

DUAL STANDING CHECKLIST & INTERVIEW PROCESS

Name: _____ Date: _____

Current Ministerial Ordaining Body: _____

There are occasions when an ordained minister of another denomination is called to serve for a season in a ministry setting of the United Church of Christ. Ordained ministers of another denomination who receive a call to serve in a UCC ministry setting can apply for Dual Standing to the Committee on Ministry where the ministry setting is located. Dual Standing is a temporary standing in the United Church of Christ, valid only for the duration of the call. The application to the Committee on Ministry should include:

- a current criminal background check Must be within the last 18 months.
- a letter of good standing from the original denomination. Must include any disciplinary history with resolution.
- a demonstrated knowledge of United Church of Christ history, polity, & theology;
- a demonstrated capacity to function in and appreciate the polity of the United Church of Christ..
- Three letters of reference.
- Letter from your local UCC congregation verifying Membership.
- 3- or 4-way covenant

Initial intake interview scheduled for: _____

Support people in attendance: _____

Action: _____

A minister with Dual Standing is responsible for any requirements of maintaining standing in the United Church of Christ as established by the Committee on Ministry for its ministers (such as boundary awareness training, anti-racism training, and attendance at Association and Conference annual meetings). Not maintaining the requirements for standing may result in the removal of Dual Standing. Requirements are:

1. Attending Annual Meeting,
2. Boundary Training every three years and
3. Submission of the yearly Annual Information Review.

Non-fulfillment of these requirements may result in removal of Dual Standing. The Committee on Ministry will increase requirements as Continuing Educations needs are decided. Diversity, Inclusion and Equity will start being required in 2023.

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The Fellowship of Affirming Ministries (TFAM) ministers will follow the Dual Standing protocol or the Ordained Ministerial Standing path. The Committee on Ministry will approve Dual Standing, Privilege of Call or Member in Discernment status from the Manual on Ministry p.42