

## Name of COMMITTEE: Committee on Ministry

**Purpose:** To authorize persons for ministry in the Eastern Association and to authorize settings for ministries, e.g. local churches chaplains, etc.

**Type of activity:** Regular committee meetings to interview candidates for ministry, oversight of authorized ministers including disciplinary reviews, providing care for students in care, presiding at ordinations and installations, conducting exit interviews as pastors terminate their ministries, and conclusion of interim times, participate in situational support consultations with congregations to address a situation or problem that has arisen.

**Time of day:** day of week most meetings occur and frequency of meetings: Meetings occur monthly, typically run from 9am to 2pm or 3pm; day of week is developed each year as new committee members come on board.

**Length of Commitment:** Two year term; may serve no more than three consecutive terms.

**Expectations:** Read extensive materials, visit churches, attend at least one annual retreat, become familiar with the Manual on Ministry, work with churches in time of conflict, attend congregational celebrations.

**Accountability:** Association Conference Minister and Association Council President.

**Qualifications:** Theological background, interviewing skills, commitment to the United Church of Christ, and the Eastern Association, willingness to attend all meetings and accept additional responsibilities, availability for special assignments.

**Support and Resource:** Training staff assistance, good spirit of the group, Manual on Ministry, national staff consultation.