

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEACON

Form for the Appointment of Deacon in Full Connection
or Provisional Member in the Deacon Track

The General Council on Finance and Administration

PART I

Name: Stacy Collins

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Clergy membership status: Full Connection Provisional

Annual Conference: Mountain Sky

Charge Conference: Grace UMC District: Colorado Front Range

PART II (Attach sheet if needed)

1. If you are serving in a setting extending the witness and service of Christ in the world (§331.1a), give the name and address of the institution or agency.

Hospice Chaplain
Dignity Hospice
400 E. 84th Ave. #202
Thornton, CO 80229

According to §331.4, deacons in full connection serving in an agency or setting beyond the local church shall relate to a local congregation. Give the name and address (including district and conference) of the local church to which you relate and serve as your second appointment.

2. If your primary field of service is in the local church, give the name and address of the local church, district, and conference.

Grace United Methodist Church 4905 E. Yale Ave Denver, CO 80222 District: Colorado Front Range
Conference: Mountain Sky

3. If you are under appointment outside the conference of which you are a member, please complete the following:

Conference where you serve _____ Bishop _____

District _____ District Superintendent _____

For affiliate charge conference membership, give the name and address (including district and conference) of the local church to which you relate.

Title/Position: _____

Agency/Institution: _____

Base compensation: (Year _____) \$ _____

Utilities and other housing related allowances _____

Travel allowance _____ other cash allowances _____

Please indicate your appointment category:

- a. Agency or setting beyond the local church
- b. United Methodist Church-related agency, school, college, theological school, or ecumenical agency
- c. Local congregation, charge, or cooperative parish
- d. Endorsed by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry
- e. In service with General Board of Global Ministries

PART III

Area of your certification, specialization, or field of service:

Have you mailed your request for annual review and renewal of certification, specialization to the appropriate agency?

Yes No

On Leave: First Year Second Year Third Year Fourth Year Fifth Year (§353)

Read ¶328 and ¶329 of The Book of Discipline. Reflect, and write about the ways in which you have lived out your call to the ministry of the deacon connecting the congregation with the needs of the world.

A deacon's role is to interrelate worship in the gathered community with service to God in the world. I have assisted in worship services as liturgist, preaching the word, and assisting in communion. I am serving as Pastor of Congregational Care by overseeing and connecting with our prayer /care team, making phone calls and home visits and facilitating monthly Caregiver Support Group and quarterly Prayer Vigils. I work 3/4 time as a hospice Chaplain with Dignity Hospice, serving mostly in South Denver and South Suburbs. My work as Chaplain informs my appointment at Grace and Grace informs my work as a Chaplain.

Describe in what new ways you envision connecting the congregation with the needs in the world.

In our developing vision as a church, we are exploring the needs of the South Denver community. I envision that Care and Compassion will be key as we serve in our greater community. The care team is considering expanding our care to drop off care packages/gift cards to those who are struggling or who aren't able to come to church on a regular basis. How can we expand even more and connect with others in the neighborhood, thereby helping to alleviate the "epidemic of loneliness" of which the Surgeon General has warned us about in June 2024 report?

According to ¶419 the district superintendent shall receive a report of each clergy person on his or her program of continuing education and spiritual growth. According to ¶350 list the ways you have fulfilled your plans for your continuing personal formation during the past year, including spiritual enrichment, service, missional, and continuing education opportunities.

My continuing education for 2024 has primarily been focused on Hospice Trainings as this is a new area of work as part of a Chaplain calling.

Here is a list of the trainings:

1. Grief in the workplace 2. End of Life Education on the Dying Process 3. Compassion Fatigue Training 4. Training on MAiD (Medical Aid in Dying Program)

Spiritual Growth:

Centering Prayer Practice

Participation in a Soul Sisters Group / Prayer and Accountability Circle

According to ¶350 describe your plans for your continuing formation during the year ahead.

