



Order of Universal Interfaith
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Willis, TX 77378
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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 \$125 to cover administrative costs (plus the amount of your optional donation) payable to "OUNI" to:

Committee on Ordination and Standing
Order of Universal Interfaith
502 West Montgomery Street, #554
Willis, Texas 77378

If you have any questions, please contact us at 302-404-OUNI (6864) or orderofuniversalinterfaith@gmail.com.

Electronic Options:

You may also scan this application and supporting documents (in PDF format). Then, you may email them to laurie.taylor@ouni.org. You may also send payment electronically using Zelle. Please contact Laurie Taylor at laurie.taylor@ouni.org for details.

1. Personal Information

First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____
Preferred Name: _____
Maiden Name or Other Names Previously Used: _____
Home Address: _____
Office Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
E-mail address: _____
Date of birth: _____ Gender and Preferred Pronouns: _____

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.
Ordination date: _____ Ordination Location: _____ Name of Seminary: _____
- I was previously ordained through a traditional religious denomination and seek ecclesiastical standing through OUnI. Ordination date: _____ Ordination location: _____ Ordaining organization: _____

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. Ordination date: _____ Ordination location: _____ Ordaining organization: _____

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 of Institution: | City & State: | Dates Attended: | Degree Earned: |
| b) | Name of Institution: | City & State: | Dates Attended: | Degree Earned: |
| c) | Name of Institution: | City & State: | Dates Attended: | Degree Earned: |
| d) | Name of Institution: | City & State: | Dates Attended: | Degree Earned: |
| e) | Name of Institution: | 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:

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 donate 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 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. List any continuing education courses 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 \$125 to cover administrative costs, plus an optional donation payable to "OUnI."

Previously Ordained or Co-Ordained through the now dissolved Washington, DC-based OUnI

1. Copy of Ordination Certificate from OUnI of Washington, DC.
2. An updated professional resume (with dates), including employment, publications, certifications, and civic, spiritual, and community service experience.
3. Your check for \$75 to cover administrative costs, plus an optional donation payable to "OUnI."

Previously Ordained 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. A list of continuing education courses related to ministerial skills, boundary awareness, social justice issues, faith development, spiritual practices, or religious beliefs, with dates and sponsoring organizations. 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 \$125 to cover administrative costs, plus an optional donation payable to "OUnI."

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 courses taken that give attention to Interfaith studies, including title, institution, professor, and a brief course description (at least 6).
3. A list of continuing education courses related to ministerial skills, boundary awareness, social justice issues, faith development, spiritual practices, or religious beliefs, with dates and sponsoring organizations. 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 \$125 to cover administrative costs, plus an optional donation payable to "OUnI."