

IN-CARE PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS

Appendix J: Letter of *In-Care* Support Understanding from the Local Church

Dear Associate Conference Minister and the Pre-Ordination Commission of the New Jersey Association of the Central Atlantic Conference of the United Church of Christ:

On behalf of the congregation of _____ Church, as we have recommended _____ to the Pre-Ordination Commission of the New Jersey Association of the United Church of Christ as an *In-Care* candidate for ordination we also understand our covenantal commitments to this process.

We agree to support this candidate as she/ he goes through the process. (This support can be, but is not limited to or confined by, regular contact with the candidate, offering a support group for the candidate, giving financial support to the candidate, etc.)

Pastor of the Congregation

Date signed.

Chief Lay Officer

Date signed.

Chairperson of the Board of Deacons (or equivalent)

Date signed.

The letter is to be on that church's or denominational head's letterhead and sent to:

The New Jersey Association, 195 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, NJ 07028

Phone: 973-748-7772

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