

COVENANTS MINISTRIES TEAM

Focus: Oversee standards and procedures for authorization of ministries within Central Pacific Conference and the United Church of Christ

Major Area of Responsibility:

recommend standing and recognition of congregations in the conference;
work in conjunction with UCC Parish Life and Leadership team to provide support for and standards for

- licensed ministries,
- persons in care or persons in discernment concerning ministry,
- ordination,
- commissioned ministry,
- privilege of call,
- dual standing,
- chaplaincy,
- interim ministries,
- and other categories of ministry which may be established;

carry out fitness reviews when required,
provide periodic programs of boundary and ministerial ethics training,
develop programs for orientation and support for new clergy in the conference,
provide advisors or mentors for students and others preparing for ministerial authorization,
support oversee staff work with churches in transition or seeking leadership,
provide support and contact for retired pastors residing within the conference through an annuitant visitor program,
develop collegial relationships and opportunities such as cluster groups among clergy and other authorized ministers groups,
maintain records of congregations and clergy serving within the conference,
represent the conference and the United Church of Christ in Rites of Ordination, commissioning celebrations, and clergy installations..
report to the national year book (with staff assistance) changes in authorized ministerial standings, transfers, and disciplinary actions.

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