

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Illinois and Wisconsin
1011 North Main Street, Bloomington, IL 61701-1753

**2008 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, 2008

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 the certification of standing of ministers currently engaged in the practice of ministry within its regional boundaries and for a periodic review of that standing within those policies and criteria. [V.A. & B.]*

By completing and returning this form prior to the above deadline, you enable the CCIW Ministry Committee to affirm your ministry and certify 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 assistance, 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) _____

If applicable, Spouse's Name: _____ Wedding Date (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

Children Names (Age) _____

To help assure accuracy of database records, our preference would be for you to take a few moments and complete Section One. But, if you are sure nothing has changed, feel free to check the box and move onto Section Two.

Section One. Basic Information

A. Home Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code +4 _____

B. Location of Ministry Service _____
(Name of Church, Institution, or Agency)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code +4: _____

C. Your Contact Information:

Office Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ FAX Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Web Site: _____

Preferred Address to Receive CCIW Mgs (check one): Office Home Electronic

Preferred Number for Receiving CCIW Phone Calls (check one): Office Home Cellular
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Section Two. Order of Ministry (Complete regardless of changes or no changes since last year)

OFFICE (check as applicable): Ordained Licensed Student Under Care UCC OMP

If Ordained: Date: _____ By Which Region: _____

Sponsoring Congregation (Name and Location) _____

If Licensed: Date of Initial License: _____ Current Status: Annual Extended

If Student: Year: First Middler Senior Intended Degree: _____

School Attending and Location: _____

ACADEMIC TRAINING:

Degrees Earned: (applicable): BA/BS BD MDiv. MA DMin PhD Other(s): _____

If applicable, Seminary which granted the Master of Divinity degree: _____

Professional Accreditations Earned: _____

(For example, AAPC Fellow or IMN Transitional Specialist)

CURRENT MINISTRY EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Full-Time Ministry Part-Time Ministry

Retired (Date _____) On Disability (Date _____) Out of Ministry (Date _____)

CURRENT MINISTRY POSITION: Title _____

Ministry Site _____ City, State _____

Date You Began Employment Here (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

OTHER EMPLOYMENT? None Yes, and it is: Full-Time Part-Time

Employer _____ Position Held _____

Address _____

Work Phone _____ Can we call you there? Yes No Emergency only

Section Three. Criteria for Continuation of Standing [V.B.3.]* (Complete fully A,B,C,D)

A .Performs faithfully the duties of a minister as authorized by ordination or licensing, either in an occupation recognized by the church as ministerial in purpose or in service recognized by the church as ministerial in purpose. A person will not be continued in standing who is neither employed by, nor actively seeking employment in, nor accountable to a congregation, organization, related institution, or regional or general unit of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Currently employed by _____ which is a congregation, organization, related institution, or a regional/general unit of the CC/DoC

Currently employed by _____ as an Ordained Ministerial Partner in the United Church of Christ [UCC OMP]

Currently employed by _____ in a position I would seek to have recognized as “ministerial in purpose.” Describe your responsibilities:

Page Three – Continuation of Standing Form Your Name: _____

B. Participates in programs of study, research, growth, and renewal (Check and/or list all applicable in 2007)

CCIW Region Sponsored Education Events: Disaster Relief and mission Trip Training Workshop

Clergy Ethics Seminars: I. "Healthy Boundaries" 2005 2006 2007

Pastor's Academy Licensed Ministers and Mentors Workshop CC/DoC History & Polity Course

Leader Equipping Workshop on "Spiritual Gifts" Clergy Women's Retreat Women's Writing Retreat

Active Participant in CCIW Congregational Leader Initiatives and Programming:

Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Training Innovative & Effective Congregations

Renewal, Revitalization, & Redevelopment: __ Area Lazarus Group __ Cong. Transformation Event

"Healthy Congregation" Facilitator Reunion HCF Training Interim Ministers Network

Enrolled in an Academic Degree or Professional Certification program Seeking _____

Granting Institution/Location _____

Other Continuing Education Seminars/Courses Completed in 2006: (*List dates, focus, location*)

Had a Sabbatical Leave in 2007. Focus: _____

Besides the Bible, in 2007, the most helpful book I read for my ministry and am recommending to others:

Title _____ Author _____

C. Maintains relations with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), including participating membership in a recognized congregation in the community, where feasible.

The Congregation where I hold a Participating Membership is:

Church _____ Community _____

[If not a CC/DoC congregation, please explain in Section Four below]

Denominational Relationships I had in 2007 include:

ATTENDED: 2007 General Assembly in Forth Worth, TX 2006 Regional Assembly in Lisle, IL

CCIW Women's Gathering So. Illinois Women's Retreat

An Ethnic Constituency Gathering/Event _____

AREAS of SERVICE AND BOARD/COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS:

CC/DoC General Ministry or Higher Ed Ministry Board of Directors: _____

CCIW Regional Board and/or Committee/Ministry Team (s): _____

Served on the staff of a CCIW Summer Camp or CCIW Youth Mission Trip

Mentor for a CCIW Licensed Minister (LM's Name: _____)

Active member of my Area/Cluster Chapter in the Communion of CCIW Clergy on CCCC Senate

Participant in other CCIW Area/Cluster activities: _____

Other Church Relationships, including Ecumenical: _____

D. 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 2007, 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 Four.)

Section Four. 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; share any thing you wish with the Ministry Committee and Regional staff of the joys, frustrations, goals, and concerns in your ministry; to let us know ways in which we could be more helpful to you personally and professionally; or to express willingness/interest in regional ministry places to serve.

Additional Pages Attached? Yes No

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 > under "Ministry" button

FOR OFFICE/COMMITTEE USE ONLY: Readers: _____

Date Received: _____ Standing: APPROVED PENDING DENIED

Issues to Resolve: