

Candidate's Letter of Request For Privilege of Call or Dual Standing

Dear Committee on Ministry,

I have read Section 4 of the United Church of Christ Manual on Ministry and the NTA Privilege of Call Information Sheet. I am aware of the expectations of the ordained ministers in the UCC. Having prayerfully reviewed them, I request to be put on the agenda for the next North Texas Association Committee on Ministry meeting.

I have attached, or have arranged to be sent separately, the following documentation in support of my application:

1. Certificate of Ordination (or other acceptable proof of ordination)
2. Verification of current ecclesiastical status – good standing – in other denomination
3. Letter of reference from an ordained UCC minister
4. Letter of reference from equivalent of Conference or Association Minister in the other denomination (*note* – 2. and 4. may be combined in one document if appropriate)
5. 3 other letters of reference
6. Proof of educational achievement. (This must show the granting of a Bachelor's Degree, and Masters of Divinity or it's equivalent from an approved theological seminary.)
7. Paper in 3 parts:
  - a. Your Spiritual Pilgrimage (should include why you are seeking standing in the UCC and your understanding of your call to ordained ministry)
  - b. Your Theology (setting out your basic theological perspective)
  - c. History and Polity of the UCC (demonstrate understanding of history, theological roots, polity, and practice of the UCC)
8. Proof of completion of course on History and Polity of the UCC
9. Proof of completion of approved Boundary Training with the past 5 years
10. UCC Background Check (see Background Check Information Sheet)
11. Psychological Evaluation (one done for another denomination or new evaluation from approved provider per Psychological Evaluation Information Sheet)
12. Documentation recommended but not required:
  - a. Resume showing prior ministry experience
  - b. Letter showing membership in and support of a local UCC church

I understand that the Committee on Ministry reserves the right to request additional documentation if deemed necessary.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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