Susquehanna Conference Board of Ordained Ministry
Service Requirement ¶324.2

Effective July 1, 2024

Service Requirement: Each candidate shall have demonstrated his or her gifts for ministries of service and leadership to the satisfaction of the district committee on ordained ministry as a condition for provisional membership.

The purpose of this requirement is to demonstrate your gifts for the ministry of service and leadership. This proposal should show how you live into the words of John Wesley, "the world is my parish."

Step 1 – Community Conversations & Submit a Proposal for the Service Requirement

Community Needs – To establish community needs, interview at least 3 community leaders. This may be done individually or as a combined interview. Additionally, consult Mission Insite about the needs in your community. Submit a proposal for your service project that includes:

a. A summary of your interviews and what you learned.
b. The community need(s) you will focus on, including your reasons for that choice.
c. Describe how and where you will do your service hours?
    i. Where will it take place?
    ii. Is this a new or existing ministry?
    iii. Your participation must be a minimum of 10 "hands-on" hours
    iv. It must be a setting that reaches people beyond the walls of the church
    v. How will you demonstrate leadership in this experience?

Submit your proposal to your DCOM chair. It should not exceed 2 pages. The proposal will be reviewed by all DCOM chairs and must be approved by them before the service project begins.

Step 2 – Carry out the proposal and submit the Service Requirement Report

Once the proposal has been approved, carry out the project. At the conclusion of your project, submit a narrative paper, not to exceed 2 pages, to your DCOM chair about your experience, what you learned about your community, how you led others, and how you lived into "the world is my parish."

Notes: Interviews can be with public officials, teachers, county officials, non-profit organizations, etc. Leadership may be shown by involving others, organizing and advertising a new ministry/opportunity, engaging current ministries in a new way, etc.

The DCOM chairs will share the proposals and the approval/denial with all DCOMs to help DCOMs understand the types of projects that are acceptable.