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## CONCERNING THE REVIEW OF ORDAINED MINISTRY STANDING

(for clergy who have transferred Regions, and who are no longer engaged in full time ministry. Yearbook reference codes: OP, NP)

Implementation of Theological Foundation and *Policies & Criteria*, "Ministerial Standing," F.2.f

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a. The 2009 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) approved the Theological Foundations and Policies and Criteria for the Ordering of Ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), pg. 27, F. 2. F., which states: "When an Ordained Minister who is not actively seeking relocation moves from a ministry position in one Region to another Region and is no longer engaged in ministry, ministerial Standing will be provisionally retained for up to one year, except in the case of retirement, until review and subsequent certification is granted by the Region into which the minister has moved. The Ordained Minister is required to initiate contact with both the former and new Regional Ministers regarding his or her status." 

## Implementation

When the Regional Minister learns that a minister fitting the above description has moved into the Mid-America Region, an inquiry will be made to determine the minister's relationship and accountability to the church; their understanding of their ministry, and their intention to fulfill their ordination vows. If in the judgment of the Coordinator for the Regional Commission on the Order of Ministry the response is consistent with the description of the office of ordained minister and meets the criteria for standing as set forth in the *Theological Foundations and Policies and Criteria for the Ordering of Ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)*, the standing of the minister will be retained. If not, standing will not be recognized. The minister will be notified and given an opportunity to fulfill missing Standing requirements such as completing Boundary Training, Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation (AR/PR) training, Continuing Education credits and reporting, and having a psychological evaluation on file (if not originally required or submitted), or appeal to the Commission. If the minister does not appeal or if standing is not granted by the Commission, the minister must wait one year to apply for reinstatement.



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## Report of Transfer of Region, by Clergy no longer engaged in Ministry

Minister's Name			
Address			
Home Phone		Cell Phone	
Email Address			
1. Do you wish to maintain standing as an ordained minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)? Yes No			
2. In what way is your work ministerial in purpose or character?			
3. Where is your local congregational membership?			
Describe your activities and/or offices:			
4. Describe Regional church related activities:			
5. How do you intend to fulfill your ordination vow to proclaim the "Good News of Jesus Christ?"			
6. List church related continuing education or study opportunities you have engaged in durning the past			
year:			
Signature		Date	

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