

Appendix D: Release of Career Counseling Report

As mentioned in the Introduction, the New Jersey Association's Pre-Ordination Commission is charged, on behalf of the United Church of Christ, with helping persons who feel called to ordained ministry to clarify and test that call. This is done so that both the one feeling called and the church are satisfied that the person seeking ordained status will be well suited to exercise the functions of that title and position.

A variety of requirements and procedures are used to fulfill this responsibility. One such requirement is having an evaluation done by an approved career counseling center* *during the first year of the discernment process*. It is important for both the candidate and the Pre-Ordination Commission to understand the implications of the report.

Therefore the Pre-Ordination Commission requires each candidate to sign the following statement:

“I understand and agree to release my career counseling report to the Association Conference Minister, the Chairperson of the Pre-Ordination Commission, and my Pre-Ordination Commission mentor/advisor. I further understand that the content of the report will be available to and discussed by the full Pre-Ordination Commission. I acknowledge that this report enters my MID file and will be shared with future judicatories which may hold my standing.”

Signed

Date

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The Pre-Ordination Commission will direct you to an approved center

December 7, 2011
July 23, 2012
January 29, 2014
January 28, 2015
January 1, 2016