2021 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, 2021

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

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

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 the past 4 years.
• Clergy new to this Region, including newly ordained and commissioned, will be required to complete Clergy Ethics & Healthy Boundary Training within the first 12 months of their ministry in Arizona.
• Minimum of 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 _____ / _____

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. Your standing and commissioned status will expire as of January 31 if we have not received the evaluation/recommendation before January 31. 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 ongoing 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?

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

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

If you would like to indicate why you would like to meet with the commission, please do so below.

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RETURN NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31, 2021
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