COLLOQUY FOR MINISTERS OF RELIGION-COMMISSIONED IN THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD

POLICY MANUAL

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3.10.3 Commissioned ministry colloquy programs prepare men and women who are currently serving in ministry roles for membership in the Synod.

- a. Colloquy programs ensure that those who seek to join the Synod have been educated in theology, have become oriented to service in the Synod, and have demonstrated the spiritual and professional attributes that the Synod expects of its members.
- b. Qualified applicants are those who are competent workers in the field for which they seek colloquy.
- c. Every applicant declared qualified shall be assigned his/her first call by the Council of Presidents acting as the Board of Assignments.

3.10.3.1 The Colloquy Committee for Commissioned Ministry shall consist of the First Vice-President of the Synod as chairman, a representative of the Concordia University System, and two college/university presidents appointed by the President of the Synod, two Concordia University System faculty involved in colloquy appointed by the president of Concordia University System, and one representative from CUEnet.

3.10.3.2 The committee shall direct the Synod's activity in matters of colloquies for commissioned ministers.

- a. The committee shall oversee for each category of commissioned minister at each college and university of the Synod the prerequisites for colloquy application, required courses of study, and internship expectations.
- b. The committee shall also establish and monitor academic and theological standards for each of the colloquy programs. The committee shall consult the directors of the programs at the Synod's colleges and universities when establishing or reviewing the standards.
- c. The committee shall render a report on commissioned ministry colloquy activities to each convention of the Synod.

1 EXPECTATIONS FOR THE CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

- 1.1 Each of the Concordia colleges and universities shall be responsible for establishing the prescribed program of study for each person admitted to colloquy. The prescribed eight courses of study shall include biblical interpretation (Old and New Testament), church history, the Lutheran Confessions, doctrine, the beliefs of other religious bodies, and applicable ministry polity.
- 1.2 Each of the Concordia colleges and universities shall have a faculty colloquy examining committee. The institution's president shall appoint the committee, and it shall include the directors of the commissioned ministry program(s).
- 1.3 Each of the Concordia colleges and universities shall have a placement officer to offer assistance to the colloquy candidates during the callprocess.
- 1.4 Concordia University Education Network (CUEnet) shall be responsible for maintaining the following;
 - 1.4.1 The curricular program of study for colloquy as prescribed by the Synod Colloquy Committee for Commissioned Ministry.
 - 1.4.2 The technological delivery system as appropriate for student needs.

2 EXPECTATIONS FOR THE COLLOQUY CANDIDATES

- 2.1 Individuals seeking placement as a minister of religion—commissioned shall be communicant members in good standing of an LCMS congregation for at least the past two years.
- 2.2 These individuals shall possess a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.
- 2.3 These individuals shall have demonstrated the professional and spiritual attributes expected of the Synod's ministers of religion—commissioned.

3 EXPECTATIONS FOR THE CALLING ENTITIES

- 3.1 Entities seeking to call ministers of religion—commissioned shall secure the appropriate call documents and follow the call process prescribed in the Bylaws of the Synod.
- 3.2 The Bylaws of the Synod require that "[c]ongregations shall seek the counsel of their respective district presidents when calling ordained or commissioned ministers" (2013 *Handbook*, Bylaw 2.5.1). District presidents, education executives, and calling entities are to be guided by the "Call Rubrics for Commissioned Ministers" adopted by the Council of Presidents and available from the district president.

- Synod shall call only (1) commissioned ministers who have been admitted to their ministries in accordance with the rules and regulations set forth in these Bylaws and have thereby become members of the Synod; (2) candidates of LCMS colleges and universities who have satisfied the qualifications and requirements for assignment of first calls by the Council of Presidents acting as the Board of Assignment; and (3) commissioned ministers (or those holding positions comparable to commissioned ministers) who are members in good standing of church bodies that have been formally recognized to be in altar and pulpit fellowship with the Synod when agreements for such calls are in place" (2013 Handbook, Bylaw 2.5.3).
- 3.4 Calling entities and congregations shall follow the bylaw requirement that every rite of commissioning and/or installation must be authorized by the district president of the calling congregation or calling entity and conducted according to established procedures (See 2013 Handbook, Bylaws 2.10.1-2.10.4).

