

**SAVE THE DATE: October 5 - 6, 2017**

## **Member in Discernment Gathering**

The Ministerial Excellence, Support and Authorization (MESA) Ministry Team of the United Church of Christ invites Members in Discernment (MIDs) to gather at the Church House in Cleveland for networking, mutual support, resource sharing, and inspiring worship.

The MID Gathering is open to anyone who is officially a Member in Discernment with their association. This gathering introduces MIDs to the national setting of the UCC and builds a foundation for vital relationships with lifelong partners in ministry. The 2017 event begins with breakfast on Thursday and concludes with dinner on Friday evening.

Costs for MID Gatherings are underwritten by contributions to the United Church of Christ. MIDs and their associations are asked to contribute \$100 apiece (for a total of \$200). A travel stipend is available for up to \$350 per person.

Space is limited to 50 MIDs per event, therefore MIDs may only participate in this gathering once during discernment.

Registration information is provided two months prior to the MID Gathering, with a registration link and event details emailed from MESA to all MIDs (as listed in the UCC Data Hub) and to conference staff. MIDs should coordinate registration with their associations or conferences.

Additional resources for Members in Discernment can be found at [http://www.ucc.org/ministers\\_considering-ministry](http://www.ucc.org/ministers_considering-ministry).

**Upcoming Dates for  
MID Gatherings:**

**October 5 - 6, 2017**

**April 11 - 13, 2018**

**August 14 - 16, 2019**