**Greater Detroit District – The United Methodist Church**

**2025 ONE-TO-ONE QUESTIONS: DEACON**

**Name**: **Ministry Setting**:

*Please answer the following questions after a period of reflection. If you choose, you may write out your answers on a separate sheet of paper. Please number your responses if you are writing out your responses. However you choose to respond, they are* ***due in the District Office one full week before your One-to-One Appointment.***

**Part One: You and Your Ministry Context**

1. Describe your ministry setting. Note your role(s) within that setting. If you serve in a local church, please note your area(s) of ministry responsibility.

2. If your ministry area is primarily in a local church, consider the average drive time for those attending your Sunday morning worship service. Draw a radius of this average drive time around your church. What are the top three Mosaic group types within this circle? Describe one thing that you or your congregation did in the past year to reach the people in one of these Mosaic groups. Note that Mission Insite can provide access to Mosaic groups (*Answer only if applicable to your appointment*)

3. If your primary ministry setting is outside a local church, spend some time discerning whether the people you serve are similar in background and experience to those in the church to which you relate. How do you or could you serve as a bridge between these people and the people in your congregation? (*Answer only if applicable to your appointment*)

4. If your ministry is primarily in a local church, what expectations for your ministry have been developed with your SPRC? What progress has been made to meet those expectations?

**Part Two: Mission, Vision and Values**

1. If your ministry area is primarily in a local church, does your church/charge have a mission statement? What is it? How does this mission guide the work you do as a representative minster charged with building a bridge between the church and the world? (*Answer if applicable*)

2. If your primary ministry setting is outside a local church, have you developed a personal

mission statement that guides your practice in your primary setting? What is it? How does this mission guide what you do as a representative minister of the United Methodist Church charged with building a bridge between the Church and the world? (*Answer if applicable*)

3. If you were to more fully live out the mission statement you listed in 1 or 2 above, what would change about your practice of ministry, especially in the post-coronavirus era?

4. What core values shape the life of your congregation(s) or the professional setting where

you work?

5. What core values inform and shape your practice of ministry? Are these at odds with the core values listed above? If so, how do you deal with this tension?

**Part Three: Connectional Issues**

1. Which of your gifts have you put to best use in your current appointment? Are there gifts

which are not among your strengths that your current congregation could benefit from?

2. Do you think the District/Annual Conference/Local Church understands the role of a

Deacon? If not, what do you think should be done to increase understanding for those

serving as Deacons in our Annual Conference?

3. What gifts and experiences do you, as a Deacon, bring that might offer resources to the

Annual Conference, District or Local Church?

4. Are you interested in putting your gifts to use in the area of preaching ministry in a local

church? If so, what ideas do you have for what this might look like in terms of frequency

and other considerations?

5. Are you currently part of a supportive network that helps encourage and equip you for

your work as a Deacon?

**Part Four: Living Out your Ministry as a Deacon**

The Greater Detroit District is arguably the most diverse district in the Michigan Conference of The United Methodist Church. As congregations adjust to the post-coronavirus world, please share your vision of how the congregations of this district could serve more faithfully by utilizing the gifts and graces of Deacons like you. (Please limit your response to one page)