

Criteria and Competencies

Competencies for a person requesting a note to preach

A person seeking to respond to God's call by seeking a note to preach takes a brave step of faith. The individual should be given the opportunity to read the Standing Orders pertaining to Local Preachers ([CPD, Section 56](#)). The Local Preachers' Meeting will be trying to see potential whilst noting that there are some minimal expectations:

1. **Vocation (Call and Commitment)**

1. The ability to speak of their Christian experience
2. A sense of call to explore leading worship and preaching

2. **Vocation (Ministry in the MCB)**

1. Be a member of good standing in the Methodist Church

3. **Relationship with God**

1. Someone who loves God and desires to be a faithful disciple
2. A faith that is sustained by visible use of means of grace including:
 - Regular attendance at worship
 - Regularly receiving Holy Communion
 - Faithful in prayer

4. **Personality and Character**

1. A recommendation to the Local Preachers' Meeting by either a local Church Council or by a Presbyter (or Probationer) or a member of the Local Preachers' meeting (SO 564)
2. Compliance with Church's safeguarding requirements
3. Awareness of her/his own strengths and weaknesses and the potential of self-development
4. A commitment to fashion his/her life to promote the glory of the Lord

5. **Being in Relationship with Others**

1. The ability to relate to a variety of people
2. The ability to see God in others
3. A willingness to work with a mentor and tutor and with others involved in leading worship

6. **The Church's Ministry in God's World**

1. Willingness to commit to the mission of God
2. The ability to articulate an understanding of Our Calling

7. **Leadership and Collaboration**

1. A willingness to explore leadership in worship
2. A willingness to share in the journey of faith
3. A willingness to work with others

8. **Learning and Understanding**

1. An expressed desire to grow in understanding of the Christian faith
2. An openness to receive and reflect on the feedback

9. **Communication**

1. Confident mastery of the vernacular language of the communities they feel called to serve