a candidate for ministry (see Candidacy Certification)
2. Completed studies for the license as a local pastor or one third of the work for a master of divinity degree
3. Been examined (interviewed) by the dCOM
4. The candidate must have the approval of the BOM and provided the board with a satisfactory certificate of good health

**Note:** Persons who are awarded the license as local pastor shall be classified as one of the following:

- a. Full-time local pastor (¶318.1)
- b. Part-time local pastor (¶318.2)

**Note:** Licensing and eligibility certification must be renewed annually (see Local Pastor Continuance).