

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ, DOC)

Resources	Overview of Ordination Process & Requirements*	Coursework Required*		
<p><i>General Commission on the Order of Ministry</i> https://disciples.org/gcom/</p> <p><u>Contacts:</u> Rev. Thaddaeus Burwell Allen thaddaeus1969@gmail.com Regional Minister, Northeast Region Office 1402 Washington Ave. Parkersburg, WV 26101 Office: (304) 428-1681 Cell: (304) 633-2428</p>	<p><i>Steps for Candidacy</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Membership and active participation in a local congregation for at least one year.* ● A letter of recommendation/endorsement from local congregation to the Commission on Ministry of the Region. ● Meet regularly with the Regional Commission on Ministry and provide a statement of faith, theological beliefs, and explanation of call to ministry/ordination. <p><i>Educational Requirements</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Seminary Track** – completion of an M.Div or its equivalent from a theological school accredited by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) in the U.S. and Canada or its equivalent. ● Apprentice Track – completion of a program of study of at least 250 contact hours approved by the Region. <p><i>Act of Ordination</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Under the authorization and guidance of the sponsoring congregation and the Region, with the Regional Minister (or designee) presiding. <p>Candidates are evaluated on the following Areas of Competency:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Biblical Knowledge ● Church Administration & Planning ● Communication ● Cross Cultural & Anti-Racism Experience ● Ecumenism ● Education & Leader Development ● Ethics ● Evangelism </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mission of the Church in the World ● Pastoral Care ● Proclamation of the Word ● Spiritual Development ● Stewardship ● Theology ● Understanding of Heritage ● Worship </td> </tr> </table> <p>*Ordination requirements may vary by congregation and Region.</p> <p>** Candidates are encouraged to follow the seminary track.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Biblical Knowledge ● Church Administration & Planning ● Communication ● Cross Cultural & Anti-Racism Experience ● Ecumenism ● Education & Leader Development ● Ethics ● Evangelism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mission of the Church in the World ● Pastoral Care ● Proclamation of the Word ● Spiritual Development ● Stewardship ● Theology ● Understanding of Heritage ● Worship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DOC polity and history <i>at an approved institution</i> ● One Unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)* ● Sexual Ethics Boundary Training† <p>* This is a requirement for the Northeast Region. Each Region’s requirements may vary.</p> <p>† The following one-day continuation education trainings are typically required for clergy (especially in the Northeast Region) on a rotating annual basis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Year 1: DOC History and Polity (basically a review) ● Year 2: Healing and Reconciliation (Mediation) ● Year 3: Anti-racism Pro-reconciliation Training ● Year 4: Boundary training, including sexual, financial, etc.
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