

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

These questions may be woven through the conversation which is based on the ordination paper.

1. What is your understanding of the mission of the church?
2. Tell us about evil.
3. How has your sense of call to ordained ministry grown or changed over time?
What is your understanding of the role and office of the ordained minister?
How might you be different than you are now after you are ordained?
4. What is one unresolved theological issue for you with which you will continue to grapple?
5. What sort of ministry do you feel called to?
What do you imagine doing in the first six months you are in this ministry?
6. Which sacrament speaks to you more clearly? What does it say?
7. How do you understand the role and authority of a Church Council?
What role should the pastor play in relation to this group?
8. How is the UCC the denomination of your heart?
What recent experiences have you had in our UCC beyond your local church?
9. What are some of your ethical commitments in carrying out the role of ordained minister?
10. What did Jesus mean when he said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to God except through me"?
11. How do you intend to meet your social, friendship, health, psychological and spiritual needs outside of your ministry setting?

*** To home church member and pastor --*

What are the strengths/growing edges of this person as you imagine them in ordained ministry?

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

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