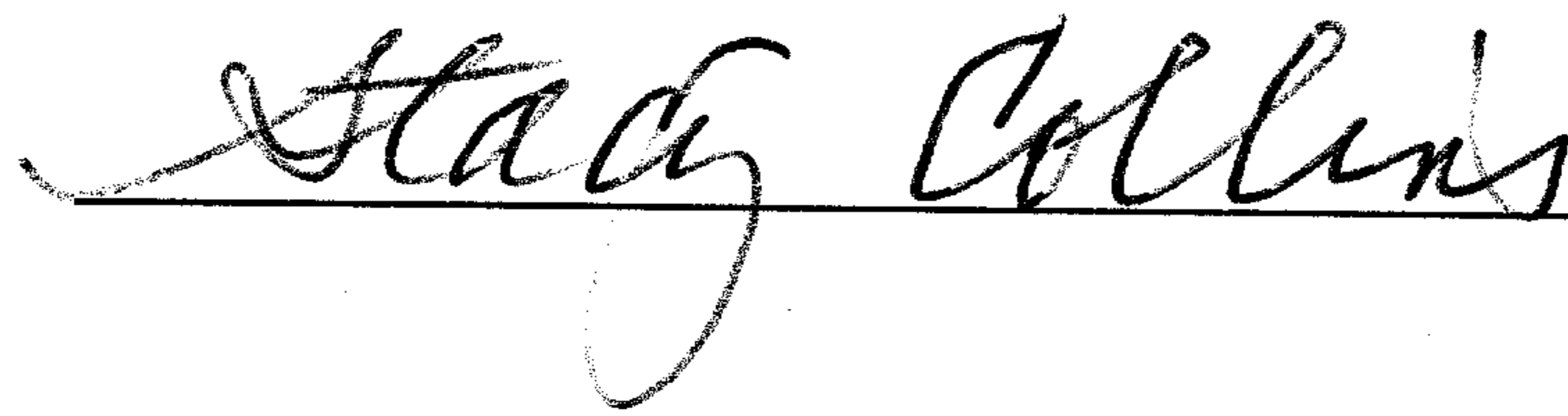
I am planning on attending a Mosaic Arts Class or Retreat in 2025 as ways to deepen this practice and share it with others. I will be offering Mosaic Art Experiences for those Hospice grief groups in 2025.

Attend a personal prayer retreat in late Spring 2025.

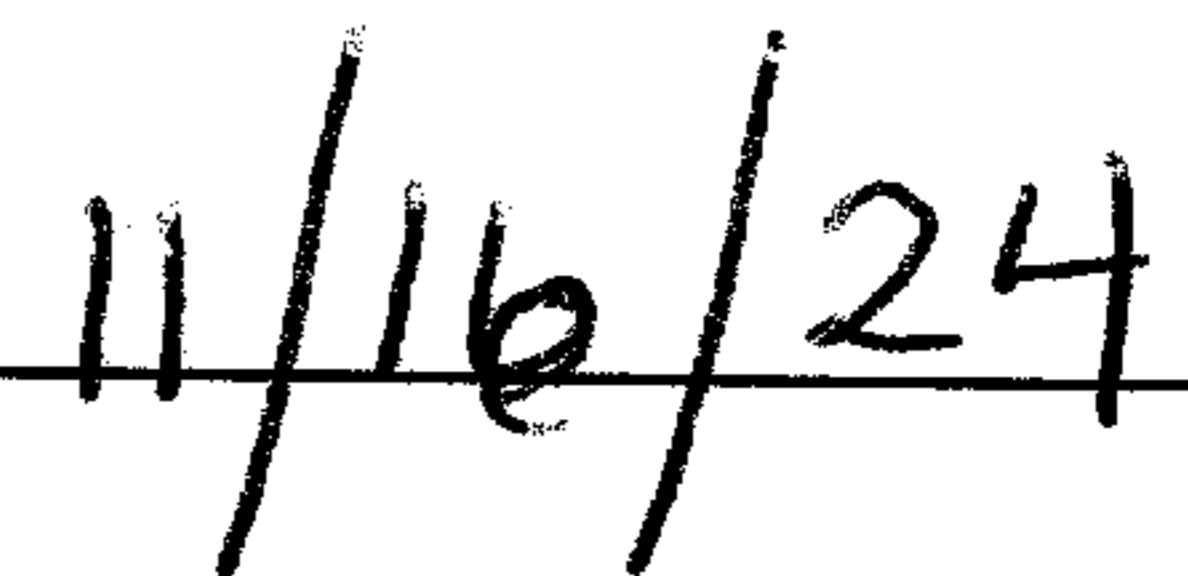
Enrolling in CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education for Fall 2025) to further education as a chaplain

(Attach additional pages if necessary)

Signature



Date



SEND COPIES TO:

1. The Bishop
2. District Superintendent
3. Board of Ordained Ministry
4. Bishop of the area in which you serve, if other than area of which you are a member.
5. Charge Conference