# Michigan Cabinet

## Clergy Summary Sheet 2023 Date:

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| Clergy Information |
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| Name:  |
| Status/Years:  |
| Current Appointment: Years in Current Appointment:  |
| Spouse:  |
| Children:Others Living in the Parsonage: Intend to Retire:  |
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| ONE on ONE CONVERSATION |
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| **Your responses are due one week prior to your 1 on 1 meeting.** **Please email your responses to DS Jodie Flessner** [**jflessner@michiganumc.org**](jflessner%40michiganumc.org) **and cc to Liz Bode** [**lbode@michiganumc.org**](lbode%40michiganumc.org)Please take time to reflect then respond to the following questions. You may insert your answers on this sheet or submit them on a separate sheet, being sure to number them according to the questions. 1. How are you personally? (Sabbath, Exercise, Family, Spiritual Formation, etc.…)
2. How are you intentionally connecting with others for Spiritual Formation? Are you able to access any peer support?
3. Describe a moment from this past year when you were thankful that God called you into certified, licensed, or ordained ministry.
4. Share some of the goals that you have set for yourself this year, either personal or professional. How is your progress toward reaching those goals? You may include how your continuing education has helped you to lead your congregation(s).
5. What is your vision for your congregation? How does this compare to the congregation’s vision? What decisions and actions have you taken that have helped to fulfill the vision?
6. Spend some time considering what the greatest need is in your church or in the surrounding community. Is now the right time to address this need?  What would have to happen to make this the right time?
7. What has been done in your congregation(s) to equip laity in the past year, both within and outside of the church?
8. A related question: What methods / practices is your church using to draw people into relationship to Christ and community?
9. The bishop and the appointive cabinet seek to match gifts and graces with the leadership needs of congregations. One factor in considering good missional appointments is some fit between the theological and social positions of the pastor and congregation. What theological and social viewpoints are important for us to consider in thinking about appointments for you?
10. The Michigan Conference has committed itself to an anti-racist future.  How have you or your congregation engaged in conversation, reflection, or work towards achieving this goal? What are the struggles you are experiencing? What can the District or Conference do to help with where you are and where you want to be? Would you consider a Cross Racial / Cross Cultural appointment?
11. What is the current state of church finances in your appointment, and how often do you receive full and transparent reports? Can the congregation(s) you currently serve continue to afford you?
12. Have you made use of MissionInSite? Congregational Vibrancy? Lay Servant Ministry? Stewardship plans?
13. Are you updating Brick River regularly (conference online database)? (Leaders, Worship Times, etc.)
14. Are you fully itinerant? What do you hope your next appointment will look like? What, if any family concerns (spousal employment, children’s schooling, care for extended family) or other issues create possible tethers?
15. If you have one, what is the condition of the parsonage?
16. What have you discussed with your SPRC? What do I need to know?
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