4 APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION

4.1 **APPLICATION PROCESS**

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- 4.1.1 Persons seeking membership in the Synod through a colloquy program for ministers of religion—commissioned shall submit an application to one of the Concordia colleges or universities offering the desired colloquy program or, for teacher colloguy, to Concordia University Education Network (CUEnet).
- 4.1.2 Determination of the applicant's eligibility to begin a course of study shall rest with each institution and/or with CUEnet. The student shall also be notified regarding the remaining procedures outlined in this section.
- 4.1.3 Exceptions to prerequisites for eligibility for colloquy shall be determined by the Synod Colloguy Committee for Commissioned Ministry on an individual basis.
- 4.1.4 After the student's application has been reviewed and accepted and a course of study has been prescribed, the student may begin taking courses.

4.2 **ENDORSEMENT PROCESS**

- 4.2.1.1 Each student shall obtain endorsement by the president (and others, depending upon the program) of the LCMS district in which he/she resides. This process may occur simultaneously with enrollment in the prescribed course of study. Endorsement must be received prior to final oral examination.
- Together with the endorsement application, the student must provide: 4.2.1.2
 - 4.2.1.2.1 Official transcripts for all college work
 - 4.2.1.2.2 At least two letters of recommendation
 - 4.2.1.2.3 A written autobiography
 - 4.2.1.2.4 Response to "fitness for ministry" questions

- 4.2.1.3 The district of the Synod through which the endorsement is sought will require a personal background check on each candidate, with fees to be paid by the candidate.
- 4.2.1.4 The district president must endorse a student's candidacy for final acceptance into a minister of religion—commissioned colloguy program.
- 4.2.1.5 The office of the First Vice-President of the Synod shall cause the name of the candidate to be published in an official periodical of the Synod upon receipt of the name from the director of the colloquy program at the appropriate Concordia college or university or the director of CUEnet.
 - 4.2.1.5.1 Thirty days after publication, the chair of the Synod Colloquy Committee for Commissioned Ministry shall notify the committee of any objections received.
 - 4.2.1.5.2 The Synod Colloquy Committee for Commissioned Ministry, in its sole discretion, shall decide whether an objection is valid. The decision of the committee cannot be appealed.
 - 4.2.1.5.3 If no valid objection is submitted to the chair of the Synod Colloquy Committee for Commissioned Ministry within a period of four weeks following publication of notice, the student shall be declared eligible for colloquy. If the candidate is declared ineligible, the chair of the Synod Colloquy Committee will notify the director of the colloquy program at the appropriate Concordia campus or the director of CUEnet.

4.3 CERTIFICATION AND PLACEMENT

- 4.3.1.1 After the prescribed course of study has been completed and all endorsements have been finalized, the student shall be examined orally by a faculty colloquy examining committee.
- 4.3.1.2 If the faculty colloquy examining committee finds the student satisfactorily prepared for ministry, the committee shall recommend the student to the full faculty for certification. If the examining committee finds the student inadequately prepared, it shall prescribe an appropriate course of action.
- 4.3.1.3 When all requirements have been met, including a final oral examination, the faculty of the respective educational institution shall declare that the student is a candidate for placement as minister of religion—commissioned. Placement may then commence.
- 4.3.1.4 Such action shall be reported to the chair of the Synod Colloquy Committee for Commissioned Ministry and the appropriate district president.
- 4.3.1.5 Notice of the action shall be announced in an official periodical of the Synod.

4.4 COLLOQUY COMPLETION

4.4.1.1 The Council of Presidents, acting as the Board of Assignments, shall assign a call to the candidate.

5 TEACHER COLLOQUY ADMISSION AND CURRICULUM

5.1 PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENTS

- 5.1.1 Before submitting an application to the teacher colloquy program, each prospective candidate shall have met the following minimum requirements:
 - 5.1.1.1 Communicant member in good standing of a congregation of the Synod for at least the past two years.
 - 5.1.1.2 Possess a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution.
 - 5.1.1.3 Evidence of professional commitment to the field of education, as demonstrated by past or present state certification, or an advanced degree in the field of education from a regionally accredited institution.
 - 5.1.1.3.1 Individuals serving as full-time faculty at one of the colleges and universities of the Concordia University System who possess the requisite professional credentials for teaching at a college level (graduate degrees) are exempt from this criterion.
 - 5.1.1.3.2 Other exceptions to the requirement for eligibility for teacher licensure may be granted on an individual basis by the Colloquy Committee for the Commissioned Ministry upon the recommendation of the teacher colloquy program director of the CUS institution through which the applicant is seeking certification.
 - 5.1.1.4 Successful completion of student teaching in a Lutheran school under the supervision of a Concordia college or university offering a bachelor's degree in teacher education or one year of successful teaching in a school recognized by the Synod.

