

Christian Church in the Upper Midwest

Standing Requirements

All Active Commissioned and Ordained Clergy (including Active Retired and Chaplain serving in a non-Federal Institution):

May be granted standing through the Upper Midwest Committee on Ministry if they meet the following requirements:

- Currently serving in an accountable ministry or in Search and Call
- Hold current membership in a Disciples of Christ congregation
- Completed 16 hours of Continuing Education
 - *New on **2021 Standing Form**: 4 of these hours must include an Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Experience that has been approved by the Regional Office.*
 - Required CE hours are pro-rated based on employment status. (I.e. Clergy employed 20 hours/week are required to complete 8 hours of CE.)
- Have completed an approved Boundaries Training course
 - *Renewals will be required again beginning with the **2021 Standing Form** and must be renewed every 5 years from that time. Courses will be offered in multiple geographical locations throughout the year prior (2020, 2025, 2030, 2035, etc.)*

Inactive Retired Clergy:

May be granted standing through the UMW Committee on Ministry if they meet the following requirements:

- Hold current membership in a Disciples of Christ congregation
- Notify the Regional Office promptly if they enter into any active ministry.

****Chaplains serving in a Federal Institution apply for standing through the General Commission on Ministry.***

****Students Under Care in the Upper Midwest may be granted standing so long as they continue to meet the requirements of the Committee on Ministry.***

2021 Anti-Racism Requirement and Boundary Training

To assist with the new anti-racism/pro-reconciliation requirement on the 2021 Standing Form, the UMW will be offering an experience at the 2020 Minister's Institute which will fully meet the CE requirement. For those unable to attend the 2020 Minister's Institute (and for reference in completing this requirement in subsequent years), the Committee on Ministry will be supplying suggested alternatives and examples.

Beginning with the 2021 Standing Form, Boundary Training renewal must be completed every 5 years. The Upper Midwest will offer multiple options for this throughout the year prior in addition to the online offering.