



## Member in Discernment Process for Authorized Ministry

### Pre-Authorization Committee (Pre-Auth) Rocky Mountain Conference, UCC

A person senses a call to ministry

Meet with pastor of your local church

If pastor affirms sense of call, meet with **Local Church Discernment Committee**

If local church affirms sense of call, church requests a meeting with Pre-Auth, pre-auth-reg@rmcucc.org

Person submits [application](#) and initial MID documents\* to pre-auth-reg@rmcucc.org for meeting with Pre-

In Discernment Meeting with Pre-Auth, **Preparation Plan** started based on [Marks of Faithful and Effective Ministers](#)

#### \*\*Ordination Documents:

- MID Portfolio
- Psychological Evaluation
- Praesidium Background check
- Sermon Sample
- Supervised Ministry/Contextual Ed Eval
- Transcripts
- UCC History and Polity Course
- Boundary Awareness Training
- Racial Justice Training
- Begin ministerial profile draft

#### \*Initial MID Documents:

- 500-750 word statement on sense of call, faith journey
- Letter confirming membership in local church
- Letter of recommendation from Church Council
- 3 Letters of Reference: (a) one from the local church pastor, (b) one from a person outside of the home church, and (c) one of MID's choice (not a family member)

Use this time to complete your draft Profile, psychological testing, and fulfill your boundary training\*\*

Candidate spends a minimum of one year in discernment with **clergy advisor** and Local Church Discernment

Candidate is ready for authorized ministry in UCC: Ordination Pending Call

Candidate is ready to schedule an **Ecclesiastical Council** in conjunction with the COM.

Candidate is ready to move forward from discernment: Portfolio Presentation **Ordination Interview** with Pre-Auth

Meet at least annually with Pre-Auth committee

Use this time to reflect using [Journaling the Journey](#) and [Discernment Travelogue](#), engaging preparation plan, completing coursework, Boundary Training, Racial Justice Training \*\*