

1 **Action Request #1**

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3 **2021 OREGON-IDAHO**
4 **ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

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6 **TITLE: Revisions for Conference Rule 10.011**

7 **SPONSORING GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL: Oregon-Idaho Board of Ordained Ministry**

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12 **LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ACTION: Recommend for approval 19-0-0.**

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14 **I/We petition the Oregon-Idaho Annual conference to take the following action:**

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16 Change Conference Rule 10.011 as follows:

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18 The Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference shall require psychological testing and evaluation of all who desire
19 to be certified as candidates for licensed or ordained ministry, local pastors, candidates seeking
20 associate membership, candidates seeking to be ordained as elders or deacons, **and those seeking to**
21 **become Certified Lay Ministers.**

22 The cost of testing for a person applying for certified candidacy shall be shared as follows: ~~\$200~~ **one-**
23 **third** paid by the candidate, ~~\$200~~ **one-third** paid by the recommending charge conference, ~~the balance~~
24 **and one-third** paid by the Board of Ordained Ministry.

25 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

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27 **What will this action accomplish?**

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29 The change in language from "\$200" to "one-third" reflects the current practice of the Board of
30 Ordained Ministry. By eliminating reference to a specific dollar amount, it provides for a more practical
31 means of guiding the Board’s policy for sharing the testing costs.

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33 The addition of "Certified Lay Ministers" reflects the fact that lay persons are currently serving in
34 pastoral leadership in our churches, and need to be certified (including an abbreviated psychological
35 assessment) in order to conform with Disciplinary standards.

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37 **Why is it important?**

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39 This Rule allows the cost of required psychological testing to be shared equitably among the parties
40 involved in credentialing ministerial leaders.

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42 **How will it be carried out? By whom?**

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44 The Conference Rules Committee will update the rule, which can then be practiced consistently across
45 the annual conference.

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47 **How much will it cost? Where will the money come from?**

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There is no cost; the rule change simply reflects the change in practice that has been the reality for several years now.