

**2009-2010
CLERGY
SELF ASSESSMENT OF DEACON PRACTICES**

Please return to District Office by **September 15**

Name_____

In the United Methodist Church we experience the blessings of effective clergy. No clergy person reaches and maintains maximum effectiveness in all areas of ministry, all of the time. And yes, we are on the road to perfection as we maximize our strengths and grow in our ministry skills and practices. Occasional self-reflection is a key ingredient to effectiveness and growth. Please take time to answer how you are currently practicing ministry in the following areas that are applicable to your Covenant of Partnership:

***MISSIONAL LEADERSHIP PRACTICES**

Describe how your leadership promotes congregational awareness of the needs of the world and involvement of laity in works of love, justice and mercy.

***COMMUNITY MINISTRY PRACTICES**

Describe your ministry in the community/world (including your primary appointment beyond the local church, if applicable).

***PASTORAL CARE PRACTICES**

Comment on your ministry of providing pastoral care relationship to others:

***PROCLAMATION PRACTICES**

Describe your ministry through teaching, worship leadership and preaching:

***VISIONING AND LEADERSHIP PRACTICES**

Describe your practices that promote common direction and the empowerment of this congregation's ministry:

***SELF-CARE PRACTICES**

Describe your awareness of and practice of self-care – including time off, vacation, and balance between ministry and family

***RELATIONSHIP PRACTICES**

All of ministry is relational. Describe the strengths and growth areas of your relational skills and relational awareness:

***COVENANTAL ACCOUNTABILITY:**

United Methodist clergy and churches live in connectional, covenantal and ecumenical accountability; describe your involvement beyond the local church in supportive peer group relationships, and district and conference responsibilities

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Received and Reviewed by District Superintendent:

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