

Church of the Brethren
Licensed Minister
Covenant of Accountability

This document outlines the commitments and responsibilities of a Licensed Minister, the congregation, the district, and the calling cohort during the Licensed Minister's time of discernment, training and formation.

Licensed Minister (full name): _____

Congregation: _____

District: Pacific Southwest District of the Church of the Brethren

Members of Calling Cohort:

District Appointed Mentor: _____

Congregational Companion: _____

District Companion: _____

Others (i.e. spiritual friend, trusted peer, teacher, professor):

The Licensed Minister is working toward the _____ circle of ministry.

The Licensed Minister agrees to:

- Enter or continue in the approved educational program appropriate to the ministry circle toward which they are headed.
 - Approved Educational Program: _____
 - Institution: _____
- Continue to develop relationship with congregation through active engagement (will vary depending upon geographic location of individual) in the life of the congregation.
 - Planned congregational engagement:

- Consult annually with the district ministry commission (calling/credentialing body) for accountability, reaffirmation of call and review/renewal of Covenant of Accountability.
 - District body: Nurturing & Credentialing Committee (NACC)
 - Next scheduled consultation: _____
- Continue meeting at least quarterly with the calling cohort for discernment, Bible study, prayer, and conversation.
 - Next scheduled cohort meeting: _____
- Participate(d) in a denominationally sponsored training workshop on Ethics in Ministry Training.
 - Initial in-depth training: date _____ location _____
 - Refresher: date _____ location _____

The congregation agrees to:

- Continue in prayerful discernment and support with the Licensed Minister, offering prayer, conversation and nurture during the time of discernment, training and formation.
 - The congregation commits to the following:

The district agrees to:

- Offer resources for preparation.
 - Readiness for Ministry (date completed): _____
 - Gifts Discernment (date completed): _____
 - Additional resources:
- Consult annually with the Licensed Minister for accountability, reaffirmation of call, and review/renewal of Covenant of Accountability.
 - Next scheduled consultation: _____

The calling cohort agrees to:

- Serve as spiritual companion to the Licensed Minister.
- Continue meeting (face-to-face, conference call, video conference) with the Licensed Minister at least quarterly for conversations of discernment and prayerful support.

- Cohort meetings scheduled as follows:

By signing this covenant, you commit to participating fully in the processes of discernment, training, and formation.

Licensed Minister: _____

Congregational Representative: _____

District Representative: _____

Calling Cohort Members:

Date: _____

Submitted by: _____

District Ministry Commission / Nurturing & Credentialing Committee

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Signed: _____

A copy of this agreement shall be kept in the licensed minister's file at the district office.