

Procedure for Review of Standing

1. A packet related to Standing will be communicated on or about November 1 to:
 - A. All ordained and commissioned ministers who have current standing,
 - B. All ordained ministers new to the region,
 - C. All other ministers requesting standing.

2. The packet will contain at least:
 - A. A letter from the Regional Pastor outlining the procedure for requesting standing,
 - B. "Standing — What's It Worth?"
 - C. "Requirements for Standing in the Christian Church (DOC) in Oklahoma"
 - D. "Request for Standing" form or a link to it.

3. Completed "Request for Standing" forms will be sent to the Oklahoma Disciples Center on or before November 30.

4. At the December meeting of the Commission on Clergy members of the Commission will review all requests for standing and either;
 - A. Approve standing for the upcoming year,
 - B. Deny standing, stating the reason(s) or,
 - C. Defer granting of standing, (Identifying questions, concerns or omissions that require follow-up by the Regional Pastor) pending receipt of additional information needed.

5. Where standing is denied, notice will be given to those persons prior to December 31 including, the Process for appeal.

6. Where standing is deferred, the Commission will complete action when the information needed is completed.

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Requirements for Standing

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Oklahoma

Ministers who are Active or Retired Active or clergy seeking transfer of credentials must do and report the following:

1. Perform faithfully the duties of a minister.
2. Participate in regular study, growth and renewal.¹
 - Complete and Report 16 hours of Continuing Education each year.
 - Complete a Healthy Boundaries training program every three years.
3. Maintain relations with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and hold membership in a recognized Oklahoma Disciples of Christ congregation where feasible.
4. Adhere to the Ministerial Code of Ethics of the Christian Church.²
5. Seek annual certification.
6. Meet the personal qualifications for admission to the Order of Ministry.³
7. Make Personal Disclosures required on the Annual Request for Standing Form.
8. Sign the Form

Retired Inactive's must:

1. Hold membership in a recognized Oklahoma Disciples congregation where feasible.
2. Adhere to the Ministerial Code of Ethics.
3. Sign the Form

Questions?

Contact a member of our Regional Staff with questions you may have about any of these requirements.

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¹ For details please refer to “Regional Policy regarding Continuing Education Requirements to Maintain Ministerial Standing” and “Ministerial Ethics Training, Healthy Boundaries Required to maintain Ministerial Standing.” Both documents can be found at: <https://okdisciples.org/clergy/credentialing>

² For a copy of the Ministerial Code of Ethics see: <http://disciples.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/TFPCOM-Final.pdf> pp. 42-43.

³ For a copy of the “Personal Qualifications for the Order of Ministry” see: <http://disciples.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/TFPCOM-Final.pdf> p. 16.