Application for The Order of Ministry
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Oklahoma

Date_____

Type of Application:

I am requesting admission to candidacy for:

Commissioning[1] ☐ via the Commissioned Minister Training Program and Current Ministry Site OR ☐ via being a current seminary student

Re-Commissioning[2]* ☐ Changed my ministry site within ___ last 90 days ___ within the last 12 months.

Former site_____ Date Departed_____ New site_____ Date to Begin_____

☐ No ministry site but seek to be in Search & Call. ☐ A ministry context that is not a Christian Church (DOC) congregation.

Ordination[1 & 3] ☐ via Divinity School OR ☐ via Apprentice Track (see below)

For Ordination via Apprentice Track you must meet 1 of the following 4 criteria. Check all that apply.

☐ A. Economic: Must have a total annual income at the date of application below 150% of the current, applicable Federal poverty guideline; or must be eligible for or receiving Section 8 housing and food stamps according to State of Oklahoma guidelines.
☐ B. Linguistic: English is not the first language.
☐ C. Vocational: Must have served at least 10 years as a licensed or commissioned minister in a recognized ministry setting.
☐ D. Familial: Must have an immediate family member for whom the candidate is providing primary care who has a debilitating, chronic medical condition.

☐ Transfer of Ministerial Credentials[4]   _____

☐ I am an ordained minister.   Denomination:

[1]If accepted, the individual is under the care of the Commission on Clergy and is involved in a specified program of study and formation in preparation for Commissioning or Ordination.

[2]Change of ministry context requires Regional re-Commissioning. *Theological Foundations & Policies & Criteria for the Ordering of Ministry of the Christian Church (DOC), l. 586-587*

[3]Authorization to perform ministry on behalf of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) as an ordained minister by completing seminary.

[4]A minister ordained by another denomination who wishes to transfer her/his credentials to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

NOTE: The step-by-step process for candidacy may be found in "The Journey Toward the Order of Ministry", which may be obtained from your Regional Pastor as part of the Application for The Order of Ministry packet.

Personal Information

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____
    First Name   Middle Name   Last Name   Suffix

Home Mailing Address: _____
    Street/PO Box   City   ST   Zip

Cell Phone: _____ Office Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email: _____ Marital Status: ☐ Single ☐ Married Spouse's Name: _____
    (Optional)

Ministerial Information (If requesting to be Re-Commissioned, complete if applicable.)

I am a member of this congregation: _____
    Congregation Name   City   ST

Church Address: _____
    Street/PO Box   City   ST   Zip

Church Phone: _____ Church Email: _____

Congregation where I am engaged _____
in ministry (if different from above):   Congregation Name   City

Church Address: _____
    Street/PO Box   City   ST   Zip

Church Phone: _____ Church Email: _____

Present Ministerial Position (if any): _____
    Title

Candidate Name: _____

Education

High School: _____ Graduation Date: _____
                                    School Name, City, State

College: _____ Degree Earned: _____ Graduation Date: _____
                        Institution Name

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Work History

Employer: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

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Required Documents *Not required if requesting to be Re-Commissioned.

Additional documents required in support of the application include:
- College and seminary transcripts (as applicable)
- Completed Ministerial Profile, which includes a criminal background check.
- Signed Ministerial Code of Ethics
- Letter of Reference from:
    - An elder of the congregation where you hold membership

Required Responses *Not required if requesting to be Re-Commissioned.

Please provide a typewritten response to the following questions (500 words or less for each question) and attach to your application.

Question #1. Tell us about your faith journey.

Question #2. Tell us about your understanding of God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Question #3. Tell us about your understanding of the church and specifically the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Question #4. Tell us about your "call" to serve in ministry as a vocation or in a specific type of ministry.

Personal Disclosure Statement

If any question below is answered Yes (including expungements), please attach an explanation.

1. Have you ever been charged with or convicted of a felony?   ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Have you ever been charged with or convicted of any crime against children or other persons?   ☐ Yes ☐ No

3. Is there any other fact or circumstance in your background that should prevent you from being entrusted with the supervision, guidance, and care of children or youth?   ☐ Yes ☐ No

By signing below, I certify the information provided above is accurate.

Signature_____ Date_____