

Manual on Ministry Scavenger Hunt

Directions: In groups of 2 – 4 people, made up of those who are new to your COM and those who are more experienced, go through each scenario and find where it is referenced in the Manual on Ministry. Write down the page number(s) next to the scenario. See how many you can get in the allotted time. Be prepared to share any unanswered questions.

I'm an ordained Presbyterian minister and I'd like to circulate a profile in the United Church of Christ. Can I? What do I need to know?

I'd like to be a chaplain in the Navy. Can I do that in the UCC? What do I need to know?

I just got hired to work on the MESA Team, but I don't know what MESA stands for! Help!! Do you know?

I'm a new member of the Committee on Ministry and I want to do a really good job! Are there skills that I should be working on so that I can be the best COM member ever?

My pastor just announced he's dating the church secretary, is planning a birthday party for himself in the Bahamas with money from the church mission budget ("it's almost a mission trip!" he said) and "forgot" to preach three months in a row. Is there some kind of code of ethics for ministers in the UCC? Where is the accountability? Help!

I'm a new pastor and the church I'm serving likes to pick fights with me about EVERYTHING! I'm exhausted and thinking about leaving. What kind of support is available to me to make them stop?

My church can't afford a pastor anymore and I've been asked to preach consistently over the past year as a lay person. Members of my church are wondering aloud if I could just be the pastor, and I'm intrigued. I haven't been to seminary, but I love working in the church. Is it possible that I could become like a lay minister? Or??

What does the prophet Habakkuk have to do with the Manual on Ministry?

I love hockey and universal health care and eat maple syrup on EVERYTHING. If I'm ordained in the UCC, can I serve a church in the United Church of Canada?

Where is the checklist for what I need to do to be ordained? I remember seeing it somewhere . . .

I got a job with the MESA Team, and now that I know what MESA stands for, my COM tells me that I need to have a four-way covenant! What does that mean and how do I create one and with whom??

Being a local church pastor during the pandemic wore me out. I just got a job at Trader Joe's. Can I take a leave of absence? Are there other options?

I'm a United Methodist pastor who just got called to serve a UCC church. What are my options to get standing in the UCC? What is the process?