

PNCUCC Conference Minister Timeline

June 2022 - Present

1. The Rev. Mike Denton resigned **June, 2022 and ended his tenure at the end of September.**
2. The Board met with Lee Albertson, Conference Minister Search Coordinator for the National UCC. **July 19, 2022**
3. The Rev. Courtney Stange-Tregear was hired by the Board to be the interim/transitional/ acting Conference Minister. (All three titles were used in the minutes during her tenure) **August 11, 2022**
4. The Rev. Jonna Jenson joined our staff as a part-time Search Coordinator.
5. The Board hired the Rev. Cheryl Lindsay, a member of the national UCC staff, as a process consultant to help the Board and “to serve as an outside voice to help us facilitate our discussion around next steps”.
6. The Rev. Courtney Stange-Tregear ,ACM, resigned **April 4, 2023**
7. The Rev. Jonna Jenson became the Acting Conference Minister.
8. On **May 2, 2023**, the Board asked the Personnel Committee to prepare a job description for an Intentional Interim.
9. A Search Committee began to form under the leadership of the Moderator, the vice Moderator. A group of Conference leaders were considered for membership.
10. Lee Albertson, the national UCC CM Search Coordinator, met with the Board to review the procedure for seeking an intentional interim CM. He will help us train a Search Committee for this position. **June 13, 2023**
11. A small, diverse search committee under the leadership of the Moderator and Vice-Moderator was approved by the Board. **June 21, 2023**
12. The search committee identified three candidates. Two were interviewed and the candidate selected withdrew their name. **August 29, 2023**
13. Three additional candidates were identified by the committee. **October 3, 2023**
14. With the goal of hiring an Intentional Interim Conference Minister by December 1, 2023, the Committee scheduled interviews with two candidates. **November 7, 2023**
15. At a special meeting of the Board: **December 5, 2023**, the Search Committee presented the name and qualifications of a candidate. It was (moved, seconded, passed) to affirm the work of the Search Committee and to enter negotiations with the candidate.
16. Shortly after this meeting, the Candidate withdrew from consideration.
17. The newly appointed National UCC Conference Minister Search Coordinator met with our Moderator and suggested that an experienced Conference Minister who had resigned his previous position might be available to become our Acting Conference Minister to take the place of the Rev. Jonna Jenson who needed to leave us. **January 25, 2024**
18. A Special Meeting of the Board was held on **January 28, 2024** with the Rev. Hodson and after lengthy discussion we invited him to become our Acting Conference Minister.
19. The Board met with the Rev. Diane Weible, CM Search Coordinator for the UCC and reviewed all possibilities. **April 2, 2024**
20. After extensive discussion and consideration, the Board voted to recommend to the Conference Annual meeting that ACM Hodson, become our Designated Conference Minister. **April 9, 2024** We recommended extending his contract an additional two years, beyond the initial agreement of 6 months.

21. At a special meeting of the Pacific Northwest Conference, The Rev. Phil Hodson was elected our Designated Conference Minister. (129-6, with one abstention) **June 18, 2024**
22. For the past several months, the Personnel Committee sought input from Conference members, and the Board has reviewed that input and held many meetings. At a retreat, October 2025, we delayed a decision until we had more of the Board present. We met again in November and still needed more time to consider diverse opinions and then again in early December. **May-December, 2025**
23. After extensive deliberations, the Board had a split vote on whether to recommend to the Annual Meeting of the Conference that the Rev. Phil Hodson be elected as our conference minister. **December 2, 2025.** Phil withdrew his name from consideration. **December 3, 2025.** He will continue with us until **June 30, 2026.**
24. At present the Moderator will enter a conversation with the national UCC Conference Minister Search Coordinator, the Rev. Diane Weible, about next steps. **December, 2025**