Church of the Brethren
Licensed Minister
Covenant of Accountability

This document outlines the commitments and responsibilities of a Licensed Minister, the congregation, the district, and the calling cohort during the Licensed Minister’s time of discernment, training and formation.

Licensed Minister (full name): __________________________________
Congregation: _____________________________________________
District: __________________________________________________

Members of Calling Cohort:
District Appointed Mentor:___________________________________________
Congregational Companion: __________________________________________
District Companion: ________________________________________________
Others (i.e. spiritual friend, trusted peer, teacher, professor): ________________

The Licensed Minister is working toward the ____________________ circle of ministry.

The Licensed Minister agrees to:
• Enter or continue in the approved educational program appropriate to the ministry circle toward which they are headed.
  o Approved Educational Program: ______________________________
  o Institution: _______________________________

• Continue to develop relationship with congregation through active engagement (will vary depending upon geographic location of individual) in the life of the congregation.
  o Planned congregational engagement:
    ____________________________________________________________
    ____________________________________________________________
    ____________________________________________________________

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• Consult annually with the district ministry commission (calling/credentialing body) for accountability, reaffirmation of call and review/renewal of Covenant of Accountability.
  o District body: _______________________________
  o Next scheduled consultation: _______________________________

• Continue meeting at least quarterly with the calling cohort for discernment, Bible study, prayer, and conversation.
  o Next scheduled cohort meeting: _______________________________

• Participate(d) in a denominationally sponsored training workshop on Ethics in Ministry Training.
  o Initial in-depth training: date ____________ location ________________
  o Refresher: date ____________ location ________________

The congregation agrees to:
• Continue in prayerful discernment and support with the Licensed Minister, offering prayer, conversation and nurture during the time of discernment, training and formation.
  o The congregation commits to the following:
    _______________________________________________________________
    _______________________________________________________________
    _______________________________________________________________

The district agrees to:
• Offer resources for preparation.
  o Readiness for Ministry (date completed):______________________
  o Gifts Discernment (date completed): _________________________
  o Additional resources: _____________________________________________
    _______________________________________________________________
    _______________________________________________________________

• Consult annually with the Licensed Minister for accountability, reaffirmation of call, and review/renewal of Covenant of Accountability.
  o Next scheduled consultation: _______________________________

The calling cohort agrees to:
• Serve as spiritual companion to the Licensed Minister.

• Continue meeting (face-to-face, conference call, video conference) with the Licensed Minister at least quarterly for conversations of discernment and prayerful support.
Cohort meetings scheduled as follows:

____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________

By signing this covenant, you commit to participating fully in the processes of discernment, training, and formation.

Licensed Minister: ________________________________________________________
Congregational Representative: ____________________________________________
District Representative: __________________________________________________
Calling Cohort Members:

____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________

Date: ______________________
Submitted by: ______________________________

District Ministry Commission/Calling Credentialing Team

Date: ______________________
Signed: ________________________________

A copy of this agreement shall be kept in the licensed minister’s file at the district office.