## Appendix B:

**Local Church Application to Receive a**

**Member in Discernment**

(Please Print)

Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Church Leader: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Responding to this person’s desire to prepare for the authorized Christian Ministry in the United Church of Christ, this congregation hereby applies to the Committee on Church & Ministry of the Cumberland Association for acceptance of this candidate as a “Member in Discernment.” We affirm that the attached application form is accurate and complete.

## Enclosed with this application:

**FROM THE MID**

* Statement of Consent and Background Disclosure **(Appendix C)**

**FROM THE LOCAL CHURCH**

* Verification of candidate’s membership in a local United Church of Christ.
* Three questionnaires **(Appendix D)**, including one from the local church pastor.
* A statement from the candidate describing his/her faith pilgrimage, biography,

educational and vocational plans.

* Documentation of the candidate’s years of formal education.
* A letter describing the process used by the Local Church Sponsoring Body to

examine the candidate.

* A written statement from the candidate outlining a financial plan for academic

expenses related to training for authorized ministry.

### The candidate has met with the local church Governing Board or Diaconate on

***and this body hereby recommends that the candidate be***

***considered for acceptance as a Member in Discernment.***

***The candidate agrees to make arrangements for a psychological and career assessment by an examiner approved by the Committee on Church & Ministry during the first year as a Member in Discernment or after completing one year of study (whichever is later). These results shall be sent to the Maine Conference of the United Church of Christ. The congregation agrees to pay a portion of this assessment.***

Signature of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Sponsoring Church Leader: \_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Position of Sponsoring Church Leader: \_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please return completed application and all documentation to:

Cumberland Association Clerk

Email: cumberland[assocclerk@gmail.com](mailto:assocclerk@gmail.com)