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On May 21st 2013, according to the UCC Manual on Ministry and the Recommended Guidelines of a Fitness Review for a Conference Minister, the Committee on Ministry of the St. Louis Association of the Missouri Mid-South Conference formally entered into a covenant with the Conference Committee on Authorized Ministry of the Iowa Conference to conduct a Fitness Review on its behalf. This review was to consider the fitness for ministry in and on behalf of the United Church of Christ of the Rev. Jeffrey Whitman.

Explicit in the covenantal agreement:

- The Iowa Conference Committee on Authorized Ministry would investigate, deliberate and come to a determination.
- The determination would be referred back to the St. Louis Association Committee on Ministry where it will be formally accepted in its entirety without further investigation or debate.
- After the determination was voted, if an appeal is made on the process, such appeal will occur according to the procedure of and within the Iowa Conference of the United Church of Christ.

On September 12th 2013, the St. Louis Association Committee on Ministry voted to formally accept the findings of the Iowa Conference Committee on Authorized Ministry regarding Rev. Whitman's fitness for ministry. Following the United Church of Christ's Manual on Ministry procedures for Fitness Reviews (section 8) the Iowa CCAM sought the guidance of the Holy Spirit, engaged in faithful reflection, and unanimously approved a motion to pursue a Conditional Affirmation of Fitness with a Prescribed Program of Growth for the Rev. Jeffrey Whitman. In following with the Recommended Guidelines of a Fitness Review for a Conference Minister, the program of growth will be supervised by the adjudicating committee.

Respectfully submitted,



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