

2017 MINISTERIAL STANDING CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) IN ARIZONA

Explanation: In keeping with **The Design** of the Christian Church, Regions are responsible for reviewing and certifying the Standing of all ordained and commissioned Disciples clergy each year. When your Standing is acknowledged by the Region, your name is listed in the official *Year Book & Directory* of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for the ensuing year. Ministers with Standing may call upon the Christian Church for services, support, references, relocation assistance, denominational endorsement, and scholarship aid.

**COMPLETION OF THIS FORM IS REQUIRED FOR STANDING
RETURN BY JANUARY 31, 2017**

Print legal name _____ Date form completed _____

Signature _____ Year I began in Region _____

Ethnic Code (X whichever applies)

AA – African American
 As – Asian
 E – European
 Ha - Haitian
 Hi - Hispanic
 M – Middle Eastern
 N – Native American/First Nations
 O – Other
 P – Pacific Islander

	YES	NO
Do you wish to continue your ministerial Standing with the Region?		

From the Policies and Criteria for the Ordering of Ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Standing for ministers in active service continues so long as the minister does and reports the following:

- Performs faithfully the duties of a minister as authorized by Commissioning or Ordination, either in an occupation recognized by the church as ministerial in purpose or in a service recognized by the church as ministerial in purpose.
- Participates regularly in programs of study, growth, and renewal.
- Maintain relations with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) including participating membership in a recognized congregation in the community of residence or active ministry where feasible.
- Adheres to the Ministerial Code of Ethics of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).
- Continues to meet the personal qualifications for admission to the Order of Ministry.
- Seeks annual standing as requested by the Region where the ministry site is located

The Arizona Commission specifies these requirements for standing:

- Must have attended Commission approved Clergy Ethics & Healthy Boundary Training within past 4 years.
- Clergy new to this Region, including newly ordained and commissioned, will be required to complete seminar within first 12 months of their ministry in Arizona.
- Minimum 10 hours continuing education per year. Can include regional events such as assembly, workshops, pastor rep gatherings, as well as formal Continuing Education seminars or coursework.

I participated in the following Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) events this past year (X all that apply)

Regional Gatherings
 General Assembly
 Pastor Rep Gatherings
 Clergy Retreat
 Ecumenical/Interfaith Gatherings
 Other: _____

Offices accepted and/or responsibilities performed during the past year:

Local _____

Regional _____

General _____

Ecumenical/Interfaith/Community _____

Please list minimum of Ten hours of "continuing education"

Name of Event	# of contact hours	How event enhanced my ministry	I'd recommend it to colleagues

Healthy Boundary Training is required once every four years, or within 12 months of receiving Arizona standing. (In most cases your approved HBT from your previous Region is acceptable)

Most recent training was completed _____

I am (please X all that apply):

Commissioned Ordained Full-time Part-time
 Interim Retired Supply Currently on disability
 Out of ministry

DATE AND PLACE OF ORDINATION OR COMMISSIONING (MM/DD/YY) _____

My present ministerial position _____ Began _____ / _____
Title Mo Yr

Other ministry or secular employment (if any) _____

If you are not serving in active ministry at present, please explain _____

My Disciples church membership is with _____
Name of congregation, town/city

My participation includes: Regular worship attendance Leadership (please list) Other (please explain)

PREFERRED MAILING ADDRESS: Ministry Home

Ministry address _____ Home Address _____

City _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ State _____ Zip _____

Ministry phone _____ Cell phone _____

Ministry e-mail _____ Personal e-mail _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

COMMUNICATION PREFERENCE: E-Mail USPS Mail
 We will do our best to communicate via your indicated preference. Some communication will come only via USPS Mail or E-Mail regardless of preference.

ALL COMMISSIONED CLERGY:
 Commissioned Ministers – please have your ministry supervisor send a letter of evaluation / recommendation on your behalf prior to January 31st. You will be notified of your next Commission on Ministry Interview.

ALL CLERGY
 The Arizona Commission on Ministry is charged with both Ordination and Commissioning of ministers, as well as the on-going standing of clergy. In that work, we wish to find ways that we might be helpful to all Arizona Clergy. Please respond to this brief survey:

What could the Commission on Ministry **consider** that might better meet the needs of Arizona Clergy?

What would you like to see the Commission on Ministry **continue to do** that serves the needs of Arizona Clergy?

Check here if you would like to meet with the Commission on Ministry _____

RETURN NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31, 2017
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