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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 Eastern 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; one of them is to identify yourself and your ministry by completing the **2021 Annual Clergy** **Informational Review (IR) form**.

The IR form is completed once a year. The information you provide helps our Conference office keep their data base up to date, as well the data hub in our Cleveland office   **The IR may not seem important, but it is very important to all as UCC colleagues.  Thus, it is a requirement for maintaining your good standing in the Association.**

Boundary Awareness Training and Cultural Diversity, Racial Justice and Equity Training is part of continuing education that needs to updated every three years as part of your accountability, please consult the E-Courier for dates and times for these trainings.

**Please help us keep good records and support one another by completing the accompanying form and returning it by March 15, 2021**.   There are two versions of the IR form, an online version and a mail version. It’s easy to fill out on your computer, save it in your electronic file and return as an email attachment to **kathleen@mmsucc.org. If it is more convenient you may print the mail version form and return it** to **MMSC, 483 East Lockwood Avenue, Suite 15, St. Louis MO 63119**. Because letters can get lost on our desks so easily when the due date is several weeks away, we suggest you 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.

*Kurt Blaufuss*

The Committee on Ministry

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