

**Living Water Association, Ohio NorthEast, United Church of Christ
Member-in-Discernment Status Process**

Name of Applicant: Email: Phone:		
Documents needed from applicant:		Date Received
The Member-in-Discernment Application		
A letter from the governing body of the local church, verifying at least one-year of membership in the local church and requesting Member-in-Discernment status for the applicant		
Three (3) letters of reference, one of which must be from a UCC pastor. These must be sent directly to the registrar by the person making the reference.		Pastor- 1- 2-
Educational transcripts		
My Faith Journey and My Call to Authorized Ministry		
Preliminary Background Check - Association office handles this		
Once the above have been received, applicant meets with working group. registrar notifies chair and staff person. then provides instructions to the candidate about the following on go-ahead from the working group.		
Interview with Discernment Working Group – MiD Status granted or not, pending Psychological Assessment		
Psychological Assessment completed. Received and reviewed by Working Group. (Association office will send you instructions)		
Member-in-Discernment receives letter confirming MiD status.		
Advisor assigned. Community of Practice Group assigned.		
CPE and Field Placement/internship under supervision outside of home parish		
Plan of Formation, start on 2 nd year of Seminary or NEOSOM		
Engagement with wider church – General Synod, Association or Conference Gatherings...		
Plan or Formation submitted. Interview scheduled.		
Ordination Paper written and submitted – Interview scheduled		
Ordination Paper and Worship presented to Committee in Ministry		
Approved for Ordination Pending Call		

This journey is one of discernment and listening to the call and the voice of the Spirit. We intend the journey to be friendly, enriching, gentle and powerful. We take the discernment of the MiD and of the Working Group seriously. This process does not have a defined ending for all participants and is not a guarantee for ordination into Christian Ministry. Welcome!