

Procedure for Transfer of Ministerial Credentials

There are two types of transfer of credentials.

Type I addresses the transfer of standing for a minister in the Disciples of Christ or United Church of Christ who has current standing in another Region and has accepted a call to a ministry in the Oklahoma Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ),

Type II addresses the situation when a minister, commissioned or ordained by another denomination, wishes to transfer credentials to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Type I Procedure: Transfer of Standing

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1. The applicant will complete a "Request for Ministerial Standing" form and return it to the Regional Pastor.
2. The applicant will request the Regional Pastor or United Church of Christ judicatory official where they have current standing, to send a letter to our Regional Pastor confirming the minister is in good standing in that region or judicatory.
3. The Regional Pastor will review the application and letter of confirmation of standing.
4. If there are no apparent issues, the Regional Pastor is authorized by the Commission on Clergy to grant standing in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Oklahoma with the approval of two members of the Commission. The Regional Pastor will then report this action to the Commission on Clergy at its next meeting.
5. If there are apparent issues, the Regional Pastor will bring the request for standing to the next meeting of the Commission on Clergy for a decision. The Regional Pastor will, in her/his report, note the areas of concern and efforts made to resolve them.

Type II Procedure: Transfer of Credentials

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The process of Transfer of Clergy Credentials to obtain ministerial standing in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Oklahoma should take a minimum of 6 months, but should not last more than 18 months. The Incare team will walk with the candidate while completing the requirements.

Complete the following requirements prior to submitting an application for transfer of clergy credentials to the Commission on Clergy:

- _____ Meet with the Regional Minister; Regional Minister calls previous judicatory leader (if one)
- _____ Complete and submit an Application for the Order of Ministry and check "Transfer of Credentials"
- _____ Provide a reference from the previous judicatory leader (if one)
- _____ Hold membership in a Disciples of Christ congregation for at least a year
- _____ Commit to adhere to the Ministerial Code of Ethics of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

_____ Apply for Oklahoma Ministerial Standing

_____ Covenant to attend area clergy meetings, regional events and General Church events

Upon acceptance into Incare, complete the following requirements:

_____ Complete at least two Incare interviews (with different paperwork requirements than a beginning student)

_____ Complete a History & Polity class, preferably through an accredited seminary

_____ Complete Healthy Boundaries 101 training, or training from another Oklahoma-approved Healthy Boundaries training source

_____ Complete PRAR (Pro-Reconciliation/Anti-Racism) training

_____ Complete a Candidate Profile with a Criminal Background Check

_____ Meet with a mentor at least two times

*While the above are standard requirements to obtain recognition of standing within the Christian Church (DOC) in Oklahoma, each journey is unique, and other requirements may be added by the Commission on Clergy for the clergy to complete.