

Local Pastor School United Methodist 101 and Self-Assessment

*Please type your answers and respond to each question in 50-200 words. Please ensure your name is on each page. Responses should be submitted to your online student folder or emailed directly to Joanne Sullivan **no later than May 10th**. If you have questions about accessing the folder, please contact Joanne Sullivan at jsullivan@gnjumc.org*

1. From your experience in class and in ministry, what are your ministry strengths? Be specific. How will you continue to grow in your strengths?
2. What topics of ministry would you identify are your areas of growth? What opportunities or resources can help you develop your skills?
3. Who is Jesus Christ to you?
4. Define the three types of grace. When have you experienced the grace of God?
5. What is the meaning and significance of the sacraments?
6. Write a brief description of how you might describe United Methodism to someone who asked you, "What are United Methodists like? Is there anything about the UMC that makes it unique?"
7. What are John Wesley's Three General Rules? How do you see yourself living out each of the General Rules?
8. Read about the Wesleyan Quadrilateral. Then, explain it in your own words.
<https://www.umc.org/en/content/glossary-wesleyan-quadrilateral-the>
9. The mission of the UMC is to "make disciples for the transformation of the world." How do you understand this mission? In what ways are you living into it? What more could you do? How does the congregation you are serving at living into this mission? How can they better engage in this mission?
10. What is the role of each of the following committees and conferences?
Church Council, Trustees, Finance, Staff/Pastor Parish Relations and Nominations and Leadership Development
Church Conference, Annual Conference, Jurisdictional Conference and General Conference
11. What do you see are the blessings and challenges of UMC Polity? Why?
12. What is your understanding of the role of a Certified Lay Minister, Local Pastor, Elder and Deacon in the life of the church?