

## THE FELLOWSHIP OF AFFIRMING MINISTRIES CHECKLIST & FACESHEET

### The Fellowship of Affirming Ministries (TFAM) Checklist

The Fellowship of Affirming Ministries (TFAM) is a trans-denominational, theologically diverse fellowship and therefore does not fall within the protocols of mutual recognition or orderly exchange related to full communion agreements. However, General Synod approved an affirmation of the relationship between the United Church of Christ and The Fellowship of Affirming Ministries. It established two paths to Authorized Ministerial Standing in the UCC.

- ❖ A TFAM minister may request Dual Standing while serving in a UCC ministry setting for a limited time. The application process for Dual Standing is followed. The Standing will be for the time the Minister is serving a specific Call.
- ❖ A TFAM minister may request full Ordained Ministerial Standing in the United Church of Christ to serve and to seek calls to UCC ministry settings, and to access the UCC search and call system with a UCC Ministerial Profile.

The COM meets with the Minister to discern the path for Ordained Ministerial Standing in the UCC.

1. The Privilege of Call (POC) process based on demonstration of the Marks of Faithful and Effective Authorized Ministers may be the appropriate process or
2. The Minister may be better suited to the Minister in Discernment (MID) process.

After the Committee determines the appropriate process, that process is followed with the understanding that a TFAM minister is not required to relinquish their relationship, office, or title with The Fellowship of Affirming Ministries in order to seek or maintain ministerial standing within the United Church of Christ.