

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

1. Tell us a bit about yourself... growing up, hobbies? What is your sense of call?
2. What has been your faith experience and church pilgrimage that has led you to this point? Why are you seeking MID status now?
3. What is your general theological perspective and how has it changed over time?
4. Share some experiences/thoughts of our sacraments – baptism and communion.
5. What sort of ministry do you imagine for yourself?
6. What is your plan for getting to ordination? How long do you anticipate being in seminary? Will you be balancing other commitments of family and/or work? What are you most excited about? What do you imagine your challenges will be?
7. How is the UCC the denomination of your heart? How would you describe your loyalty to the UCC? What experiences have you had in our UCC beyond your local church?

*\*\* To lay leader and pastor of home church --*

How did you make this person's acquaintance?

What have your conversations about call and ministry been like?

What are their strengths/growing edges as you imagine them in ministry?

How would you create a home church support committee for this person?

*\*\*\* Wrap up*

What questions do you have for us?

Here are next steps.... Explain Psych Eval (if we vote MID)... take photo

FINAL Question of candidate:

Is there anything of a legal, financial, ecclesial or personal nature that we should know about you as we *begin* to walk with you in discernment in our United Church of Christ?

*Each interview is unique and the conversation may lead to other areas of discussion.*

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