

## THE MARKS – ??? Wisdom Circle

<b>EXHIBITING A SPIRITUAL FOUNDATION AND ONGOING SPIRITUAL PRACTICE</b>					
	Self Assessment	Coursework	Experiences	Competency and Ongoing Growth	COM Sign-off
Loving God, following Jesus Christ, being guided by the Holy Spirit.					
Nurturing spiritual practices					
Being called to ordained ministry by God & Church & lifelong discernment & commitment.					
Understanding the power of the Holy Spirit at work in Christian worship to nurture faith					

**NURTURING UCC IDENTITY**

	<b>Self Assessment</b>	<b>Coursework</b>	<b>Experiences</b>	<b>Competency and Ongoing Growth</b>	<b>COM Sign-off</b>
Acknowledging Jesus Christ as the sole Head of the church					
Passion for the oneness of the Body of Christ					
Holding active membership in a UCC Local Church					
Participating in the various settings of the UCC - Local and global					
Commitment to UCC history, polity theology and core values					

## BUILDING TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP SKILLS

	Self Assessment	Coursework	Experiences	Competency and Ongoing Growth	COM Sign-off
Empowering the Church to be Faithful to God's call, reflective of Christ's mission, and open to the surprises of the Holy Spirit					
Strategically creating the future of God's Church, (transformative & adaptive leadership)					
Witnessing in the public square to God's redeeming power					
intercultural awareness and sensitivity & collaboration					
Encouraging leadership, gift development of self and others					

## ENGAGING SACRED STORIES AND TRADITIONS

	Self Assessment	Coursework	Experiences	Competency and Ongoing Growth	COM Sign-off
Knowledge, understanding and continuing study of the Hebrew Scriptures & the Christian Testament					
Maturing in effective proclamation and preaching					
Understanding the history of the Christian Church					
Bringing life to sacred stories and traditions in worship					
Leading faith formation effectively across generations					
Holding the Holy with integrity, especially as represented in the Sacraments					

**CARING FOR ALL CREATION**

	<b>Self Assessment</b>	<b>Coursework</b>	<b>Experiences</b>	<b>Competency and Ongoing Growth</b>	<b>COM Sign-off</b>
Nurturing care and compassion for God's creation					
Maintaining an understanding of mental health and wellness					
Providing hope and healing to a hurting world					
Stewarding the resources of the church					

## PARTICIPATING IN THEOLOGICAL PRAXIS

	Self Assessment	Coursework	Experiences	Competency and Ongoing Growth	COM Sign-off
Practicing theological reflection and integrating it with all life					
Articulating a theology and practice of ministry consistent with the UCC Manual on Ministry					
Appreciation and participation in the ecumenical and interfaith UCC partnerships					
Experiencing and appreciating a variety of theological perspectives					
Embodying the UCC Ministerial Code of ethics					

**WORKING TOGETHER FOR JUSTICE AND MERCY**

	<b>Self Assessment</b>	<b>Coursework</b>	<b>Experiences</b>	<b>Competency and Ongoing Growth</b>	<b>COM Sign-off</b>
Drawing on the ministry of Jesus Christ confronting injustice and oppression					
Practicing the radical hospitality					
Working to overcome explicit and implicit bias in the life of Church					
Understanding community context and navigating change with a community					
Engaging in mission and outreach					
Building relationships of mutual trust and interdependence					

## STRENGTHENING INTER- AND INTRA-PERSONAL ASSETS

	Self Assessment	Coursework	Experiences	Competency and Ongoing Growth	COM Sign-off
Healthy sense of self, exhibiting strong moral character and personal integrity					
Living in relationships of covenantal accountability with God and the Church					
Respecting the dignity of all God's people					
Understanding and ministering to all stages of human development					
Demonstrating excellent communication skills					



**DISCERNMENT CHECKLIST (APPENDIX K)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Member in Discernment is assigned a Mentor, Advisor, COP
- \_\_\_\_\_ Member in Discernment starts working on the Self-Assessment, together with Mentor
- \_\_\_\_\_ Member in Discernment and Wisdom Circle draft the Ministerial Formation Plan
- \_\_\_\_\_ Discernment Working Group approves the Ministerial Formation Plan

**EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE MINISTERIAL FORMATION PLAN:**

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| _____ Biblical Studies                          | _____ Church and Society   |
| _____ Biblical Interpretation                   | _____ Church History   |
| _____ Theology                                  | _____ Complete Field Education or relevant contextual experience             |
| _____ Worship, sacraments, liturgy              | _____ Complete Clinical Pastoral Education or relevant contextual experience |
| _____ Preaching and worship leadership          | _____ Healthy Practices for Ministry   |
| _____ UCC History and Polity                    | _____ Diversity Awareness Training   |
| _____ Pastoral Care – experience and competency | _____ Other: Attended most Association and Conference offerings              |
| _____ Stewardship Education                     | _____ Christian Education and Confirmation – experience and competency       |
| _____ Evangelism and Church Growth              | _____ Christian Ethics   |
| _____ Mission and Justice                       | _____ Spiritual Disciplines/Practices  |
| _____ Pastoral Leadership                       |  |