

**SHORT FORM – FOR RETIRED MINISTERS ONLY**

**2007 Request for Continuation of Ministerial Standing  
in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Order of Ministry**

**Due Date in the CCIW Regional Office is no later than February 9, 2007**

In keeping with *The Policies and Criteria for the Order of Ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)*, the CCIW Region's Ministry Committee is responsible for both the certification of standing of ministers within its regional boundaries who are either retired or currently engaged in the practice of ministry and for a periodic review of that standing within those policies and criteria. [V.A.&B.]\* Relative to retired ministers, it reads:

*V.B.6. Ministers with standing at the time of retirement retain this standing except when the minister no longer meets the personal qualifications for admission to the Order of Ministry. (See Section I.C.1.) Upon retirement standing is certified annually by the region in which the minister holds participating membership in a recognized congregation in the community, when feasible.*

**By completing and returning this form prior to the above deadline**, you enable the CCIW Ministry Committee to certify and continue your standing. As a minister with standing, your name will then be listed in the Ministers Directory of the upcoming *Yearbook and Directory of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)*. Further, as a minister with standing, you then have voting privileges in General and Regional Assemblies; may call upon church offices and agencies for such support and services as search and call, ecclesiastical endorsement, and scholarship aid; and meet IRS requirements for housing allowance provisions. Your Ministerial Standing is something you want to protect and maintain as current. Reinstatement of lapsed or terminated standing can be a frustrating and lengthy process. **NOTE:** This is an annual process; thus, any two sequential years of non-completion of this form means automatic lapse of standing.

**Give this form your immediate and priority attention, and please print legibly!**

Full Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_ (Maiden Name) \_\_\_\_\_

First Name Salutation I prefer \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_

I am an  Ordained Minister  Licensed Minister. I retired (MM/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_

My Last Place of Ministry Service was \_\_\_\_\_  
(Congregation/Agency and Location)

**Section One. Basic Information**

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code + 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

If applicable, Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_  Living  Deceased

Wedding Date (MM/DD/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_ Children Names (Age) \_\_\_\_\_

The Congregation where I currently hold by Participating Membership is:

Church \_\_\_\_\_ Community \_\_\_\_\_

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**Section Two. Criteria for Maintenance of Standing**

*Continues to meet the personal qualifications for admission to the Order of Ministry (I.C.1)\* which include:*

- *Faith in Christ Jesus and commitment to a life of Christian discipleship*
- *Definite and informed decision, in response to God, to serve in the Order of Ministry*
- *Personal fitness sufficient to the demands of the office, including mental and physical capacities, emotional stability and maturity, and standards of morality*

In 2006, were there any significant positive or negative changes in your personal faith commitment, your sense of call to ministry, or your personal fitness for ministry?

No                       Yes. *[If yes, please detail the issues/concerns below in Section Three.]*

**Section Three. Explanations of Criteria Non-Compliance and/or General Comments:**

*Feel free to use this space (and additional pages if needed) to explain any of your answers above or to pass along any information or updates about yourself you'd like to share with the Regional staff.*

*Additional Pages Attached?    Yes    No*

**Section Four. Some Questions**

Do you currently receive from CCIW *the Christian* newsletter?    Yes    No, but I want to    No thanks.

In your retirement, are you interested in and/or willing to serve as a:

Short-Term Pulpit Supply Preacher (one to three Sundays)?       Yes    No    Maybe, let's talk.

Longer-Term Interim Minister (several months to a year)?       Yes    No    Maybe, let's talk.

Besides the Bible, what book have you read recently and are recommending to friends and colleagues?

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Author \_\_\_\_\_

**Section Five. Declarations and Required Signature**

I wish [  to continue    not to continue ] my ministerial standing in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Order of Ministry.

By signing below, I certify that the information provided above is truthful and accurate. Further, I also affirm it is my responsibility to read, understand, and adhere to the codes and policies\* outlined in the Ministerial Code of Ethics, the Policies and Criteria for the CC/DoC Order of Ministry, and the CCIW Clergy Ethics Policy and Procedures.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*~ We suggest you make a photocopy of this form for your personal records ~*

\* Full texts of all codes, policies, and criteria available via links at < [www.cciwdisciples.org](http://www.cciwdisciples.org) > under "Education" button

<b>FOR OFFICE/COMMITTEE USE ONLY:</b>		<b>Readers:</b> _____	
<b>Date Received:</b> _____	<b>Standing:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>APPROVED</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>PENDING</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DENIED</b>
<b>Issues to Resolve:</b>			