

# Do you think the candidacy process is harder than it has to be?

## Do you give a “hoot” about young clergy?

We invite you to join our “grassroots” effort!

**May I sign now?**

Yes! To sign an on-line statement of support asking General Conference 2008 to simplify and streamline candidacy now, [click here](#). [See Current Survey Results](#)

**May I ask others to sign?**

Yes, please do! To share this site with your church, organizations, and all your United Methodist friends and acquaintances, copy this link <http://www.txcumc.org/candidacystatement>, paste it into an e-mail, and send!

**What’s this all about?**

For details, fine print, and FAQs, [click here](#).

**What else can I do to help?**

- **Pray** for the success of this “grassroots” effort.
- **Contact your delegate** to the Ministry and Higher Education Legislative Committee to ask for his or her support. To view the list of delegates on that committee, [click here](#). To receive encouragement and advice via conference call from Bishop Janice Riggle Huie before you contact a delegate or attend General Conference, send an e-mail to [carol.bruse@txcumc.org](mailto:carol.bruse@txcumc.org). If your delegate supports this legislation, let us know by sending the delegate’s name to [carol.bruse@txcumc.org](mailto:carol.bruse@txcumc.org).
- **Be present with us at General Conference** to silently advocate for change. We’ll be the people in the owl hats—representing “spotted owls”, young candidates and young clergy who are now an “endangered species” in the UMC. We’ll have hard copies of the statement of support, owl hats for young candidates and clergy, and “spotted owl society” stickers for all who support our efforts. We’ll be in Opening Worship on April 23; Morning Worship and Young People’s Address on April 24; and in the gallery at the Ministry and Higher Education Legislative Committee (#12) on April 24 through April 27. To register for travel stipends available to 30 young candidates and clergy from the Texas Annual Conference, e-mail [chassey@txcumc.org](mailto:chassey@txcumc.org).

## “Whooo” will reach a new generation?