

**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): \_\_\_\_\_

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The Licensed Minister is working toward the \_\_\_\_\_ circle of ministry.

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**The Licensed Minister agrees to:**

- Enter or continue in the approved educational program appropriate to the ministry circle toward which they are headed.
  - Approved Educational Program: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Institution: \_\_\_\_\_
- Continue to develop relationship with congregation through active engagement (will vary depending upon geographic location of individual) in the life of the congregation.
  - 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.
  - District body: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Next scheduled consultation: \_\_\_\_\_
- Continue meeting at least quarterly with the calling cohort for discernment, Bible study, prayer, and conversation.
  - Next scheduled cohort meeting: \_\_\_\_\_
- Participate(d) in a denominationally sponsored training workshop on Ethics in Ministry Training.
  - Initial in-depth training:    date \_\_\_\_\_            location \_\_\_\_\_
  - 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.
  - The congregation commits to the following:

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**The district agrees to:**

- Offer resources for preparation.
  - Readiness for Ministry (date completed): \_\_\_\_\_
  - Gifts Discernment (date completed): \_\_\_\_\_
  - Additional resources: \_\_\_\_\_
- Consult annually with the Licensed Minister for accountability, reaffirmation of call, and review/renewal of Covenant of Accountability.
  - Next scheduled consultation: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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:

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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:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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.