

**THE
CHURCH'S
EXPECTATIONS
OF ITS
CANDIDATES
FOR
ORDINATION**

FAITH AFFIRMATIONS

- Is compelled by the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- Has a sense of having been called by God and the Church to
- Has a sense of call by God and the Church to ordained ministry.
- ordained ministry
- Has a sense of vocational direction
- Is committed to the mission of the Church
- Can clearly articulate a personal theological position

- Can clearly articulate a theological understanding of ordination
- Can relate his or her understanding of ordained ministry to the*

CHURCH LOYALTY

- Is an active member of a local church of the United Church of Christ
- Is committed to service in and on behalf of the United Church of Christ
- Is committed to an ecumenical stance and efforts
- Is committed to active participation in the United Church of Christ beyond the local church (Association, Conference, national, etc.)

- Keeps informed about the issues and concerns facing the United Church of Christ and its various parts

- Is familiar with the publications and resources of the United Church of Christ

- Is committed to the up building of the whole people of God

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

- Has attained a general liberal arts education (bachelor's degree or its equivalent)

- Has graduated or will graduate from an approved theological seminary.
- Is able to relate the Christian faith to contemporary issues
- Has engaged in a disciplined study of and has acquired considerable knowledge in the following fields:
 - The Bible
 - Biblical interpretation
 - Christian education
 - Christian ethics
 - Church history
 - Contemporary culture
 - Evangelism and church growth

Ministry resources
Stewardship
Theology
UCC history; polity, practice, and theological roots
Worship, sacraments, liturgy

Has acquired considerable skill in:

Administration
Counseling
Group dynamics
Interpersonal relationships
Listening and communicating
Organizing
Pastoral care
Planning and goal setting
Preaching and worship leadership
Teaching
Working with volunteers and volunteer institutions
Is prepared to lead the church as a community in -mission

PERSONAL QUALITIES

Is able to acknowledge own limitations
Is accepting of diversity
Is adaptable
Has capacity for growth and development'
Lives a Christian lifestyle
Is courageous
Has empathy
Has integrity
Is mature
Has an open and affirming style of relating to persons and ideas
Is resourceful
Has a sense of her or his identity
Has a sense of proportion
Has a sense of responsibility
Has vision