5.2 CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

- 5.2.1 The prescribed courses of study shall include biblical interpretation (Old and New Testament), church history, the Lutheran Confessions, doctrine, the beliefs of other religious bodies, and the ministry of the Lutheran teacher.
- 5.2.2 These courses shall be taken in a traditional classroom setting from a Concordia college or university or via CUEnet with faculty of a Concordia college or university as instructors.

6 DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COLLOQUY ADMISSION AND CURRICULUM

6.1 PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENTS

6.1.1 Before submitting an application to the director of Christian education colloquy program, each prospective candidate shall have met the following minimum requirements:

- 6.1.1.1 Communicant member in good standing of a congregation of the Synod for at least the past two years
- 6.1.1.2 Possess a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.
- 6.1.1.3 Trained to do the work of a director of Christian education through an accredited institution that offers an equivalent degree.
- 6.1.1.4 Served as a director of Christian education for at least one year in a recognized ministry.
- 6.1.2 The campus program director at one of the DCE certifying CUS institutions shall prescribe an appropriate course of study.

6.2 CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

- 6.2.1 The prescribed theology courses of study shall include biblical interpretation (Old and New Testament), church history, the Lutheran Confessions, doctrine, the beliefs of other religious bodies, and the coursework necessary for the ministry of the director of Christian education as determined by a program director of one of the DCE certifying CUS institutions.
- 6.2.2 These courses shall be taken in a traditional classroom setting from a Concordia college or university or via CUEnet with faculty of a Concordia college or university as instructors.
- 6.2.3 Students shall complete an internship of at least one academic semester under the supervision of a Concordia college or university offering a bachelor's degree leading to director of Christian education certification or one year of successful Christian education ministry in an LCMS congregation (as determined by the campus program director after recommendation by the student's local supervisor).

7 DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN OUTREACH COLLOQUY ADMISSION AND CURRICULUM

7.1 PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENTS

- 7.1.1 Before submitting an application to the director of Christian outreach colloquy program, each prospective applicant shall have met the following minimum requirements:
 - 7.1.1.1 Communicant member in good standing of a congregation of the Synod for at least the past two years
 - 7.1.1.2 Possess a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.
 - 7.1.1.3 Trained to do the work of a director of Christian outreach through an accredited institution that offers an equivalent degree.
 - 7.1.1.4 Served as a director of Christian outreach for at least one year in a recognized ministry
- 7.1.2 The campus program director at a DCO certifying CUS institution shall prescribe an appropriate course of study.

7.2 CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

- 7.2.1 The prescribed theology courses of study shall include biblical interpretation (Old and New Testament), church history, the Lutheran Confessions, doctrine, the beliefs of other religious bodies, and the coursework necessary for the ministry of the director of Christian outreach as determined by the program director at a DCO certifying CUS institution.
- 7.2.2 The courses shall be taken in a traditional classroom setting from a Concordia college or university or via CUEnet with faculty of a Concordia college or university as instructors.
- 7.2.3 Students shall complete an internship of at least one academic semester under the supervision of a Concordia college or university offering a bachelor's degree leading to director of Christian outreach certification or one year of successful Christian outreach ministry in an LCMS congregation.

8 DEACONESS COLLOQUY ADMISSION AND CURRICULUM

8.1 PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENTS

- 8.1.1 Before submitting an application to the deaconess colloquy program, each prospective applicant shall have met the following minimum requirements:
 - 8.1.1.1 Communicant member in good standing of a congregation of the Synod for at least the past two years
 - 8.1.1.2 Possess a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.
 - 8.1.1.3 Trained to do the work of a deaconess through an accredited institution that offers an equivalent degree.
 - 8.1.1.4 Served as a deaconess at least one year in a recognized ministry.
- 8.1.2 Students who do not meet these requirements are to be directed to a Synod institution that offers a deaconess program for enrollment in an undergraduate or alternate-route program.
- 8.1.3 Additional admission requirements may be established by the Colloquy Committee for Commissioned Ministry in conjunction with campus program directors.
- 8.1.4 The campus program director at the undergraduate deaconess certifying CUS institution shall prescribe the appropriate course of study.

