

# IN-CARE PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS

## Appendix A: Letter of Endorsement from other Denomination

For those persons new to the United Church of Christ and seeking *In-Care* status:

Additional requirements:

1. Obtain a letter\* of support for your *In-Care* status in the United Church of Christ from the pastor of the congregation where you held your membership before joining the United Church of Christ. The letter\* is to include the following recommendation and disclaimer statements:

I \_\_\_\_\_ as pastor of \_\_\_\_\_ church, recommend \_\_\_\_\_ to the Pre-Ordination Commission of the New Jersey Association of the United Church of Christ as an *In-Care* candidate for ordination. I do so without reservations and know of no reason why \_\_\_\_\_ should not be a candidate for ordination.

2. If you began the ordination process in another denominational judicatory a similar letter\* with the same recommendation and disclaimer statements is required. For example:

I \_\_\_\_\_ as Bishop/ District Superintendent, Presbyter, etc. of \_\_\_\_\_ denomination, recommend \_\_\_\_\_ to the Pre-Ordination Commission of the New Jersey Association of the United Church of Christ as an *In-Care* candidate for ordination. I do so without reservations and know of no reason why \_\_\_\_\_ should not be a candidate for ordination.

\*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

Fax: 973-748-7779