

APPLICATION FOR MINISTERIAL STANDING IN THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Association / Conference _____

Applicant's Contact Information

Please type or print clearly:

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home phone, if different from cell: _____

E-mail: _____

2nd Email _____

Applying for (check one):

- Privilege of Call (*allows access to UCC Ministerial Profile and search and call systems; upon receiving a call in the UCC minister is granted permanent Ordained Ministerial Standing in the UCC and, except for ministers from The Fellowship of Affirming Ministries, must relinquish standing in originating denomination*)
- Dual Standing (*Temporary Standing in the UCC while serving a UCC setting; no access to UCC Profile or Search and Call; no relinquishing of standing in originating denomination*)
- Ordained Ministerial Partner Standing (*Temporary Standing for ministers from Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) OR The United Church of Canada; in the UCC while serving a UCC setting; once granted the status Seeking Ordained Ministerial Standing, can circulate UCC Profile and enter UCC Search and Call System.*)

Church Affiliation

Are you currently a member of the United Church of Christ? Yes No

If so, how long have you been a member of the UCC? _____

Local Church Status: _____

(*Pastor, Associate Pastor, etc. Or Member Of Church*) (Starting Date)

Name of Church: _____

Location of Church: _____

Church Email: _____

If you are a member, list the ways you are involved: _____

Ecclesiastical History

Have you ever applied for UCC status or standing with this or any other UCC Association?

Yes No

If yes, which Association? _____
(Association) (Conference)

When? _____ Outcome? _____
(date)

Do/did you hold ecclesiastical status with any other body, previously or currently? Yes No

Name of Denomination/Entity _____

Type of Authorization _____

Authorization Start Date _____ End Date _____

Denomination/Entity holding certification of current ministerial authorization:

Office Name _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Comments:

Please provide any additional relevant information regarding other ecclesiastical bodies

Education and Training

	Name, Location	Dates Attended	Major/Minor or Areas of Study	Graduation or Completion
High School				
College				
Vocational or Technical School				
Graduate School (other than seminary)				
Seminary or Theological School				
Regional Theological Education Program				
Continuing Education				
UCC History, Theology Polity				

Required Materials

- Demonstrated knowledge of United Church of Christ History, Theology, and Polity;
- Current criminal background check;
- Letter of good standing from originating denomination (*some circumstances may prevent the minister from providing this; if no good standing, verify reasons and consider whether those reasons disqualify minister from serving in a UCC setting*)
- Three letters of reference.

Supplemental Materials:

The Committee on Ministry may request any of these supplemental items (or others of their own choosing) be included in this application packet:

- Faith Journey;
- Statement of understanding of call into the United Church of Christ;
- Psychological assessment
- Ministry Essays including engagement with the Marks on Faithful and Effective Ministers;
- A Resume;
- Transcripts;
- Copies of Ordination or Ecclesiastical Certificates.

Self-Disclosure

Ministers applying for standing in the United Church of Christ must make a conscientious assertion about their ethical performance and are given space for relevant commentary.

Do you have a current UCC profile? *(Required)* Yes No

If you have created a UCC profile, in your response to the "Vocational History" question in the profile, did you omit any ecclesiastical employment? *(Required)* Yes No

Have you ever been the subject of a fitness review in any entity affiliated with or setting of the United Church of Christ that resulted in:

Censure *(Required)* Yes No

Suspension *(Required)* Yes No

Termination of Ministerial Standing *(Required)* Yes No

Are you currently engaged in a program of growth as the result of a fitness review in the United Church of Christ? *(Required)* Yes No

Are there any fitness reviews pending against you at this time by any setting or entity of or affiliated with the United Church of Christ? *(Required)* Yes No

Have you ever been the subject of an official disciplinary proceeding by another denomination, professional association, credentialing body, guild or employer that resulted in disciplinary action? *(Required)* Yes No

Are there any official disciplinary proceedings pending against you at this time by another denomination, professional association, credentialing body, guild or employer? *(Required)* Yes No