8.2 CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

- 8.2.1 The prescribed theological course of study shall include at least eight courses in biblical interpretation (Old and New Testament), church history, the Lutheran Confessions, Lutheran doctrine, the beliefs of other religious bodies, and the coursework necessary for the ministry of the deaconess as determined by the program director of the undergraduate deaconess certifying CUS institution.
- 8.2.2 These courses shall be taken in a traditional classroom setting from a Concordia college or university or via CUEnet with faculty of a Concordia college or university as instructors.

8.2.3 Students shall complete an internship of at least one academic semester under the supervision of a Concordia college or university offering a bachelor's degree leading to deaconess certification or one year of successful deaconess ministry in an LCMS congregation or an agency recognized by the Synod (as determined by the deaconess program director after recommendation by the student's local supervisor).

9 LAY MINISTRY COLLOQUY ADMISSION AND CURRICULUM

9.1 PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENTS

- 9.1.1 Before submitting an application to the lay ministry colloquy program, each prospective applicant shall have met the following minimum requirements:
 - 9.1.1.1 Communicant member in good standing of a congregation of the Synod for at least the past two years
 - 9.1.1.2 Possess a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution
 - 9.1.1.3 Trained to do the work of a lay minister through an accredited institution that offers an equivalent degree.
 - 9.1.1.4 Served as a lay minister for at least one year in a recognized ministry
- 9.1.2 The campus program director at a CUS institution that certifies lay ministers shall prescribe an appropriate course of study.

9.2 CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

- 9.2.1 The prescribed courses of theological study shall include biblical interpretation (Old and New Testament), church history, the Lutheran Confessions, doctrine, the beliefs of other religious bodies, and the coursework necessary for the ministry of the lay minister as determined by the program director of a CUS institution that certifies lay ministers.
- 9.2.2 The courses shall be taken in a traditional classroom setting from a Concordia college or university or via CUEnet with faculty of a Concordia college or university as instructors.
- 9.2.3 Students shall complete an internship of at least one academic semester under the supervision of a Concordia college or university offering a bachelor's degree leading to lay ministry certification or one year of successful lay ministry in an LCMS congregation (as determined by the campus program director after recommendation by the student's local supervisor).

10 DIRECTOR OF PARISH MUSIC COLLOQUY ADMISSION AND CURRICULUM

10.1 Prerequisite Requirements

- 10.1.1 Before submitting an application to the director of parish music colloquy program, each prospective applicant shall have met the following minimum requirements:
 - 10.1.1.1 Communicant member in good standing of a congregation of the Synod for at least the past two years.
 - 10.1.1.2 Possess a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.
 - 10.1.1.3 Trained to do the work of a director of parish music through an accredited institution that offers an equivalent degree.
 - 10.1.1.4 Served as a director of parish music for at least one year in a recognized ministry
- 10.1.2 The campus program director at one of the CUS institutions that certifies directors of parish music shall prescribe an appropriate course of study.

10.2 CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

- 10.2.1 The prescribed theology courses of study shall include biblical interpretation (Old and New Testament), church history, the Lutheran Confessions, doctrine, the beliefs of other religious bodies, and the coursework necessary for the ministry of the director of parish music as determined by the program director at one of the CUS institutions certifying directors of parish music.
- 10.2.2 The courses shall be taken in a traditional classroom setting from a Concordia college or university or via CUEnet with faculty of a Concordia college or university as instructors..
- 10.2.3 Students shall complete an internship of at least one academic semester under the supervision of a Concordia college or university offering a bachelor's degree leading to director of parish music certification or one year of successful parish music ministry in an LCMS congregation (as determined by the campus program director after recommendation by the student's local supervisor).

