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Please complete all sections of Page 1, and sign the Personal Disclosure statement below. Submit your application, required documents, and required responses (saved as PDF files) by email to ebear@okdisciples.org. Questions? (405) 528-3577

Once all documents have been received, the Regional Minister will contact you to schedule an appointment to discuss the Type of Application section below and to grant you permission to complete a Ministerial Profile.

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 _____

The section below must be completed with the assistance of the Regional Minister.

Type of Application

I am requesting admission to candidacy for:

Commissioning¹ via the Center for Ministry & Lay Training & 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 Credentials⁴

I am an ordained minister. Denomination: _____

¹If 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.

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

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

⁴A 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 downloaded from the Regional website at <https://okdisciples.org/clergy/journey-to-ministry/>