

APPLICATION TO RECEIVE A STUDENT IN CARE

(Preparing for Ordained Ministry)

Name of Congregation _____

Name of Candidate _____ Phone _____

Responding to this person's desire to prepare for the ordained Christian Ministry in the United Church of Christ, this congregation hereby applies to the Church and Ministry Committee of Covenant Association for acceptance of this candidate as a "Student in Care". We affirm that the attached application form is accurate and complete.

I. Enclosed with this application:

1. Candidate's Introductory Information form
2. Statement of Consent and Background Disclosure
3. Verification of candidate's membership in a local United Church of Christ.
4. Three letters of reference, including one from the local church pastor.
5. A statement from the candidate describing his/her faith pilgrimage, biography, educational and vocational plans. (This has statement also has been e-mailed to the In Care Coordinator.)
6. Documentation of the candidate's three most recent years of formal education.

II. The candidate has met with the local church governing board and this body hereby recommends that the candidate be considered for acceptance as a student in care. Attached is our written recommendation, describing the process used to make our decision.

III. The candidate agrees to complete, during the first year in care or after completing one year of seminary studies (whichever is later), the career assessment. These results shall be available to the Church and Ministry Committee. The congregation agrees to pay a portion of this career assessment.

DATE _____ SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE _____

SIGNATURE OF CHURCH LEADER _____

DATE _____ PRINT NAME _____ POSITION _____

Please return completed application and all documentation to:

Covenant Association Office
Michigan Conference, United Church of Christ
PO Box 1006
East Lansing, MI 48826