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**Ordained Minister  
Of the  
Christian Church  
(Disciples of  
Christ)  
with ministerial  
standing**

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**ORDAINED  
MINISTERIAL  
PARTNER**

This means that an ordained minister is recognized as a clergyperson of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and may function, when invited, and as established procedures permit, as an ordained minister within United Church of Christ settings.

In order to be called to ministry in a **United Church of Christ ministry setting**, an ordained minister would need to seek **Ordained Ministerial Partner Standing** from the United Church of Christ. The process is outlined below:

**A Disciples Pastor's Guide  
to Ministry Relationship  
with the  
United Church of Christ**

- Ministerial Standing continues to be granted by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- Ordained Ministerial Partner Standing is reviewed annually by the UCC
- Pastoral Support will be provided by United Church of Christ primarily.

Meet with **ASSOCIATION** in which the Ordained Ministerial Partner resides. Demonstrate knowledge & appreciation of the history, polity and practices of the United Church of Christ.

Access granted to enter Search and Call process for United Church of Christ.

Upon call to ministry setting in UCC, application for Ordained Ministerial Partner Standing is made to Association in which the calling body is located.

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