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Dear fellow clergy,

“How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, “Your God reigns!” (Isaiah 52:7).

I hope that all is well with you, your family, and your ministry. We have come to the time in the year when we must affirm our covenant with the larger church through our annual standing process. I know that it feels like you just filled the form out. I appreciate our shared commitment to getting these done promptly. Please find the enclosed form which you may fill out and mail back to the regional office, or you may access a form on gadisciples.org. (Go to the clergy page).

The deadline to return the form is December 15, 2018. Your timely response will ensure that the Commission on Ministry will have an opportunity review each form to include everyone in our Standing Report to the Year Book & Directory of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Why do you need to complete your annual Standing Form?

For Ordained Ministers:

- To retain your ministerial standing and be listed in the Year Book & Directory of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).
- To have access to the Search & Call process.
- To be eligible for the tax breaks available for clergy.
- To meet Georgia clergy requirements to officiate at weddings.
- To vote at Regional & General Assemblies.

For Commissioned Ministers:

- To retain your ministerial standing and be listed in the Year Book & Directory of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).
- To retain your Commission for Ministry.
- To be eligible for the tax breaks available for clergy.
- To meet Georgia clergy requirements to officiate at weddings.
- To vote at Regional & General Assemblies.

The Standing Form can be accessed online at www.gadisciples.org on the “For Clergy” page. You may send it by mail or electronically. Take good care and blessings in your ministry.

Many Blessings,
Rev. Denise

PS. Standing for 2020 will include a new requirement. Clergy seeking to maintain standing will have to engage in 8 hours of continuing education. Next year in October 2019 we are planning to include a continuing education fee of \$150. The fee will cover two continuing education classes, and the Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation and Boundary workshops will be of no cost to you.