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Dear ministry partner,

Those of us who serve on the Committee on Ministry, thank you for the service you give to the church of Jesus Christ and to the St. Louis Association of the Missouri Mid-South Conference of the United Church of Christ.

As a fellowship of persons in ministry, ministers support one another and are accountable to each other. Mutual care and accountability take many forms; completing the 2021 Annual Clergy Informational Review (IR) form is one of them.  Sometimes we are asked why we require these reviews and how we use the information you provide.

From your completed IR form, we learn the latest contact information for where you live and work. With that, we can make sure that your standing is appropriate for your current ministry.

We want to know if you are growing in ministry. Are you active in the renewal of your ministry through engagement with colleagues, study, or a relationship with a coach or mentor?  If not, what help do you need to be active in mutual support with your colleagues? When we see several pastors responding with similar concerns, we can try to organize resources for support.

We look to see if you have particular needs.  Are there personal or professional issues arising for you that you want to address with the help of the Committee on Ministry or the professional staff of the Conference? And finally, are you available for leadership in the larger church?  Are you able and willing to support the larger church through service in the Association and Conference? If so, we pass along your interests to the conference staff and nominating committees.

Completed IR forms become part of your clergy file which is required if you ever want to transfer your standing to another association.

Please help us keep in touch with your ministry by completing the 2021 IR form and **returning it by March 15, 2021.**   The online form is easy to fill out on your computer. Save it in your electronic file and return it as an email attachment to kathleen@mmsucc.org. Or, if you prefer to fill out the paper form, you may print it and return it in the US mail to: Missouri Mid-South Conference, 483 E. Lockwood, Suite 15, Webster Groves, MO 63119. Please make completing the form a priority. We urge you to complete it TODAY and return immediately.

We know the past year has been a difficult one and we hope you are doing well. Please reach out to the conference if you need any assistance. In this season of the new year, I hope the blessing of new life for you and your ministry.

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