

2024 Request for Ministerial Standing

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Arizona

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 Yearbook & 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.

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 completed an 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.
- Must have completed a minimum of 10 hours continuing education per year, **2 of which must be in the area of anti-racism/cross-cultural education.**
- All clergy must have completed a Level 1 Anti-Racism training from a Disciples institution since 2018.**

ALL COMMISSIONED CLERGY:

as a requirement to continue your standing, your ministry supervisor **must** send a letter of evaluation/recommendation on your behalf to the Regional Office prior to January 15. If you do not have a ministry supervisor, please have your board send a letter of evaluation/recommendation instead. Your standing and commissioned status will expire as of January 31 if we have not received the evaluation/recommendation before January 15.

Print Full Legal Name _____ Date form completed _____

Signature _____

Do you wish to continue your ministerial Standing with the Region Yes No

Have you reviewed the Ministerial Code of Ethics and commit to those ethical standards? Yes No

A copy of the Ministerial Code of Ethics can be viewed at azdisciples.org/resources-for-clergy/#policies-and-ethics

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I am (please X all that apply):

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

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

Contact Information

Ministry

Personal

Email address _____

Phone Number _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Emergency Contact _____ Number _____ Relationship _____

Date and place of ordination or commissioning (mm/dd/yy) _____

My present ministerial position (title) _____ Began on _____

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 (congregation, town/city) _____

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

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I participated in the following Regional events this past year (X all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Clergy Retreat (01/30-02/01) | <input type="checkbox"/> Disciples Summer Camp (June/July) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Convención Women's Event (02/18) | <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Regional Men's Zoom Retreat (07/23) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tri-Regional Youth Event (02/18) | <input type="checkbox"/> ADBI Town Halls (Aug) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Convención Men's Event (03/04) | <input type="checkbox"/> DWM Retreat (04/22) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Convención Children's Event (04/15) | <input type="checkbox"/> Convención Asamblea (11/3-4) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DWM Spring Event (04/22) | <input type="checkbox"/> José Morales Course (Oct. – Nov.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church Narrative Project (04/28-29) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Assembly Discussions (05/23, 06/13, 07/11) | |

I participated in the following General Church and other events this past year (X all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Disciples Development Conference (01/10-12) | <input type="checkbox"/> New Church Hacks webinars (various dates) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proclamation Project Workshops (01/20, 10/20) | <input type="checkbox"/> Thriving Congregations (via Lexington Theological Seminary) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black Minister's Retreat (03/14-16) | <input type="checkbox"/> Covenant Town Halls (various dates) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Assembly (07/29-08/01) | <input type="checkbox"/> NBA Webinars (various dates) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colors of Hope Retreat (10/09-12) | <input type="checkbox"/> DHM Webinars (various dates) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Academy (10/24-27) | <input type="checkbox"/> Ecumenical/Interfaith Gatherings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proclamation Project Book Club (11/28 or 29) | |

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

Local _____

Regional _____

General Ecumenical/Interfaith/Community _____

Date of my most recent Clergy Ethics and Healthy Boundaries training was ___/___/___

Attach a certificate of completion to this form.

Date of my more recent Level 1 Anti-Racism training offered by a Disciples institution was ___/___/___

If you attended a training **not** hosted by the Arizona Region attach the certificate of completion to this form.

Please visit <https://azdisciples.org/resources-for-clergy/#anti-racism> for information this requirement.

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Continuing Education - Please attach all certificates to this form.

Name of the event _____ # of contact hours _____

Leader/trainer and organization _____

How will this impact your ministry? _____

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If you need to list additional continuing education attach as many copies of this page to your form as needed.

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Thinking back on the year, what was the single experience that most enhanced your ministry?

What could the Regional Office or Denomination offer in the coming year that would significantly enhance your ministry and community?

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 _____

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

RETURN NO LATER THAN JANUARY 15

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