

### MEMBER IN DISCERNMENT (MID) ADVISOR BEST PRACTICES

The MID Advisor is appointed by the Committee on Ministry. The MID Advisor must be committed to the UCC, familiar with the polity of the UCC, and knowledgeable of MID processes as described in the 2018 Manual on Ministry. To be an effective resource to the MID, the MID Advisor should have an understanding of the Marks of Faithful and Effective Ministers of the UCC, and be able to offer guidance to MIDs and to recommend resources such as the Discernment Travelogue, Journaling the Journey, and the Marks Assessment Rubric, all available through [www.uccresources.com](http://www.uccresources.com). The MID Advisor should be prepared to provide periodic updates on the MIDs progress to the COM as may be requested by the COM.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Conference \_\_\_\_\_ Association \_\_\_\_\_ COM Chair \_\_\_\_\_

UCC Experience/Background:

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MID Advisee \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Conference \_\_\_\_\_ Association \_\_\_\_\_

Date of initial contact with MID: \_\_\_\_\_ Method of contact:  In Person  Phone  Written

Comments:

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Date of follow-up: \_\_\_\_\_ Method of contact:  In Person  Phone  Written

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*Items for ongoing review and discussion with the MID:*

- MID meeting with COM for annual review
- MID following the formation and preparation plan as specified in collaboration with the COM
- Adjustments to formation and preparation plan (with completion dates as needed):
  - ▼ \_\_\_\_\_
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- MID demonstrates ongoing discernment of call and the Marks of Faithful and Effective Ministers.
- MID portfolio includes:
  - ▼ Sermons, presentations, liturgies, etc.
  - ▼ Self-assessment paper reflecting the Marks
  - ▼ Spiritual autobiography
  - ▼ Transcripts/evidence of courses taken through approved program, including UCC History, Theology, and Polity
  - ▼ Documents of ministry training experiences (ex: CPE units, internships, field education, pulpit supply, etc.)
  - ▼ Evidence of participation in the wider church (ex: Association meetings, Conference meetings, National Setting gatherings)
  - ▼ Copy of criminal background check
  - ▼ Copy of psychological assessment
  - ▼ Documentation of UCC church membership
  - ▼ Documentation of baptism
  - ▼ 3 letters of reference (1 personal, 2 from professor/instructor/field education supervisor)