PROGRESS CHART FOR ORDINATION: RECOGNITION OF STANDING
The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Mid-America (CCMA)
Regional Commission on the Order of Ministry (RCOM)

Ministerial Candidate's Name _____	**Journey Begins** _____
Ordained within the _____	Denomination on _____

The Progress Chart is a tool to use in documenting all requirements for which a Ministerial Candidate from a non-UCC Denomination seeking Recognition of Standing of with the DOC are responsible to complete, and to submit to the Regional Commission on the Order of Ministry (RCOM). All material is to be submitted to the CCMA Regional Office in Springfield at sgf@ccmadisciples.org.

★ **Beginning the Process**
The following documents provided for Candidate to read, use as a reference, and to guide their ministry.
- COM 8 – Concerning the Consideration for Standing of Clergy in other Denominations
- Theological Foundation & Policies & Criteria for the Ordering of Ministry of the Christian Church (DOC)
- The Ministerial Code of Ethics – Full Version & One-Page Version
- Essay Writing Prompts

Date Sent/Received

★ **Meeting with Regional Minister (RM)**
Following the Regional Minister Interview, Candidate will prepare for the First Interview with RCOM.

Application [Appendix 1]	
Minister Information Form [Appendix 3]	
Professional Resume: including current and past employment	
Documentation of Seminary Degree (Official Transcripts) Degree from _____	
Official Transcripts from other College(s) and/or University(ies) – if applicable	
Certificate of Ordination	
Letter of Good Standing from Ordaining Denomination	
Letter(s) of Reference from Sponsoring Disciples of Christ (DOC) Congregation Sponsoring Congregation _____	
Interview with the RM In Person Phone/Zoom Conference	
RM Report Form [Appendix 2]	

★ **Mentor Assignment**
Regional Minister will assist with selecting Candidate's Mentor. Candidate to send Guide for Mentors to Mentor.
Mentor's Name _____ Assigned on _____
Notes:

⭐ **First Interview with the Regional Commission on the Order of Ministry (RCOM)**

*All documentation for Candidate's First Interview is to be submitted **at least one month prior to interview date**. Candidate will begin working with their Mentor, **meeting monthly, or at least every other month**. It is Candidate's responsibility to ensure the submission of the initial meeting report prior to the First Interview with RCOM.*

	Date Sent/Received
Schedule Disciples History & Polity Course (email confirmation to *sgf@ccmadisciples.org*)	
Regional Directive (completed by Ministry Associate)	
Faith Statement (See Essay Writing Prompts)	
Self-Assessment of Candidate's Personal Qualifications for Ministry [Appendix 16]	
Psychological Evaluation (see the List of Approved CCMA Evaluators if not previously completed)	
Initial Mentor Report [Appendix 8]	
Candidate's First Interview Scheduled	
Outcome of First Interview - RCOM will decide:	

       Candidate accepted into the Recognition of Standing process and to prepare for Second Interview
       Candidate requested to have further discussion with Regional Minister (RM)
       Candidate excused from the Recognition of Standing process

First Interview Comments/Notes:

⭐ **Second Interview with the Regional Commission on the Order of Ministry (RCOM)**

*All documentation for Candidate's Second Interview is to be submitted **at least one month prior to interview date**. Candidate will continue working with their Mentor, **meeting monthly, or at least every other month**. **It is Candidate's responsibility to ensure the submission of all meeting reports prior to the Second Interview with RCOM.***

	Date Sent/Received
Understanding of Ministry (see Essay Writing Prompts)	
Submit Final Paper and Grade Report for Disciples History & Polity Course Course completed through: _____	
Plan for Ongoing Education (See Essay Writing Prompts)	
Minister's Profile with References & Background Check	
Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation (ARPR) Training – see CCMA Regional Website for more info	
Boundaries Training (BT) - see CCMA Regional Website for more info	
Continuing Education (CE) Report Form (see Continuing Education Policy – COM 9 for reference)	

Mentor Report [Appendix 8]

1st Meeting _____	2nd Meeting _____	3rd Meeting _____
4th Meeting _____	5th Meeting _____	6th Meeting _____
7th Meeting _____	8th Meeting _____	9th Meeting _____
10th Meeting _____	11th Meeting _____	12th Meeting _____

Candidate's Second Interview Scheduled	

Outcome of Second Interview - RCOM will Decide:
        Candidate's Standing Recognized
        Candidate excused from the Recognition of Standing process	

Second Interview Comments/Notes: