

MOMSA I APPENDIX 16
PROCEDURES AND SERVICE FOR DESIGNATING A MINISTER EMERITA/US
See MOMSA I.I. for description of Minister Emerita/us designation.

1. Procedures
 - a. The congregation votes to bestow this particular designation upon a minister retiring or retired from active ministerial service.
 - b. Following the official action, a special service of recognition is held in the congregation to celebrate this high honor given by the congregation.
 - c. At that celebration, some form of visible sign, such as a plaque or announcement that the minister's name will appear on the Local Church signboard, or both, or a certificate of some sort is given to that person indicating the designated status.
 - d. The Minister Emeritus/a continues on the mailing list of the Local Church and receives the Local Church newsletter.
 - e. The Local Church notifies the Conference Office which notifies the UCC National Offices so that the designation will appear in the Conference Directory and the *UCC Yearbook*.

2. A Service for Designating a Minister Emerita/us

The Service of Farewell found in the UCC *Book of Worship*, can be used for designating and honoring a Minister Emeritus/a with this addition:

Leader: Acknowledging your continuing love and prayers for (name of minister), do you offer her/him the honorary and lifelong title of Minister Emerita/us of (name of congregation)?

PEOPLE: We do, in joy and celebration.

Leader: Do you accept the honor of the title Minister Emerita/us, and do you promise to continue to pray diligently for God's blessing for this congregation in all the years to come?

Minister: I do, with the help of God.