



Regional Board of Ministerial Development: Assessments for Incoming Licensed Ministers

As part of your preparation for ministry, the Regional Board of Ministerial Development requires all potential Licensed Minister candidates undergo the following assessments before final licensing recommendations are made to the Regional Board of Administration and/or Regional Conference.

- A. Minnesota Multi-Phasic Inventory (MMPI-3): Cost is \$350
- B. The Grip-Birkman Assessment: Cost is \$100

1. The Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory – 3 (MMPI-3):

Administration of MMPI-3 is available over the internet for all students.

The MMPI-3 is administered by the following providers depending upon your state of residence.

When you contact the providers, please identify yourself as a ministerial student with the Great Lakes Region of The Wesleyan Church needing to take the required MMPI-3.

Wisconsin and Illinois residents:

Bettendorf Counseling Center: You may contact the counseling center using one of the two options below:

- Submit an inquiry through their website: www.bettendorfcounselingcenter.com
- Contact the office at 563-223-8437

The \$350 fee must be paid prior to the appointment (either by card over the phone, check via mail, or through the client portal once your appointment is scheduled and your access is active).

Michigan:

Hope & Wholeness Psychology Center, 503 Century Lane, Suite 2, Holland, MI 49423

- Email here to make your appointment: office@hopeandwholenesspsychology.com
- Contact their office at 616-295-8284
- Payment will be taken at the time of scheduling your appointment.

Once you have taken the MMPI-3, the results of the assessment will be filed with the Region by the assessment centers, and you will receive a rebate of \$150. A paid copy of your receipt should be sent to: ADegraaf@theGLR.org.

- Churches recommending their students for Licensed Minister status are encouraged to financially assist their licensed minister candidates.
- You will be required to sign a waiver with our providers that allows them to share the results of the MMPI-3 with the Regional Board of Ministerial Development.

2. Grip Birkman Assessment:

Each Licensed Minister candidate will also need to take The Grip-Birkman Inventory. Our provider for the Grip-Birkman is Pastor Mark Haines.

- Contact him at mark@higherordercoaching.com to start the process.
- This assessment will be conducted online, and the feedback session with Mark will take place during a Zoom meeting.
- The cost of this inventory is \$100. Once you have completed both the assessment and the coaching session, email your report to bash@theglrl.org.

Incoming Licensed Minister candidates must complete their assessments before their licensing interviews take place. Failure to do so will result in a postponement of the licensing interview until the next licensing interview cycle.

The results of these inventories will be released to the Regional Board of Ministerial Development to help further mentor and guide those discerning a called to ministry. These inventories will help you know yourself better and will help the RBMD guide you in your path to ministry. The Grip-Birkman will help you know your own personality and how you work best with others. The MMPI-3 checks for mental illness, depression and other problems that might hinder you from being the best prepared minister of the gospel.

Sincerely,

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