## Appendix E

## Authorization and Release Form

 For: Committee on Church & Ministry of the Cumberland Association, Maine Conference of

 the United Church of Christ

 I, , hereby authorize

 (Name of Candidate)

 to release the evaluation,

 (Person, Program, School)

either written or oral, of my performance, academic transcripts and reviews, field education evaluations, spiritual development reviews, psychological assessments, Clinical Pastoral Education evaluations) to the Cumberland Association Committee on Church & Ministry, as well as to the Maine Conference of the United Church of Christ (if requested).

I acknowledge that this evaluation will provide the Committee on Church & Ministry and the Maine Conference with insights into my fitness for authorized ministry on behalf of the United Church of Christ.

I authorize the release of this evaluation to the Cumberland Association Committee on Church & Ministry members, as well as to Maine Conference staff, officers, attorneys and consultants. I further authorize the evaluator(s) to answer questions, give opinions, and provide further information related to this evaluation to the Cumberland Association Committee on Church & Ministry members as well as to Maine Conference staff, officers, attorneys, and consultants, and to share this evaluation with ecclesiastical officers of other associations or denominations, where I may apply for employment, standing, or authorized minister status.

I release, indemnify, and agree to hold harmless the Cumberland Association Committee on Church & Ministry, and Maine Conference staff, officers, attorneys, and consultants, from any action or cause of action arising from any action taken under the above authorization, or from any use of the evaluation and further information in reviewing my fitness for authorized ministry, or from the dissemination of the evaluation or further information to or among the persons authorized, or from the unintentional dissemination of the evaluations or further information to other persons.

Any documents provided to the Cumberland Association Committee on Church & Ministry or to the Maine Conference of the United Church of Christ in accordance with the Authorization & Release shall become its sole property and may be retained by the Cumberland Association Committee on Church & Ministry and the Maine Conference, notwithstanding any subsequent withdrawal of my application for, or resignation from, authorized ministry status. This Authorization & Release may not be rescinded or modified, except with the express written agreement of the Cumberland Association Committee on Church & Ministry and by the Maine Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Executed as a sealed instrument.

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

Instructions to the Candidate:

1. Sign your name to the top of the form, print the person(s) program or school from

 which this evaluation, transcript, or review is coming.

1. Fill in the date on the bottom of the page.
2. Retain a copy for your files.
3. Send a completed form to the following persons (if appropriate) and any others

 required of you by the Cumberland Association Committee on Church & Ministry:

 Psychological Assessor/Examiner, Academic Advisor, Seminary Dean of Students

 Seminary Field Education Director, Seminary Field Education Supervisor,

 Seminary Registrar Clinical Pastoral Education Director and/or Supervisor,

 MESOM Director, MESOM staff, Discernment Advisor \Mentoring Team

 Members

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