

MID Advisor Job Description

As an Advisor, you would function as a “coach” to a member in discernment (MID)

The time commitment would include:

- Initial advisor education (familiarization with Marks and portfolio process)
- Monthly or every other month conversations/meetings with MID; virtual or in person
- Availability via e-mail/phone in between meetings
- Assistance with compiling portfolio
- Completion of the MARKS (Marks of Faithful and Effective Authorized Ministry) Assessment at the end of MID's process. This is an exercise done between Advisor and MID only. It's a time of honest communication as it relates to MID's moving forward as a minister/chaplain. Committee on Ministry just needs to know it's been done.
- Encourage utilization of tools such as: *Journaling the Journey*, *A Discernment Travelogue* found at www.ucc.resources.com or *Ask the Question*, info found at www.ucc.org
- Advisors whose MID's have completed their portfolios, will accompany the MID when they present the portfolio for review and at their Ecclesiastical Council and will participate in Ecclesiastical Council, as coordinated by the committee.

Advisors benefit from:

- Learning about the "Marks of Faithful and Effective Authorized Ministry in the UCC" and its assessment
<https://new.uccfiles.com/pdf/THE-MARKS-OF-FAITHFUL-AND-EFFECTIVE-MINISTERS.pdf>
- Learning about the MID's portfolio process
- Talking w/other Advisors who may share skills/experiences that may be helpful
- Observing Advisor limits, boundaries and appreciating their lifetime influence

