

Ordination Interview
Committee on Ministry: Preparation
St. Louis Association of the Missouri Mid-South Conference
United Church of Christ

1. Welcome and introductions.
2. Opening prayer offered by the advisor.
3. MID, home church support committee representative, home church pastor and advisor offer an overview of the discernment period and mention MID's gifts for ministry as well as the growth and challenges that have taken place along this path.
4. Comments from the MID about the preparation or content of ordination paper.
5. COM:P discussion with MID about questions or concerns/celebrations coming from what has been shared thus far in the interview, the ordination paper, profile and/or any of the other written pieces from the MID over time. [See separate document--Ordination Interview Questions--as a resource.]
6. A statement by the MID about the kind of call they are hoping to receive.
7. Discussion of next steps – go over *Ordainable Pending Call* Status, the determination of a valid call and how an ordination date is chosen.
8. What questions does the MID have for COM:P?
9. Final question is asked of the MID: Is there anything of a legal, financial, ecclesial or personal nature that we should know about you as we *continue* to walk with you in discernment in our United Church of Christ?
10. Closing prayer offered by the MID.
11. MID and guests depart.
12. The advisor shares their perception of the MID's ordination interview with COM:P... including anything of importance they know about the person and their social media presence.
13. COM:P takes a formal vote on the candidate's *ordainable pending call* status--to authorize, stipulate additional requirements to be met before making a decision or not to authorize the candidate for ordination.
14. The advisor communicates decision with the MID and their home church later that day.

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