

2026 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 of actively serving clergy:

- 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.

Retired ministers maintain their standing from year to year. To receive a standing card they must complete this form, or the online form.

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 all that apply)

___ 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 _____ Email address _____
Phone Number _____ Phone Number _____
Address _____ Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip code _____ City _____ State _____ Zip code _____
Emergency Contact _____ Number _____ Relationship _____

Date and place of ordination or commissioning _____

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 (01/27-01/29) | <input type="checkbox"/> Convención Women's Event (08/23) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Book Study "How to End Christian Nationalism" (Jan-Feb) | <input type="checkbox"/> Convención Marriage Event (08/30) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Camp (02/14-02/17) | <input type="checkbox"/> DWM Retreat (09/13-09/15) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Convención Men's Event (03/1) | <input type="checkbox"/> Convención Asamblea (10/31-11/1) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DWM Spring Event (03/29) | <input type="checkbox"/> Installation of Al Beasley (11/9) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Convención Children's & Youth Event (05/31) | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic Pastor's Breakfasts (various dates) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disciples Summer Camp (June-July) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe below) |
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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 (01/14-01/16) | <input type="checkbox"/> NBA Cohorts and/or webinars (various dates) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black Minister's Retreat (03/11-03/13) | <input type="checkbox"/> New Church Ministry webinars (various dates) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Assembly (07/12-07/15) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pension Fund Cornerstones (various dates) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Obra Hispana and New Church Leadership Academy (09/24-09/27) | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor People's Campaign events (various dates) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proclamation Project Preaching Retreat (11/10-11/12) | <input type="checkbox"/> Arizona Faith Network events (various dates) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proclamation Project workshops (various dates) | <input type="checkbox"/> Arizona Interfaith Power and Light events (various dates) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Ecumenical/Interfaith Gatherings |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe below) |
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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?

RETURN NO LATER THAN JANUARY 15

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