***Procedures for Dual Standing* & *Ordained Ministerial Partner Standing in the Chicago Metropolitan Association***

***of the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ***

***Overview***

These CMA procedures for granting dual standing take into account those full-communion relationships between the United Church of Christ and other communions that recognize each others' ordinations. These include the Ordained Ministerial Partner relations with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the Formula of Agreement with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Presbyterian Church (USA), and Reformed Church in America.

***Procedures***

The following shall be required by the Chicago Metropolitan Association for all candidates seeking Dual Standing in the UCC *except* for those who are ordained ministers in the Christian Church/Disciples of Christ, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Presbyterian Church (USA), and Reformed Church of America.

1. A letter to the Subcommittee on Standing requesting Dual Standing in the UCC. The letter shall state the individual's previous and new ministerial positions and the reason(s) for seeking Dual Standing.
2. A letter from an official in the individual's current denomination, stating their awareness of and endorsement of the request and attesting to the individual's ecclesiastical standing and the absence of any disciplinary sanctions or pending reviews.

3. Copies of ordination certificate, academic transcripts, present call/contract with the congregation or other calling body, and most recent ministerial profile/resume.

4. Completion of a ministerial psychological assessment or results of such taken within the past five years at the discretion of the Standing Subcommittee.

5. Proof of completion of the U.C.C. History and Polity class offered at a U.C.C. related seminary or at the General Synod **or** a weekend or other short seminar along with documentation of attendance/involvement in CMA, conference, or cluster events. A mentoring relationship is strongly encouraged.

6. A paper of 10 - 15 pages containing a statement of faith; expectations/ implications of dual standing on ministry in the current setting; reflection upon ordination vows and ministerial boundary issues; and demonstration of understanding of U.C.C history and polity.

7. Upon receipt of all of the above, an interview will be scheduled with the Ministerial Standing Team of Church and Ministry.

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