



Responsibilities of Member in Discernment Mentor

When an applicant is approved for Member-In-Discernment status, the Discernment Working Group assigns a Mentor. The Mentor will serve as both a role model and a guide during this time of discernment.

The Mentor will assist the Member-in-Discernment (MiD) in the following ways:

- Work with the MiD in a self assessment using the Assessment Rubric for the Marks of Faithful and Effective Ministry. You will receive a copy of this assessment tool as well as a copy of Journeying the Journey. This assessment form should be presented to the Discernment Working Group as part of their Plan of Formation.
- Help the MID in preparing a Plan of Formation. This plan will be reviewed and approved by the Working Group. .
- Provide opportunities for the MiD to raise and explore questions about faith, the Church, Ministry, etc.
- Ensure that the MiD maintains active participation in the life of the Local Church, and if that is not his or her home church, that contact be maintained with the MiD's home church.
- Encourage the MiD to take an active part in Association, Conference, and denominational activities.
- Maintain at least quarterly contact with the MiD. Review educational progress, growth, goals, and needs.
- Report any ethical or boundary issues to the Association Minister
- Assist the MiD with the critical review and editing of Ordination/ Licensure/ Commissioning papers. Attend interviews with the Working Group and the Committee on Ministry along with the MID. Pray with him/her and provide moral support.
- Assist the MiD in the preparation of a portfolio documenting their accomplishments and understandings related to the marks. This should include transcripts, documentation of coursework, creative writing (sermons, curricula, articles, etc.), and anything the person judges would be helpful to include. The MID should open their Snapshot on the UCC profiles website making it visible for others