

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**  
**Living Skies Regional Council**  
**Voluntary Associate Minister Application Form**

A. Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Community of Faith: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Check the appropriate box)**

**Retired Diaconal:**     **Retired DLM:**     **Retired Ordained:**

**Diaconal W/O Appt:**     **DLM W/O Appt:**     **Ordained W/O Appt:**

B. The following Information **must** be completed for the application to be considered:

**Credentials:**

- Introductory Boundaries Training: Yes/No Date:
- Refresher Boundaries Training: Yes/No Date:
- Racial Justice Training: Yes/No Date:
- Police Records Check: Yes/No Date:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**C. Governing Body Action:**

I confirm that the above named applicant has been designated a Voluntary Associate Minister by the governing body of \_\_\_\_\_ United Church community of faith at its meeting on \_\_\_\_\_ (date). Meeting minutes attached.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Governing Body Chair Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Governing Body Chair name

\_\_\_\_\_  
e-mail address

**D. Pastoral Relations Commission Action:**

Approval granted by the Pastoral Relations Commission on \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pastoral Relations Commission Secretary

**Please return completed form to the Pastoral Relations Minister:**  
c/o St. Andrew's College, 1121 College Ave, Saskatoon, SK S7N 0W3 or email [tmurton@united-church.ca](mailto:tmurton@united-church.ca)  
Committee on Ministry Personnel Support

August 2021

By signing the Voluntary Associate Minister application form all parties are agreeing to the following:

1. Ministry functions performed come under the oversight and discipline of the Office of Vocation.
2. The Voluntary Associate Minister may carry out any of the functions of ministry for the community of faith they are in formal association with, including but not limited to weddings, funerals, pulpit supply, educational events, administering the sacraments.
3. The Voluntary Associate Minister may carry out any of the functions of ministry for any other community of faith in the Living Skies Regional Council that requests their services, including but not limited to weddings, funerals, pulpit supply, educational events, administering the sacraments.
4. The Voluntary Associate Minister is entitled to appropriate compensation for performing any of the functions of ministry.
5. There is no expectation of honoraria, stipend, or travel allowance from the community of faith with whom the named Voluntary Associate Minister is in formal association, over and beyond appropriate compensation for any of the functions of ministry that they perform for that community of faith.
6. The Voluntary Associate Minister will work cooperatively with the community of faith for whom they are carrying out the functions of ministry and with their called or appointed ministry personnel, if applicable.
7. The approval of this application includes the granting of the licence to administer the sacraments.
8. The approval of this application includes maintaining the applicant's name on the Regional Council's list of ministry personnel approved to perform marriages.
9. VAM status continues to be in effect until one of the following takes place:
  - (a) If a Voluntary Associate Minister enters into a call with a community of faith.
  - (b) If a VAM enters into an appointment longer than six months.
  - (c) If either the community of faith or the VAM chooses to end the formal association by giving 3 months notice in a written letter to the other party.
  - (d) The VAM is no longer in good standing in the United Church of Canada.
10. When VAM status ends, both the community of faith and the VAM need to communicate this to the Pastoral Relations Commission through email or a written letter.