

Dear Member in Discernment,

The next step on your MID Journey is to meet with the the Joint MID Assessment Team (JMAT) of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference. JMAT is a committee that seeks to partner with our Committees on Ministry and you, our MIDs, as you enter into and journey towards ordained ministry in and on behalf of the United Church of Christ. Because their scope is broad and their responsibilities are many, your association's Committee on Ministry, to whom you are ultimately accountable as a MID, has granted us authority and has entrusted us with the task of providing more focused and personalized attention, care, and evaluation as you do the work of discernment during this exciting and critical time in your faith journey.

Because covenant is at the center of who we are as people of faith, as members of the United Church of Christ, and as partners with local COM's, it is important to know that we will be in regular and faithful communication with all to whom you are accountable as we walk alongside you and evaluate you along the way.

We hope that you will view your time with us not as "another hoop to jump through" in the midst of your MID process, but rather, another opportunity for support, care, and honest reflection by clergy peers and dedicated lay people. We believe that ministry and those whom we serve require and deserve good and healthy leaders who have fully explored their calling. We pray that this committee and all that we invest into one another will provide you with such opportunities.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Rev. Matthew Hoover, chair of JMAT, or the chairperson of your local COM.

Sincerely,

The JMAT Team

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REFERRAL FORM

To be used when sending candidate to JMAT

1. Name of candidate: _____
2. Contact info: Address: _____
 - a. Email: _____
 - b. Cell phone: _____
 - c. Local Church membership: _____
 - d. Current status: (ex. MID status; seeking MID status; seeking POC)

3. Association referring candidate: _____
4. Assoc. Chair info: email: _____ cell: _____
5. Last time the COM met with this person: _____
6. Purpose for referral:
 - ___ Recommendation from JMAT for MID Status
 - ___ Assessment of MID
 - ___ Assessment of MID and create a growth plan
 - ___ Assessment of MID and recommendation for ordination

7. Please attach to this form:

For MID Status:

Self-disclosure form, Consent for Communication between COM and JMAT and to duplicate records; 3 letters of reference – one from their pastor; a letter from local church of membership stating that they recommend this person for MID status and the process they used; a letter from local church of membership stating that this person is a member in good standing; PA CBC, PA Child Abuse Clearance, FBI Fingerprint; transcripts or items showing their educational background; a paper with 4 sections, each to be 2-3 pages: Describe your spiritual journey; your understanding and practice of the Christian Faith; how have you been a leader and participant in your local church activities?; Paper on your understand of ordination and why you are seeking ordination in and on behalf of the UCC.

For assessment to create educational formation plan:

Notes of specific concerns or issues you would like JMAT to specifically assess; MARKs Assessment by the COM; and MARKs self-assessment

For ordination exam:

Ordination paper; draft of UCC profile including Oxford CBC; any other info that the COM has collected.