

## What is the District Board of Ministerial Development (DBMD)?

*The Wisconsin DBMD is made up of pastors and laypersons responsible for the examination and recommendation to the district conference of all candidates for ordination, license, commission, ministerial study, and transfer from another denomination.*

*For more information on the DBMD process or to locate specific DBMD forms, see the Education and Clergy Development website: <http://wesleyan.org/813/education-and-clergy-development>*

*For more information on the Wisconsin District see <http://www.wisconsinindistrict.org/>*

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## Vocational Ministry Tracks

### Ordained Minister

- Highest credential given by the Wesleyan Church. Should be seen as a “global” call.
- Authority to preach, administer baptism, serve the sacraments, and perform weddings.
- Called to preach and/or teach; and/or lead; and/or shepherd.

### Commissioned Minister

- Must be over 40 years of age or have health issues or learning disabilities that would prevent completion of the full pre-ordination coursework.
- Privileges are more limited than those of an Ordained Minister.
- Called to preach and/or teach; and/or lead; and/or shepherd.

## Lay Ministry Tracks

### Special Worker

- Lay person called to ministries such as director of Christian education, youth director, children’s worker, etc.
- Can serve at the local church level, or district/general church level.

### Lay Minister

- Lay person licensed by their local church to preach and serve under their local pastor’s direction.

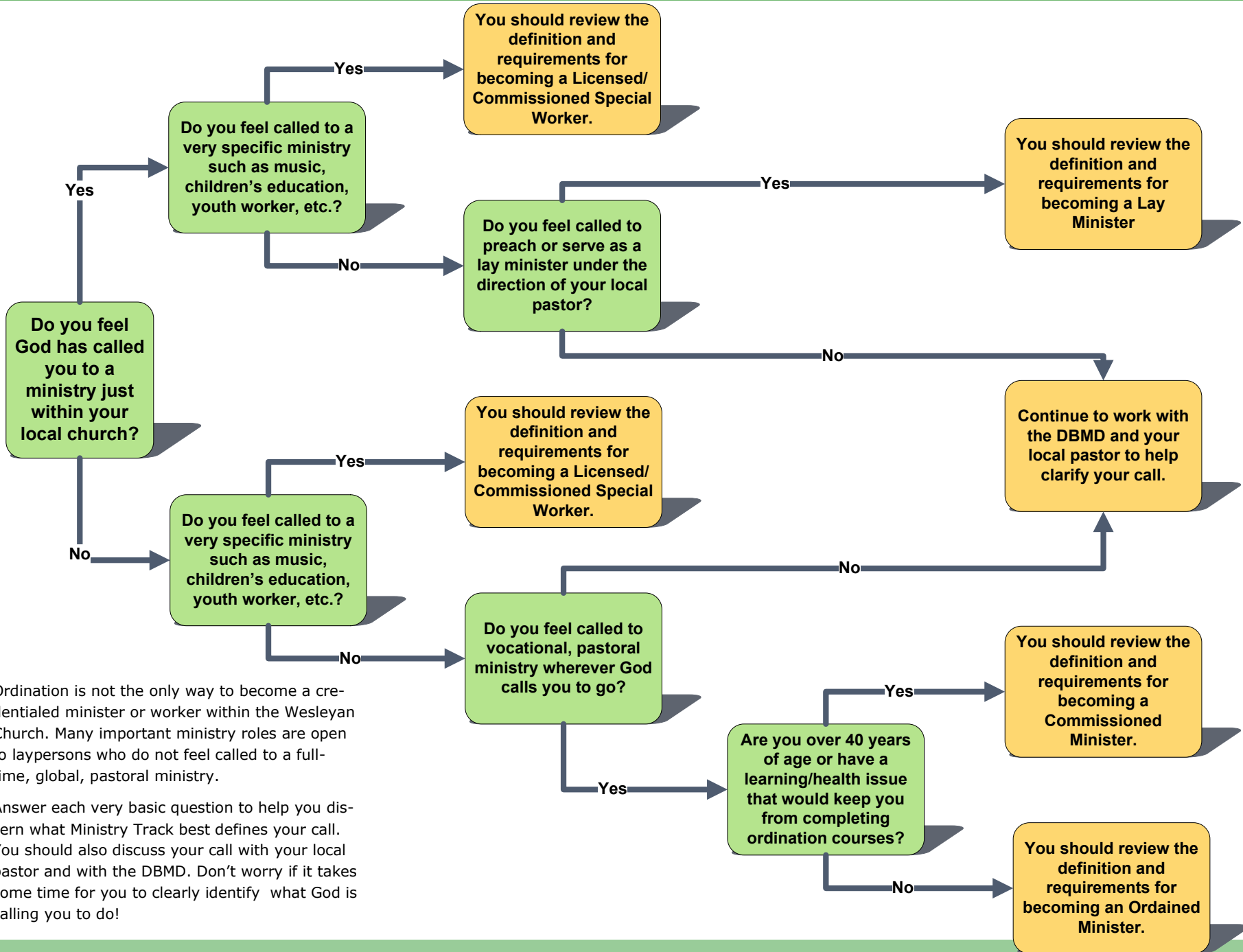
## What Ministry Track is Right for Me?



This brochure summarizes the various Vocational and Lay Ministry “Tracks” available in the Wesleyan Church and presents some basic questions about your call.

Answering these basic questions may help you identify and clarify the specific Ministry Track that best fits your call.

# What Ministry Track is Right for Me?



Ordination is not the only way to become a credentialed minister or worker within the Wesleyan Church. Many important ministry roles are open to laypersons who do not feel called to a full-time, global, pastoral ministry.

Answer each very basic question to help you discern what Ministry Track best defines your call. You should also discuss your call with your local pastor and with the DBMD. Don't worry if it takes some time for you to clearly identify what God is calling you to do!