

SAMPLE MEMBER IN DISCERNMENT APPLICATION

This form should be submitted to the Committee on Ministry after a local congregation has recommended that an individual be accepted as a Member in Discernment by the appropriate UCC Association.

Full legal name _____

Preferred name _____ Date of birth _____

Full mailing address _____

Email address(es) _____

Phone number(s)

Home _____ Mobile _____ Other _____

Church of membership

Name _____

Address _____

Association _____

How long have you been a member? _____

List of activities in which you are engaged (you may attach a separate sheet). _____

Name of current pastor _____

Pastor's phone number(s) _____

Pastor's email address _____

How long have you been a member of the UCC? _____

Please describe your engagement in the wider church (Association, Conference, General Synod, Global Ministries, Justice and Witness Ministries, etc.).

Have you ever applied for Member in Discernment status with this or any other UCC Association?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, which Association? _____

When? _____

Outcome? _____

Education and Training

Include names and addresses of all institutions attended, years attended, date of graduation or anticipated date of graduation. (You may attach a separate sheet or resume with this information.) Note: If you are accepted as a MID with this Association, you will be asked to submit official transcripts from each of the schools or programs attended.

| | Name and Location | Dates Attended | Major/Minor or Areas of Study | Graduation or Completion |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| High School | | | | |
| College | | | | |
| Vocational or Technical School | | | | |
| Graduate School (other than seminary) | | | | |

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| Seminary or Theological School | |
| Regional Theological Education Program | |
| Continuing Education | <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |

Please write three brief essays (one page each) to share with the Committee on Ministry, referring to the Marks of Faithful and Effective Authorized Ministers of the UCC:

- Describe your current sense of being called to ordained ministry by God and the Church and your understanding of continuing discernment of God's call in community.
- Describe your most significant experiences of formation for ministry thus far.
- Describe your areas of growth at this point in your process of preparation and formation for ordained ministry in the UCC. What kinds of learning experiences will most help you engage in this growth?

By signing this application, I affirm that the information provided is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____ Date _____