



Order of Universal Interfaith  
704 Airport Blvd., Ann Arbor, MI 48108  
www.OUnI.org

## Application for Ordination and/or Ecclesiastical Standing

### Instructions:

Please download this form and type in your answers. Then print this form, sign it, and mail it together with your check for \$75 to cover administrative costs (plus the amount of your optional donation) payable to "OUnI" to:

Committee on Ordination and Standing  
Order of Universal Interfaith  
c/o Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth  
704 Airport Blvd.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

If you have any questions, please contact us [orderofuniversalinterfaith@gmail.com](mailto:orderofuniversalinterfaith@gmail.com).

### 1. Personal Information

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Maiden Name or Other Names Previously Used: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender and Preferred Pronouns: \_\_\_\_\_  
Driver's license number and state (needed for background check): \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Check all that apply:

- I have not been previously ordained. I am applying for ordination through the OUnI.
- I was ordained or co-ordained through OUnI of Washington, DC.
- I was previously ordained through an Interfaith seminary and seek ecclesiastical standing through OUnI.  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Seminary: \_\_\_\_\_
- I was previously ordained through a traditional religious denomination and seek ecclesiastical standing through OUnI. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Ordaining Body: \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you currently have standing in that organization? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, do you plan to relinquish or have you already relinquished your standing in that organization? (Not a requirement for OUnI.)
- I was previously ordained through a congregation/faith community and seek ecclesiastical standing through OUnI. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Ordaining body: \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you currently have standing in that organization? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, do you plan to relinquish or have you already relinquished your standing in that organization? (Not a requirement for OUnI.)

### 3. Education (Bachelor's degree AND Master's degree in theology, divinity, Interfaith studies or a related field are required).

List in chronological order all colleges, universities and seminaries attended.

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|----------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| a) Name: | City, State: | Dates Attended: | Degree Earned: |
| b) Name: | City, State: | Dates Attended: | Degree Earned: |
| c) Name: | City, State: | Dates Attended: | Degree Earned: |
| d) Name: | City, State: | Dates Attended: | Degree Earned: |
| e) Name: | City, State: | Dates Attended: | Degree Earned: |

#### 4. Local Participation in a Faith Community

Are you currently part of a faith community or congregation? Yes  No

If yes, please provide details:

Name of the community:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Community's religious or spiritual tradition or affiliation, if any:

Please describe any paid or volunteer roles that you have with the community:

#### 5. Criminal History and Compliance

Have you ever been convicted of any criminal violation, misdemeanor or felony or do you have any pending criminal charges against you? Yes  No

If you answered "yes," please provide a brief explanation.

Please check one:

I certify that I am not under a legal obligation to pay child support.

I certify that I am under a legal obligation to pay child support and AM in compliance.

I certify that I am under a legal obligation to pay child support and AM NOT in compliance. Please give details:

#### 6. Donation (Gratefully Appreciated)

Would you like to make a donation to OUnI to support the development of new Interfaith ministries, public awareness campaigns on the Interfaith movement and social justice issues, and resources, support and continuing education grants for Interfaith ministers?

\$50     \$100     \$200     \$500     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

#### SIGNATURE

I hereby a) affirm that the above information is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge; and b) authorize the Order of Universal Interfaith, Inc. and its designated agents and representatives to conduct a comprehensive background check that may include but is not limited to verification of my social security number and identity, educational and employment background, credit report, driving records, and civil and criminal history in any and all federal, state and local jurisdictions.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED**

### **Seeking First Time Ordination and Ecclesiastical Standing**

1. Official transcripts from each undergraduate and graduate institution attended. Please note that a bachelor's degree is required even though some seminaries and graduate programs admit students without an undergraduate degree.
2. A listing of any continuing education courses taken related to ministerial skills, boundary awareness, social justice issues, faith development, spiritual practices or religious beliefs. These may be courses, webinars, workshops, conference attendance, or retreat participation.
3. Professional resume (with dates) including employment, publications, certifications, and civic, spiritual and community service experience.
4. Three general letters of reference.
5. Autobiographical reflection approximately 5-7 pages, double-spaced summarizing a) your family of origin, current family relationships, and the relationships that make up your support system; b) your spiritual journey including your beliefs and faith practices and the persons and events that have influenced you; and c) your understanding of ordained ministry.
6. Letter to the Committee on Ordination and Ecclesiastical Standing that integrates your education, experiences and training for ministry with your perceived calling or career path.
7. Your check for \$75 to cover administrative costs plus optional donation payable to "OUUnl."

### **Previously Ordained or Co-Ordained through the now dissolved Washington, DC-based OUUnl**

1. Copy of Ordination Certificate from OUUnl of Washington, DC.

### **Previously Ordained through an Interfaith Seminary and Seeking Ecclesiastical Standing with OUUnl**

1. Official transcripts from each undergraduate and graduate institution attended. Please note that a bachelor's degree is required even though some seminaries and graduate programs admit students without an undergraduate degree.
2. A list of any continuing education courses taken related to ministerial skills, boundary awareness, social justice issues, faith development, spiritual practices or religious beliefs with dates and sponsoring organization. These may be courses, webinars, workshops, conference attendance, or retreat participation.
3. Professional resume (with dates) including employment, publications, certifications, and civic, spiritual and community service experience.
4. Photocopy of your Ordination Certificate.
5. Check for \$75 to cover administrative costs plus optional donation payable to "OUUnl."

## **Previously Ordained other than through an Interfaith Seminary and Seeking Ecclesiastical Standing with OUnI**

1. Official transcripts from each undergraduate and graduate institution attended. Please note that a bachelor's degree is required even though some seminaries and graduate programs admit students without an undergraduate degree.
2. List of courses taken that give attention to Interfaith studies including title, institution, professor, and a brief description of the course (at least 6).
3. A list of any continuing education courses taken related to ministerial skills, boundary awareness, social justice issues, faith development, spiritual practices or religious beliefs with dates and sponsoring organization. These may be courses, webinars, workshops, conference attendance, or retreat participation.
4. Professional resume (with dates) including employment, publications, certifications, and civic, spiritual and community service experience.
5. Photocopy of your Ordination Certificate.
6. List of Interfaith experiences and demonstrated engagement beyond one's own faith tradition or system of beliefs.
7. Brief integrative paper (2-3 pages, double spaced) summarizing a) your reflections on Interfaith, b) your reasons for seeking ecclesiastical standing through OUnI; and c) how standing through OUnI will affect and enhance your ministry.
8. Check for \$75 to cover administrative costs plus optional donation payable to "OUnI."