

**Candidate's Letter of Request for Minister in Discernment Status**  
**Initial Application**

Dear Committee on Ministry,

I have read Section 2 of the United Church of Christ Manual on Ministry and the North Texas Association's Minister in Discernment Information Sheet. I am aware of the expectations of the discernment process for authorized ministry in the UCC. Having prayerfully reviewed them with my local church, I consent to being lifted up by my home congregation for consideration by the Committee on Ministry for Minister in Discernment Status, and request that I 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. Verification of local UCC church membership
2. Recommendation of local UCC church lifting up this candidate for minister in discernment status
3. Recommendation of local UCC church pastor
4. 4 other letters of recommendation
5. Paper with two sections (no more than 15 pages/double-spaced):
  - A. Pilgrimage Paper (your Christian pilgrimage to date, and how you understand your calling to, with and on behalf of the UCC)
  - B. Theology Paper (summarize your basic theology)
6. UCC History and Polity Paper
7. Proof of taking UCC History and Polity course
8. Proof of educational achievement (transcripts and/or diplomas from undergraduate and graduate work)

\_\_\_\_\_ I have not been a candidate in any other discernment processes with another association or denomination.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have been a candidate in another discernment or ordination process with \_\_\_\_\_ (association or denomination) and have released my complete file to the North Texas Association Committee on Ministry.

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Church \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidate's Letter of Request for Minister in Discernment Status  
Second Application (submitted after 6-month discernment period)**

Dear Committee on Ministry,

I have read Section 2 of the United Church of Christ Manual on Ministry and the North Texas Association's Minister in Discernment Information Sheet. I am aware of the expectations of the discernment process for authorized ministry in the UCC. Having prayerfully reviewed them with my local church, I consent to being lifted up by my home congregation for consideration by the Committee on Ministry for Minister in Discernment Status, and request that I 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. Recommendation of local UCC church (a new letter is required)
2. Recommendation of local UCC pastor (new letter addressing discernment period)
3. Recommendation from Advisor appointed by Committee on Ministry
4. Self-disclosure form from UCC Profile
5. Authorized Minister Paper in three parts
  - A. Integrating Statement – addressing pilgrimage since initial Pilgrimage Paper, the period of discernment, and current sense of call to UCC
  - B. History and Polity of the UCC paper
  - C. Theology paper (resubmitted, note if it has been revised)
6. Background check (UCC background check system through the Conference Office)
7. Proof of taking Boundary Training (within last 5 years)
8. Psychological Evaluation (from approved provider)
9. Proof of completion of any additional learning objectives required by the CoM after initial interview

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Church \_\_\_\_\_