Have you ever been the subject of a civil law suit alleging that you attempted or actually engaged in sexual discrimination, harassment, exploitation, or misconduct; physical abuse; child abuse; or financial misconduct; which has ever resulted in a judgment being entered against you, settled out of court, or dismissed because the statute of limitations had expired? *(Required)* Yes No

Have you had your driving license suspended or revoked within the last 5 years? *(Required)* Yes No

Have you ever been found guilty of, pled guilty to, or pled no contest to criminal charges? (Exclude convictions that have been sealed, expunged or legally eradicated; any misdemeanor conviction for which probation was successfully completed; offenses about which inquiry is not permissible in the state in which you are seeking a position; acts of civil disobedience. With respect to driving record, only include matters of reckless driving, driving while intoxicated and/or driving under the influence of a controlled substance.)

(Required) Yes No

Has your employment, a volunteer position, or professional credentials, ever been terminated or revoked, or have you been asked not to return to employment or a volunteer position in the future because you attempted or actually engaged in:

Sexual discrimination, harassment, exploitation or misconduct
(Required) Yes No

Physical abuse *(Required)* Yes No

Child abuse *(Required)* Yes No

Financial misconduct *(Required)* Yes No

Have you ever terminated your employment, a volunteer position, or professional credentials in order to avoid facing or to avoid being terminated because of charges of actual or attempted:

Sexual discrimination, harassment, exploitation or misconduct
(Required) Yes No

Physical abuse *(Required)* Yes No

Child abuse *(Required)* Yes No

Financial misconduct *(Required)* Yes No

Are there any facts or circumstances involving you or your background that should be disclosed and/or further reviewed before you are entrusted with the responsibilities of ministry on behalf of a calling body of the United Church of Christ? *(Required)*

Yes No

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, please provide detailed explanation for all such affirmative answers. In addition to providing other relevant material, be sure to include dates and

information for related official decisions, actions, reviews, etc. (by you and/or other parties) that affected your employment and/or ministerial standing and/or professional credentials. *(Required)*

Statement of Consent

The United Church of Christ Constitution recognizes that God calls the whole church and every member to participate in and extend the ministry of Jesus Christ [paragraph 17]. God also calls certain of the church's members to various forms of ministry in and on behalf of the church [paragraph 18].

Persons seeking Privilege of Call, Dual Standing or Ordained Ministerial Partner Standing with a UCC conference or association bring unique gifts, skills, and experiences. The integrity of this discernment process in the United Church of Christ depends upon supportive cooperation and considerate and appropriate sharing of information among UCC national offices, UCC conference and/or association personnel, search committees, local churches (UCC and otherwise), other ministry settings, the individual seeking standing's current denomination, educational institutions and those persons seeking Privilege of Call, Dual Standing or Ordained Ministerial Partner Standing.

We are called to speak the truth in love. Our primary goal is, in all circumstances, to build up the body of Christ. Relationships between church bodies and persons seeking Privilege of Call, Dual Standing or Ordained Ministerial Partner Standing require honesty, integrity, and truthfulness for the health of the church. In that spirit:

I attest that the information shared with the Committee on Ministry is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any misrepresentation or omission may be grounds for rejection of consideration for, or termination of, the ministerial authorization process or ministerial authorization itself after that authorization is approved.

An open exchange of relevant information builds the foundation for continuing and healthy relationships between calling bodies and persons seeking a ministry position. In that spirit:

I authorize any member of the Committee on Ministry or the appropriate staff person of the conference to make inquiries regarding all statements contained in the information provided to the Committee on Ministry. I also authorize all persons, entities, former employers, committees on the ministry and their agents, current denominational representatives, courts, and law enforcement, educational institutions and other public agencies to respond to inquiries concerning me, and to supply verification of the information provided to any member of the Conference Committee on Ministry or the appropriate staff person of the conference. I understand that such persons may comment on and state their opinions regarding my background and character to any member of the Committee on Ministry or the appropriate staff person of the conference. To encourage such persons to speak openly and responsibly, I hereby release them from all liability arising from their responses and comments made in good faith and without malice.

Signature

Date