



Dual Standing

The Central MA Association may grant Dual Standing to an ordained minister of another denomination who is engaged in any of the following ministries:

- Serves as pastor of a local church of the United Church of Christ.
- Serves in an agency or instrumentality of the United Church of Christ.
- serves as pastor of a yoked charge or federated church which is affiliated with the United Church of Christ.
- Serves in an ecumenical ministry, one constituent of which is a local church or agency of the United Church of Christ.

The primary reason for requesting Dual Standing is that the local church or calling body desires/needs the clergy person to have this Standing in order to participate fully in the Central MA Association and Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Dual Standing cannot be transferred from one Association to another and is terminated when the person leaves the position for which the Standing was granted. If a person loses primary Standing in his/her own denomination, his/her Dual Standing in the United Church of Christ is immediately terminated.

For Dual Standing to be granted, the local church or calling body must:

- Make the request of the Central MA Association Committee on Authorized Ministry.
- State clearly why Dual Standing is desired or needed.
- Bring the candidate to a scheduled meeting of the Committee.
- Give assurance to the Committee that the person will honor the ministries of both denominations.
- Describe the manner in which the person will accept obligations and

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Committee on Authorized Ministry, Central MA Association
Southern New England Conference, United Church of Christ
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responsibilities of ordained ministry in the United Church of Christ.

For Dual Standing to be granted, the clergy person must:

- Give satisfactory evidence of understanding the history, polity and resources of the UCC.
- Submit certification of M.Div. degree.
- Submit certification of Ordination.
- Submit certification of good Standing in his/her denomination.

All documentation submitted is to be sent to the **Central MA Association Office, 6 Institute Rd. Box #5, Worcester, MA 01609,**
or emailed to: holmesd@sneucc.org.