

Candidate's Letter of Request For Member in Discernment Status

Dear Committee on Ministry,

I have read Section 2 of the United Church of Christ Manual on Ministry and the NTA Member 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 Member 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. Letter of Support from the local church with certification of local church membership and description of local church discernment process
2. Letter of reference from local church pastor
3. Second letter of reference
4. Third letter of reference
5. Official transcripts from any undergraduate and graduate studies, showing proof of graduation where appropriate.
6. A Pilgrimage Paper ("Describe the Christian pilgrimage that brings you to this time and place; include some biographical information for the committee to begin to learn who you are. How do you understand your calling to, with and on behalf of the UCC?")

_____ 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 _____