



Minnesota Conference

United Church of Christ

MAINTAINING MINISTERIAL STANDING

There are four standing categories for clergy in the United Church of Christ:

- In a call (or looking for one)
- Available for occasional service (generally less than full-time)
- On a leave of absence
- Exempt standing (no longer in any form of public ministry).

Clergy in all categories—including licensed and commissioned ministers in the Minnesota Conference—are required to complete and submit an Annual Information Review form each year. Those in every category except exempt standing are required to fulfill requirements in power and boundary training, as well as soon-to-be revealed requirements for continuing education and diversity training that will bring the conference into compliance with the 2018 Manual on Ministry.

Clergy should inform the conference staff when they retire, but retirement is not an official ministerial standing. When a minister no longer wishes to be involved in any sort of public ministry, exempt standing should be requested. That standing allows clergy to retain a vote at Annual Meeting and ecclesiastical councils, but exempts them from power and boundary training and other educational requirements. The Annual Information Review is still required in order to ensure that the conference has accurate contact information for ministers with whom it is in covenant.

Have questions about your standing? Contact:

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