Application for Candidacy to Become or Be Recognized as an Ordained Minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Thank you for your interest in ordination or recognition of your ordination in another denomination. You are taking an important step in discerning in a very detailed way the depth, breadth, and drivers of your unique calling within the Body of Christ.

For Disciples of Christ, ordination (and recognition of ordination) declares to the Church universal that you are well prepared and capable of serving and leading anywhere and in any expression of the Church that matches your combination of gifts, skills, work styles, etc. It is also an affirmation of your character and spiritual formation. We take this very seriously for your sake and for the sake of the Church.

Standing (which something different) declares that the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is in covenant relationship with you as a colleague—with all the support and healthy accountability that entails. Standing is renewable from year to year and is a privilege rather than a right. All of us in ministry earn that privilege by adhering to our Ministerial Code of Ethics, continuing our education, supporting the work of the larger Church and other activities which advance the cause of Christ.

While the processes for candidacy and recognition are different but they start out the same way, by collecting some basic information and educating you about the process.

NOTE: Before you begin filling out the Application Form:

- Read all the way through the document and gather whatever information you need first
- Fill in the blanks. If you do not already have a digital signature simply "sign" in CAPITAL LETTERS
- Print (choose "Save as PDF" option), Save, and send to: office@kcdisciples.org

Let’s get started!

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