

## Profile Section I: Statement of Consent

The United Church of Christ Constitution recognizes that God calls the whole church and every member to participate in and extend the ministry of Jesus Christ [paragraph 17]. God also calls certain of the church's members to various forms of ministry in and on behalf of the church [paragraph 18].

Persons completing a Ministerial Profile bring unique gifts, skills, and experiences. Search committees are encouraged to approach this information prayerfully and respectfully. The integrity of the placement process in the United Church of Christ depends upon supportive cooperation and considerate and appropriate sharing of information among national offices, conference and/or association personnel, search committees, groups and/or persons beyond the calling body, and persons seeking ministry positions.

We are called to speak the truth in love. Our primary goal is, in all circumstances, to build up the body of Christ. Relationships between calling bodies and persons seeking ministerial positions require honesty, integrity, and truthfulness for the health of the church. In that spirit:

I attest that the information contained in my Ministerial Profile is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any misrepresentation or omission may be grounds for rejection of consideration for, or termination of, a ministry position.

An open exchange of relevant information builds the foundation for continuing and healthy relationships between calling bodies and persons seeking a ministry position. In that spirit:

I authorize the persons and entities to whom I have authorized my Ministerial Profile to be sent and/or their agents to make inquiries regarding all statements contained in my Ministerial Profile. I also authorize all persons, entities, former employers, committees on the ministry and their agents, courts, and law enforcement and other public agencies to respond to inquiries concerning me, and to supply verification of the information provided in my Ministerial Profile. I understand that such persons may comment on and state their opinions regarding my background and character to those relating to the search process, such as, members of search committees of a prospective calling body or the appropriate staff person. To encourage such persons to speak openly and responsibly, I hereby release them from all liability arising from their responses and comments made in good faith and without malice.

The search process in the United Church of Christ further rests on the sharing of Ministerial Profiles and related information in considerate and appropriate ways with those involved in the process. In that spirit:

I authorize conference staff and the persons and entities to whom I allow my Ministerial Profile to be sent and/or their agents to circulate, distribute, and otherwise share information gathered in connection with my Ministerial Profile. I understand that those gathering information about me concerning my Ministerial Profile are encouraged to share such information with me if requested by me to do so.

**Signature Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_