

**WESTERN ASSOCIATION
2022 INFORMATION REVIEW
for Authorized Ministers**

The Western Association of the Missouri Mid-South Conference UCC

Please complete and return form by Monday, March 14, 2022

Statement of Purpose:

*"All Authorized Ministers are required to participate in Information Reviews to maintain their standing" (United Church of Christ Manual on Ministry). This form is a means for ministers to participate in the Information Review. The form should be completed and emailed back to kathleen@mmsucc.org or mailed to Missouri Mid-South Conference, 483 East Lockwood Avenue, Suite 15, St. Louis MO 63119 by **Monday, March 14, 2022**.*

*As you answer the questions, please reflect on the year **2021** as the period of review. (Please print **neatly!**)*

Title (*circle one*) Mr. Mrs. Ms. Rev. Rev. Dr.

First, Last Name _____

Home mailing address/city/state/zip _____

Cell phone _____ Home phone _____

Personal email address _____

Date of birth _____ Ordination date _____

Name and Location of church membership _____

NOTE: Please check here if you prefer not to have your home contact information listed in both the UCC Yearbook & Access UCC:

Please know that excluding your contact information from Yearbook and Access UCC will also exclude your contact information from the MMSC Conference Directory as that information is pulled from Data Hub records.

I am:

- Currently serving in a church
- Currently serving in a specialized ministry setting
- Between calls (check here if currently seeking a call)
- Retired

If currently serving a church or specialized ministry setting:

Date(s) of most recent training: BAT: _____ RJE: _____
(attach certificates of completion)

Name of Church or Current Ministry Setting: _____

Ministry Setting mailing address/city/state/zip _____

Ministry Setting phone _____ Email (if other than personal above) _____

Position Title: _____ Date Service began: _____

If serving a church, list current Council President's name, phone number and email.

If currently serving in multiple ministry settings, complete the following section:

Name of second Current Ministry Setting: _____

Ministry setting address: _____

Position Title: _____ Date service began: _____

I hold ministerial standing in: (Association, Conference) _____

- I have a three-way covenant
- I have a four-way covenant

My Ministerial Standing Status:

- Ordained ministerial standing in the UCC
- Ordained ministerial partner standing (Disciples of Christ or the United Church of Canada)
- Dual Standing; denomination where standing is held: _____
- Standing Suspended
- Licensed
- Commissioned
- Privilege of Call
- Member in Discernment
- Retired
- Exempt*

**Exempt Standing [must be approved following application to the clergy person's Committee on Ministry] is an authorized ministerial standing for Ordained Ministers who choose to no longer (or are no longer able to) engage in public ministry. Clergy with Exempt Standing are to refrain from: seeking ministerial positions; entering into call agreements; providing pulpit supply; officiating at weddings and funerals and serving on committees of the Association, Conference, National or global settings of the church. However, they may continue to: participate in the life of their Local Church; attend the annual meeting of the Association and Conference; co-officiate at sacraments at the invitation of an active Ordained Minister and other (as determined by the Committee on Ministry with the minister). Clergy with Exempt Standing would then be exempt from certain ongoing requirements of Ordained Ministerial Standing including periodic vocational support meetings, boundary training, diversity training, and continuing education.*

- No UCC Standing

Please note if any of the above represents a change from last year.

Your Committee on Ministry wants to know more about your current ministry experience. Please take a moment and complete the following. If any question or statement does not fit your current situation, please re-word appropriately and answer. If you are a **non-active retired minister** (no pulpit supply, no pastoral care, no teaching except at the church where you are a member), please skip to question 7.

1. Describe your primary duties/functions in your present ministry setting.

2. What gives you the greatest sense of satisfaction or accomplishment in this ministry?

3. What are your most significant challenges/concerns in providing ministry in this setting?

4. How do you represent the United Church of Christ in your setting?

5. List any degrees, continuing education units, certifications, or other credits you have obtained last year to enhance your ministry skills. List any workshops or seminars you attended or significant books you have read last year to enhance your ministry skills. Include any awards or other recognitions you have received for your ministry last year.

6. How do you pursue self-care, balance, and overall health in your ministry?

7. Do you feel supported in your ministry by the Association, Conference and the national setting of the church? If so, how? If not, what type of support would be most helpful?

8. In what ways have you maintained your covenant relationship with the United Church of Christ during 2021? Please check all that apply:

- Received (and read!) Missouri Mid-South eCourier & UCC Keeping You ePosted (KYP) via email.
- Attended an Association Meeting
- Attended Cluster or Association clergy groups
- Attended the Conference Annual Gathering/Conference Business Meeting
- Attended the Persons in Ministry Retreat
- Served on an Association/Conference/National Committee or Board
- Served on an Ecumenical or Interfaith Committee or Board
- Completed Boundary Training within the last three years and have proper documentation of the training in the Conference Office

9. Please check any of the following that apply to you.

- I am planning to retire from active ministry on _____ (provide date)
- I would like to be part of a ministerial group/community of practice
- I already participate in a community of practice (please list which one):

- I have personal/health/financial concerns I would like to discuss with the Committee on Ministry
- I have personal/health/financial concerns I would like to discuss with the Conference Minister
- I have professional concerns I would like to discuss with the Committee on Ministry
- I have professional concerns I would like to discuss with the Conference Minister
- I am willing to serve on an Association or Conference Committee or Board

Please use the space below for any additional comments you wish to share with the Committee on Ministry:

I have read the UCC Ministerial Code:

see <https://www.uccfiles.com/pdf/ManualonMinistry-2018.pdf> p.62-66

I have reviewed the Marks of Ministry

see <https://www.uccfiles.com/pdf/ManualonMinistry-2018.pdf> pp 11-13

Signature

Date

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Scan the form and email to kathleen@mmsucc.org

Or you may return by United States Postal Service mail to:

Missouri Mid-South Conference
483 East Lockwood Avenue
Suite 15
St. Louis MO 63119

IMPORTANT - Contact your Conference Office / Association when:

- ✓ Your call, address, or other contact information changes
- ✓ You have personal or professional concerns and need support