



Process to obtain Lay Ministerial Standing

Lay Ministerial Standing is an accountable covenantal relationship among the Conference, the lay member and a Local Church of the UCC that is intended as a temporary authorization in contexts where an ordained minister is not available full time. Lay Ministerial Standing is specific to the location of service, is time-bound, with renewals expected every 2 years. Lay Ministerial Standing grants full sacramental authority within that local setting. Lay Ministerial Standing does not grant the individual authorization to represent the United Church of Christ beyond the local setting for ministry for which they have been authorized, or with individuals who do not have a connection with that local setting for ministry. Sacramental authority, including that of officiating at marriages, is approved only in connection with that specific location.

