

## 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

	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 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

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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**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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 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?

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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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