

SHORT FORM - FOR RETIRED MINISTERS ONLY



**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 Polices 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.]* 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 1.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 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): _____

I am Ordained Minister. Licensed Minister. I retired (MM/YYYY): _____

My Last Place of Ministry Service was: _____
(Congregation/Agency and Location)

Section One. Basic Information

A. Home Address: _____

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

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email 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: _____

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 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 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 books 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 > under "Education" button

FOR OFFICE/COMMITTEE USE ONLY: Readers: _____

Date Received: _____ Standing: APPROVED PENDING DENIED

Issues to Resolve: