

Policy for granting emeritus title
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The title Minister Emeritus/Emerita/Emerit may be granted to honor persons who have served UUCB as a minister for a minimum of 10 years, with devotion, skill, grace, and/or distinction. Qualified candidates must be in good standing with the UUA and UUMA, be fully retired from active service, and have not served our congregation in the previous 24 months. Candidates may be nominated by the current Board or by a petition of 10% of the congregation's voting members. Under special circumstances, the Board may consider exceptions to the minimum service criterion.

Following the nomination, the Board will offer at least two opportunities for comment by voting members (e.g., listening sessions, cottage meetings, etc.), at least 30 days before the congregational vote. A two-thirds vote of members in attendance at the meeting is required to grant emeritus/emera status.