



REQUIREMENT FOR GOOD MINISTERIAL STANDING IN THE FL CONFERENCE UCC

As an Authorized Minister in the Florida Conference, you are part of a covenantal ministry we share with one another and with the wider United Church of Christ. Maintaining good standing is one way we honor this shared trust and support the health and vitality of your ministry.

To maintain good standing in the Florida Conference, Authorized Ministers are:

1. Required to complete one unit (4+ hours) of boundary training for every three-year cycle. The upcoming cycle is 2026–2028. Retired–active clergy are retired ministers who still perform ministerial functions, and they are also required to complete one unit (4+ hours) per cycle. Retired–exempt clergy are fully retired ministers who do not perform ministerial functions of any kind, and they are not required to complete boundary training. Retired clergy who wish to request exemption should contact the Associate Conference Minister to discuss.
2. Required to complete the annual Ministerial Information Review form to help us maintain accurate records and stay connected. The form is available on our website. <https://www.uccfla.org/information-update/>
3. Encouraged to engage in Lifelong Learning Continuing Education. This applies to retired clergy as well. If you participate in an education event, you are welcome to email the Conference Office a copy of the certificate of attendance to be added to your file.
4. Encouraged to participate in a Community of Practice. These groups offer support, grounding, and shared wisdom for clergy. If you are interested in joining a Community of Practice, please contact the Conference office for more information.
5. Encouraged to continue nurturing your UCC identity as identified in the Marks of Ministry by staying connected to the wider church through its various settings, including your Local Church, the Florida Conference, General Synod, the denominational offerings of the United Church of Christ, and our global ministries.
6. Encouraged to remain engaged with Conference communications by subscribing to the Sunshine Connection, our weekly e-newsletter. This is our primary means of sharing resources, updates, and time-sensitive information. Staying subscribed ensures you receive what you need for your ministry and connect with the wider Conference.

These requirements and expectations are intended to sustain you, strengthen our shared ministry, and help us remain connected in the covenant we hold with one another.

If you have questions or would like to talk further, please reach out to The Rev. Michelle Taylor, Associate Conference Minister for Committee on Ministry and Clergy Care, mtaylor@uccfla.org, who is here to walk with you in this work.

We are grateful for your ministry among us! Thank you!

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