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Process for Seeking Ordination

The process for Ordination in the Mid-America Region is contained in the *GUIDE FOR ORDINATION & COMMISSIONING IN THE MID-AMERICA REGION OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)*. The Guide can be found online at <http://www.mid-americadisciples.org/commission-on-the-order-of-ministry>, or you can contact your Regional office for an emailed copy. The steps and process is clearly explained in the Guidebook.

All documents must be in the Commission office three weeks prior to any scheduled interview. Mail all documents to Commission on the Order of Ministry, 500 South Ave., Springfield, MO, 65806. Email correspondence may be sent to olaccma@sbcglobal.net

In accordance with GA-1327,

We affirm the participation of all God's people in the life and ministry of the church. In the Mid-America Region those who are called and gifted for ministry will be ordained based on evidence of fitness and readiness for ministry.

...the General Assembly meeting in Orlando, Florida, July 13-17,2013, calls upon the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to recognize itself as striving to become a people of grace and welcome to all God's children though differing in race, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, physical or mental ability, political stance or theological perspective; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Assembly calls upon the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to affirm the faith, baptism and spiritual gifts of all Christians regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity, and that neither is grounds for exclusion from fellowship or service within the church, but we celebrate that all are part of God's good creation; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly calls upon all expressions of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), as a people of grace and welcome, to acknowledge their support for the welcome of and hospitality to all.