11 DIRECTOR OF FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY COLLOQUY ADMISSION AND CURRICULUM

11.1 PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENTS

- 11.1.1 Before submitting an application to the director of family life ministry colloquy program, each prospective applicant shall met the following minimum requirements:
 - 11.1.1.1 Communicant member in good standing of a congregation of the Synod for at least the past two years
 - 11.1.1.2 Possess a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.
 - 11.1.1.3 Trained to do the work of a director of family life ministry through an accredited institution that offers an equivalent degree.

- 11.1.1.4 Served as a director of family life ministry for at least one year in a recognized ministry
- 11.1.2 The campus program director at a CUS institution that certifies directors of family life shall prescribe an appropriate course of study.

11.2 CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

- 11.2.1 The prescribed theology courses of study shall include biblical interpretation (Old and New Testament), church history, the Lutheran Confessions, doctrine, the beliefs of other religious bodies, and the coursework necessary for the ministry of the director of family life as determined by a program director at a CUS institution that certifies directors of family life.
- 11.2.2 The courses shall be taken in a traditional classroom setting from a Concordia college or university or via CUEnet with faculty of a Concordia college or university as instructors.
- 11.2.3 Students shall complete an internship of at least one academic semester under the supervision of a Concordia college or university offering a bachelor's degree leading to family life ministry certification or one year of successful family life ministry in an LCMS congregation (as determined by the campus program director after recommendation by the student's local supervisor).

12 **REVIEW PROCESS**

12.1 The Synod Colloquy Committee for Commissioned Ministry shall conduct a triennial review of the policies and procedures outlined in this manual, consulting, as needed, the program directors for the various ministers of religion—commissioned programs in the Concordia University System. Once reviewed by the Colloquy Committee, this policy manual shall also be reviewed by the Synod's Commission on Constitutional Matters.

Colloquy Program

ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION FORM

Instructions

You are not officially a candidate for teacher colloquy (regardless of coursework taken) until you have been formally accepted into the program. To complete the application process to the colloquy program please do the following:

- 1. A background check through "Protect My Ministry" is required by the Synod's Council of Presidents as a part of the endorsement application process. This background check is facilitated through your local LCMS district office. Please contact your district office immediately to make arrangements for the background check. (If you are unsure how to contact your district office, CUEnet is happy to assist.)
- **2.** Sign and date the *waiver* below.
- **3.** Provide all information requested on the section, *Applicant Information*, on pages 2 and 3.
- **4.** Type an *autobiographical statement* on page 4, setting forth clearly your family background, religious affiliation, education, personal/professional accomplishments, mentors or models and reason for wishing to qualify for the teaching ministry of the Synod. This statement can be typed on a separate page and signed.
- **5.** Submit all completed forms (Waiver, Applicant Information, Autobiographical Statement) to the director of your colloquy program (CUEnet or institution).
- **6.** Provide official transcripts of your college education. Request the registrar of your college(s) to send the transcript directly to the director of your colloquy program.
- 7. Request your pastor and principal (or other appropriate supervisor) write a letter of recommendation (on school and/or church letterhead) on your behalf and submit to the director of your colloquy program. (If you are the principal, make this request to the chair of the board of education or one of your supervisors.) This letter should indicate how long the applicant has been a communicant member of a congregation of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

WAIVER

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

"I fully understand that in the process of reviewing my application, the relevant Synod college/university, the district and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod will receive from other individuals and organizations information and materials relating to my personal, academic and professional background. I agree that all such information and materials shall be retained solely by the college/university, the district, or the Synod as the property of the college/university, the district, or the Synod, and that in no event must such information or materials be revealed to me. In consideration of the college/university, the district, and the Synod accepting and proceeding with my application, I agree that I have no right to such materials or information, and I waive any right which I may now or later have to be informed of the contents of such materials, whether or not I am admitted to the teacher colloquy program. I also fully understand the colloquy process as specified by the Synod's *Handbook*."

Applicant's Signature and Date

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name:	First Name:		MI:	Sex:	Date of E	Birth:
Home Address:	City:	St:	Zip:			
Home Phone:			E-Mail:			
Congregational Membership:			City:			State:

LCMS District:

Academic Background

School	Location	Dates of Service
Elementary		
Secondary		
College (undergraduate)		
Post-Baccalaureate		
Post-Baccalaureate		

Record of Service

Beginning with the most recent, list all professional and/or other occupational experiences:

School/Congregation/Employer	Location	Position	Dates of Service

Teaching Certification:

State(s):

Subject/Title:

Expiration Date:

Community Service

List community service projects in which you have participated:

Community Service	Dates of Service

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

List your memberships in professional organizations. Please include any offices held.

