

TRANSITION Into MINISTRY RESIDENCY

Application Instructions

To be considered as a candidate for the Transition into Ministry Residency Program of Plymouth Congregational Church, please send the following documents by electronic submission no later than April 12, 2024. If you do not receive a confirmation email within 48 hours of your submittal, please email Karen Jeske at kjeske@plymouthchurch.com

1. **A current Resume**
2. **A 800-word description of your call to ministry. You are free to shape this statement however you wish, but we would appreciate learning about the significant events or experiences that led you where you are today as well as a sense of where you are feeling called in the future.**
3. **A 500-word statement of your interest in our residency program. We are curious to learn how your interests might align with the mission of Plymouth Church and are especially interested in candidates willing to minister to members of all ages.**
4. **Ordination Standing Form. Please complete and submit the form. You will need to request a link to the form from Karen Jeske kjeske@plymouthchurch.com.**
5. **Two Phone References. Please send the names of two people we can contact via telephone who could speak to important qualities you would bring to congregational ministry. Please share their full name, title, email address and phone number as well as one sentence letting us know how you know them and for how long.**
6. **One Letter of Reference. Please ask one person to send a letter on your behalf. This letter should be addressed and sent as an email or attached to an email to:**

Karen Quance Jeske, Director of Adult Education and TiM Program
kjeske@plymouthchurch.com

Please ask your reference to address: how long and in what capacity they have known you; what skills and personal characteristics you have that show potential for congregational ministry; comments regarding your emotional maturity, regard for self, and regard for others; and anything else they believe would be helpful for us to know as we discern your application for this residency

If you have questions or need further information, contact Karen Quance Jeske, Director of Adult Education and TiM Program, at Plymouth Church at 515-255-3149 ext. 02, or email kjeske@plymouthchurch.com