

**Consultation Form for Limited Itineracy**  
**The Virginia Annual Conference**  
**The United Methodist Church**

All parties in the appointment-making process are called to work in covenant to assist every local church in "making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." One part of this covenant is the itinerant ministry which guarantees an appointment for every elder, elder-track person and associate member in good standing. The covenant does not guarantee or promise any particular salary beyond minimum salary, or any particular location, size of church or worship attendance.

There could be a season in your ministry when the seriousness of other covenants you have made (such as marriage, parenting, elder care, self-care, etc.) must take priority over your commitment to itinerate. If this is the situation for you for the ensuing appointment year, please fill out this form to advise the bishop and cabinet of your priorities and know we are in prayer for you during this season.

During the appointment year \_\_\_\_\_, my ability to itinerate is limited in the following ways: *(please state your limitation and the covenantal reasons why this must take precedence over your commitment to be itinerant.)*

I ask the bishop and cabinet to consider the above limitations as they discuss my appointment. In this discernment process, I understand that

- in order to receive an appointment based upon my limitations to itinerate, I am willing to take a reduction in salary.
- in order to receive an appointment based upon my limitations to itinerate, I am willing to serve less than full time.
- it may not be possible to appoint me at all within the limitations that I have specified. If that is the case, I am willing to:
  - take a leave of absence.
  - retire.
  - consider an appointment beyond the geographical limitations listed above.

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*Signature of Pastor*

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*Date*