Organizations	Office(s)	Dates of Service

$Fitness \ for \ Ministry$

Before recommending a person for certification for professional ministry in the church, the Synod Committee on Colloquy for Commissioned Ministry must have assurance that the candidate is above reproach. Also, one of the objectives of the Synod is to "provide protection for the congregations, pastors, teachers and other church workers in the performance of their duties and the maintenance of their rights" (LCMS Constitution Art. III 9). Your responses to the following questions will help the colloquy committee fulfill its responsibilities in making its recommendation.

If you answer "yes" to any of the questions below, state on the space at the bottom of this form or on a separate sheet specifics related to each instance. This should include dates, facts, organizations and individuals that may have been involved. Please note that your answering "yes" to any of the following questions does <u>not</u> mean that you are automatically disqualified for the colloquy program. It does mean that we need to engage in a conversation with you about your answer. Our responsibility to our church body requires this. Our responsibility to you is that this be conducted in a loving and confidential manner.

Are you or have you been

- Suspended or expelled by any educational institution? ____
- Dismissed or asked to resign from any professional position you have held?
- Suspended, disqualified, censured, or had disciplinary or removal proceedings instituted against you as a member of any profession or organization?
- A party to a divorce? ____
- Involved in cohabitation without marriage? ______
- Involved in any homosexual (e.g. LGBTQ) activity?
- Involved in substance abuse? ____
- Under guardianship, declared a ward of the court, or incompetent because of mental illness or condition?
- A party (plaintiff or defendant) to any action, civil or criminal?
- Charged with...
- Fraud? _____
- Sexual Immorality? _____
- Improper or dishonorable conduct of any kind in any type of legal proceedings? ______
- Arrested, charged or convicted of a crime (excluding traffic violations), or subpoenaed to appear before any legal proceeding or investigatory agency?_____.
- Are you presently in good health?_____, If not, please comment.

Your Statement of Explanations: (If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet.)

Your Signature:	
Date	

AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

Type an autobiographical statement setting forth clearly your family background, religious affiliation, education, personal/professional accomplishments, mentors or models and reason for wishing to qualify for the teaching ministry of the Synod.

Your Signature:

Date: _____

APPENDIX B (EXAMPLE OF A COLLOQUY PROGRAM DISTRICT FORM) COLLOQUY PROGRAM DISTRICT FORM

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name:		First Name:	MI:
Address:			
Home Phone:		Work Phone:	
Earned Degree(s):		LCMS Church Membership:	
EMPLOYMENT INFORMA	TION		
School or Church:			
Address:		Phone:	
Principal/Supervisor:		Pastor:	
COLLOQUY CERTIFICATI	ON INFORMATION		
Synodical District:		Certifying Institution:	
DISTRICT ENDORSEMEN			
This colloquy student has s district.	uccessfully passed the rec	uired background check administ	ered by the
□ This colloquy student is end	dorsed by the district as a	candidate for the colloquy program	m.
Signed:	Date:	Signed:	Date:

(Education Executive)

CAMPUSES OFFERING COLLOQUY

Colloquy for commissioned ministers is available on the campuses listed below:

Program	CUAA	СТХ	CC-NY	CUI	CUW	CUP	CUC	CSP	CUNE
Teacher	х	х	x	х	x	x	х	х	х
Director of Christian Education		х		х		х	Х	Х	х
Director of Christian Outreach								х	
Director of Family Life	х								х
Lay Ministry					х				
Director of Parish Music		х		Х	х		Х	Х	х
Deaconess							х		

CUAA	Concordia University,	Ann Arbor, MI
СТХ	Concordia University Texas	Austin, TX
CC-NY	Concordia College-New York	Bronxville, NY
CUI	Concordia University,	Irvine, CA
CUW	Concordia University Wisconsin	Mequon, WI
CUP	Concordia University	Portland, OR
CUC	Concordia University Chicago	River Forest, IL
CSP	Concordia University St. Paul	St. Paul, MN
CUNE	Concordia University, Nebraska	Seward, NE

IL