

African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME)

Resources	Overview of Ordination Process & Requirements*	Coursework Required*
<i>AME Links</i> African Methodist Episcopal Church Website: www.ame-church.com(link is external) First Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Church Website in redesign process: go to facebook.com/FirstDistrictAMEC/ Contacts: For regional information consult: First Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Church (covers New York, as well as Bermuda, Delaware, New England, New Jersey, Western New York, and Philadelphia) Bishop Julius McCallister, Presiding Prelate FED of First District office, located at 3801 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104 or call (215) 662-0506 New York Conference (part of the First District) List of local NY churches can be found here Union Contact:	<i>Summary of <u>recommended</u> ordination standards:</i> 1. To become an ordained minister in the AME Church, one must first be a regular and in good standing member of an AME Church for two years. 2. If you feel a calling, you must speak to the pastor of that charge. The pastor determines if you are pursuing the itinerant or local track. 3. After a candidate gives a trial sermon, the church will vote in a church conference if a candidate is to be submitted as a potential licentiate. 4. At the quarterly conference at that church, the Presiding Elder will then issue a preaching license, valid for a year. 5. A candidate will be taken before the District Conference to be voted to be admitted into Annual Conference. It is only after these steps are you allowed to go to the admission's class of the Board of Examiners (BOE). It takes five years to go through the BOE. • To be an itinerant Elder, you must have a Master's degree from an accredited seminary. • To be an itinerant Deacon, after three years of BOE you may be ordained a Deacon if you have a bachelor's degree. • To be a Local Deacon, you must have attended the BOE for three years. • To be a Local Elder, you must complete all five years of the BOE. The African Methodist Episcopal Church has full communion agreements with the following denominations: • The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church • The African Union Methodist Protestant Church • The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church • The Union Methodist Episcopal Church • The United Methodist Church	The process of ministerial ordination is governed by the local congregation and the regional conference. The Board of Examiners (BOE) will determine the specific academic and church service requirements for each individual. *Requirements may vary by region and church/pastor.