

## **Expectations of Committee on Ministry: Preparation Members**

### *Committee on Ministry: Preparation*

St. Louis Association of the Missouri Mid-South Conference

United Church of Christ

Actively participate in the life of a local church of the St. Louis Association.

Commit to a three-year term and regularly attend the monthly committee meetings held on the first Thursday of each month from 12-4pm

Participate in an orientation session to become familiar with responsibilities--including all documents on the Committee on Ministry: Preparation web pages.

Read documents provided and participate in interviews with candidates.

Actively contribute to group discussions with discernment prospects and current members in discernment. Assist with the Member in Discernment (MID) process.

Serve as an advisor to one or more members in discernment and communicate regularly with that person.

Maintain a relationship which may include seeing them preach and reviewing their liturgies/sermons. Be available for phone, email or personal contact. Provide spiritual support, practice active listening and contribute to the discernment process. Report their progress to the Committee on Ministry: Preparation (COM:P) monthly meetings.

Coordinate and serve as a member of the MID's ordination paper review team.

Accept a once-a-year role as the COM:P's devotion leader.

Maintain minutes and documents to be used in committee business.

Represent St Louis Association in making decisions on the fitness of MIDs to serve the wider church and the United Church of Christ.

Familiarize oneself with procedures in the *UCC Manual on Ministry*.

Attend annual Committees on Ministry Retreat for all four committees in the Missouri Mid-South Conference – 24 hours on a Friday to Saturday in March in Columbia, MO.

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