

**CLERGY STANDING RENEWAL FORM
NORTHWEST REGIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)**

In keeping with The Design of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), regions are responsible for reviewing and certifying the Ministerial Standing of all ordained and licensed Disciples clergy each year. When your Standing is acknowledged by the region, your name is listed in the official Year Book and Directory of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for the ensuing year. It is important to know that the Year Book is the primary document the IRS uses to verify ministerial standing; and thus, your eligibility for housing allowance exclusions. Another key value – you cannot enter Search and Call without Standing. Standing reflects your being “accountable to and up-to-date with” the required denominational criteria for maintaining your ecclesiastical certification.

**FAILURE TO COMPLETE, SIGN AND RETURN THIS FORM BY NOVEMBER 21, 2009
WILL INDICATE THAT YOU NO LONGER DESIRE STANDING WITH THE NWRCC**

Please return to: NWRCC, 18000 72nd Ave S, Suite 171, Kent WA 98032

Date: _____

Section One: Contact Information

Name _____ Date of Birth _____
 First Middle Last

Current Home Address _____

Phone Numbers Office _____ Home _____
Cell- Optional _____

Email Address _____

Current Ministry Position
(Name of Church, Institution, or Agency) _____

Title _____ Ministry Site _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date Employment Began _____ Full Time Part Time

Other Employment
(Name of Church, Institution, or Agency) _____

Title _____ Ministry Site _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date Employment Began _____ Full Time Part Time

Section Two: Order of Ministry

Do you wish to continue your ministerial Standing with the NWRCC? Yes No

Please check ALL that apply:

- Ordained Minister Date and Location of
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Ordination: _____

- Licensed Minister Date and Location of
Licensing: _____

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|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Congregational Minister | <input type="checkbox"/> Interim Minister | <input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral Counselor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chaplain | <input type="checkbox"/> Higher Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Parish Minister |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> * Retired | |

* If you are retired, only Sections 1, 2, 4 and 5 need to be completed

Section Three: Criteria for Continuation of Annual Standing

“Standing continues so long as the minister does the following: performs faithfully the duties of a minister as authorized by ordination or licensing, either in an occupation recognized by the church as ministerial in purpose or in service recognized by the church as ministerial in purpose (a person will not be continued in Standing who is neither employed by, nor actively seeking employment in, nor accountable to a congregation, organization, related institution or regional or general unit of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Policies and Criteria for the Order of Ministry [V.B.3.a]

- Currently employed by _____
which is a congregation, organization, related institution, or a general/regional unit of the CC(DOC).
- Currently employed by _____
as an ordained Ministerial Partner in the United Church of Christ.
- Currently employed by _____
in a position I would seek to have recognized as “ministerial in purpose.” Please describe your basic responsibilities: _____

Qualifications for Standing include participation in “programs of study, research, growth, renewal.” (Policies and Criteria for the Order of Ministry -- V.B.3.b)

Please indicate how you have fulfilled this standard during the past year.

In 2009 did you attended a training event sponsored by the Commission on Ministry, titled *Sexual Misconduct in the Pastoral Relationship* or any other sexual ethics/boundary training for clergy?

- Yes No If **yes**, indicate date and training attended: _____

Section Four Maintenance of Relationship with the Christian Church (DOC)

“Standing continues so long as the minister maintains relations with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), including participating membership in a recognized congregation in the community where feasible.” [V.B.3.c.]

I am a member of: Church _____ Location _____

Participation in the Wider Church (Check those that apply in the last year)

- | | | |
|------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| _____ General Assembly | _____ Regional Assembly | _____ Area Assembly |
| _____ Turner Lectures | _____ Camps & Conference | _____ Ecumenical Participation |
| _____ Women’s/Men’s Retreats | _____ Regional Church Boards, Commissions, Committees | |
| _____ Other | Please Specify _____ | |

Section Five Affirmations

_____ I have read and affirm My Ministerial Code of Ethics. Copy available at:
<http://www.discipleshomemissions.org/Ministers/MinistryGuidelines/ethics.htm>

_____ I have read and affirm the NWRCC's Policy Statement on Sexual Ethics.
Copy available at:
<http://www.disciplesnw.org/docs/policiescriteriaNW2005SexualEthicsExcerpt.pdf>

If you are not able to access the above documents, please call 253-893-7202 ext. 100.

Signature _____ Date _____

Information above this line is mandatory. Information below this line is optional. This information will help us understand those elements that bring meaning to your pastoral life and identify ways in which we can support one another in ministry.

In your setting, have your ministerial activities changed in the last year? _____ Yes _____ No

If "Yes", please describe: _____

Please describe any ways in which the Region/Commission on Ministry could be helpful to you.

Any other information you wish to share, or questions/suggestions? _____

For Commission on Ministry Use Only

Standing **Granted** **Not Granted**

Follow Up Needed: _____

Follow up assigned to: _____