

**IOWA RESIDENCY IN MINISTRY  
REQUEST FORM  
Alternate Covenant Group Experience (RIM)**

Per the Residency in Ministry Handbook: Each Full-time Local Pastor and Provisional Member (elder/deacon) will participate in a Residency in Ministry (RIM) Covenant Group of peers for as long as it takes to complete the vocational goals of graduating from Course of Study OR Ordination. If, after two years of full and faithful participation, it is determined that a different model of covenant group would be more beneficial for the provisional member/full-time local pastor, then a conversation shall be initiated by that person with his/her Examination/DCom Chair. The Chair will then consult with the District Superintendent and the RIM Facilitators of the participant to determine if the move is, indeed, in the best interest of the requestor. This alternate covenant group being proposed must contain the component of ministry development for participants and have a place for reflecting on one's personal, professional, and spiritual development. If approved, this group must also meet a minimum of six times each year and accountability partners must be identified with attendance reports submitted to the Director of Ministerial Services and District Superintendent. **(It is the Examination Coordinator/DCom chair of the RIM participant who is the sole permission granting authority. The Examination Coordinator/DCom chair will be in consultation with the RIM Facilitators and District Superintendent throughout this process)**

1. Talk with your Examination Team Leader/DCom Chair.
2. You should be advised the Team Leader/DCom Chair will consult with the appropriate DS and RIM group facilitators regarding your request.
3. Please describe how this proposed group will be a part of your ministry development.
  
4. How will you reflect on your personal, professional, and spiritual development with this group?
  
5. Who will be your primary accountability partner? \_\_\_\_\_
6. How often will this group meet? \_\_\_\_\_
7. How will you report these meetings? \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_