

## **2021 REQUEST FOR STANDING WITH THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ) MICHIGAN REGION**

In keeping with The Design of the Christian Church, Regions are responsible for reviewing and certifying the Standing of all ordained and commissioned Disciples clergy each year. When the Region acknowledges your Standing, your name is listed in the official Year Book and Directory of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for the ensuing year. It is important to know that the Year Book is the primary document the IRS uses to verify ministerial standing.

### **Section A to be filled out by all clergy:**

**Name:** (Last, First, Middle)

**Current Address:**

Home:

Work:

**Telephone:**

Home

Cell:

Work:

Fax:

**Preferred Email:**

**Ministerial Status:**

1. Ordination by Disciples of Christ:

Region:

Date:

Location:

2. Ordained by another denomination (Specify denomination):

Ordination recognized and Standing certified by (Regional or General Commission on Ministry):

Date:

3. Commissioned by:

Region:

Ministry location:

Expiration

Date:

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**Section B to be filled out by all active clergy.**

**Type of Ministry in which engaged**

Full-time

Part-time

Title or position

Employer

**Disciples History and Polity**

Date

Location

If you are not serving in an active ministry at the present time, please explain.

Certification for ministry includes participation in “programs of study, growth, and renewal” (Theological Foundations and Policies and Criteria for the Ordering of Ministry—F.2.b.ii.) **Indicate programs in which you have participated in the past 12 months.**

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The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) seeks to be a pro-reconciling anti-racist church. To that end we seek to maintain an understanding of the diversity of the servants who are leading the church in various ministries. **Please check the ethnicity code(s) that are appropriate for you.**

\_\_\_\_\_ African American \_\_\_\_\_ Asian \_\_\_\_\_ European Descent

\_\_\_\_\_ Haitian \_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Eastern

\_\_\_\_\_ Native American/First Nations \_\_\_\_\_ Pacific Islander \_\_\_\_\_ Other

**Anti-racism training:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I have received anti-racism/diversity training.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

From Whom? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ No, I have not received anti-racism/diversity training.

Are you a member of the Pension Fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) ?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Healthy Boundary/Sexual Ethics training (renewal required at least every 5 years)**

I have completed Healthy Boundary training in the last five years.

Date completed \_\_\_\_\_

Authorizing entity (Region, General Ministry, Hospital, Military, etc.)

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From Whom?

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And/or I have completed training to prevent sexual harassment.

Date completed \_\_\_\_\_

Authorizing entity (Region, General Ministry, Hospital, Military, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ No, I have not taken Health Boundary/Sexual Ethics Training within the past 5 years.

**Describe particular challenges and/or joys in your ministry**

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**Describe ways in which you have taken time for:**

1. Spiritual renewal

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2. Physical fitness and healthy activities

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3. Recreation and vacation

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Identify ways you stay connected with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ):

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In what ways can the Christian Church Michigan Region Commission on Ministry support your ministry?

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*(If you would like to share more information, please include an additional page.)*

**Participation in the Wider Church (*Check those that apply in the last year*)**

\_\_\_\_\_ General Assembly \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Clergy Retreat \_\_\_\_\_ Ecumenical Participation  
\_\_\_\_\_ Regional Assembly

\_\_\_\_\_ Lectures \_\_\_\_\_ Women's/Men's Retreat \_\_\_\_\_ District Assembly \_\_\_\_\_ Camps

\_\_\_\_\_ Regional Church Board meet- ings

\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Standing for Ordained ministers in active service continues so long as the minister does and reports the following: ...Maintains relations with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Michigan Region including participating membership in a recognized congregation in the community of residence or active ministry where feasible.

(Theological Foundations and Policies and Criteria for the Ordering of Ministry F.2.b.iii.)

**I am a member of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Congregation Location:** \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever resigned employment, been asked to resign from official action, had your ministerial or secular employment terminated whether paid or volunteer, or had legal or ecclesiastical action taken against you in whole or in part on allegations of any of the following:

Sexual Harassment	Sexual Misconduct	Physical Abuse	Child Abuse
___ Yes ___ No	___ Yes ___ No	___ Yes ___ No	___ Yes ___ No
Financial Misconduct	Alcohol or substance abuse	Violation of the Ministerial	
___ Yes ___ No	___ Yes ___ No	___ Yes ___ No	

If YES to any of the above, please explain on a separate sheet of paper.

All parties (minister, endorser, Regional Ministry) shall notify the Regional Commission on Ministry of any circumstances or situations that may result in a challenge to a person's Standing.

By submitting this form, I express my desire to continue my Standing. The submission also indicates that I have reviewed and will adhere to the Ministerial Code of Ethics, Theological Foundations and Policies and Criteria for the Order of Ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please make a copy of the completed form for your records.

*In an effort of continuity this form has been adapted from the Standing form required by the General Commission on Ministry of the General Office of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).*

*Ministerial Code of Ethics may be found at [https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/Ministerial\\_Code\\_of\\_Ethics\\_Document\\_2011.pdf](https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/Ministerial_Code_of_Ethics_Document_2011.pdf).*

*Theological Foundations and Policies and Criteria for the Ordering of Ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) may be found at <http://disciples.org/Portals/0/PDF/TFPCOM/TFPCOM-Final.pdf>.*

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