

## Request for Privilege of Call Status in the Southern Association, Southern California California Nevada Conference

### Candidate's Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Congregation's Information

Congregation's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Congregation's Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor's Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Local Church Discernment Committee Chair's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

The candidate named above has stated their desire to prepare for authorized ministry in the United Church of Christ. They have met faithfully for the work of discernment their pastor and their Local Church Discernment Committee. The Local Church Discernment Committee and the leadership of the local church affirm that this candidate has a discernible call to ministry, has skills in multiple areas of Marks of Faithful and Effective Authorized Ministers, and is ready to enter into the Privilege of Call process.

This congregation hereby requests that the Committee on Ministry accept the candidate into the Privilege of Call process. We affirm that they are a member in good standing of this church and that the statements made in this Request are true and complete to the best of our knowledge.

The following documents are enclosed with this Request:

- Letter of recommendation from the Local Church governing body requesting the person be received as a candidate. The letter should include a description of the person's process with the Local Church Discernment Committee, reflection on specific skills and gifts for ministry that exemplify Marks for Faithful and Effective Authorized Ministers, and clarity about which Marks the Discernment Committee had identified as areas for development and growth.
- Candidate's file from their work with their Local Church Discernment Committee including their
  - Spiritual Autobiography and Statement of Faith
  - Reflections on the questions:
    - Describe your theological understanding of ordination and the role of the Church in discerning a call to the vocation of ministry.
    - Describe in particular your call to the vocation of ministry and the setting to which you currently feel most called.
    - Expanding on the understanding of ordination, why are you interested in ordination and ministry specifically in and on behalf of the United Church of Christ?
  - Documentation of formal education, including theological education
  - Statement of Consent and Release Form (Appendix B)
  - Background Disclosure (Appendix C)
  - Report from the Completed Background Check (generated from Appendix D)

Signature of the Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Discernment Committee Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Local Church Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Submit this form and documentation to Vicki Holland, Association Administrator,  
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