

Make It Plain

Authorizing Ministry in the 21st Century

(2017 Regional Events)

September 8 – 9, 2017 | Boston, MA

September 21 – 22, 2017 | Denver, CO

October 23 – 24, 2017 | Philadelphia, PA

The changing landscapes of church and denominational life in the 21st century impact the form and function of ministry, including the ways in which the United Church of Christ calls, authorizes and oversees ministers. Consequently, our Manual on Ministry – which saw its last revision in 2002 and its last significant rewrite of content in 1986 – has been due for an intentional re-imagination to meet the needs of the Church and especially of Committees on Ministry.

In 2014, the Habakkuk Group: a 17-member denomination-wide committee of persons from many walks of church life, was formed and tasked in the language of Habakkuk 2:2 to write the vision of authorized ministry and make it plain for the life of the UCC.

The Habakkuk Group now brings its work to the wider church for continued discernment and collaboration. **AM21 – traditionally a biennial gathering of conference staff hosted by the MESA Ministry Team to explore the work of ministerial formation, ongoing oversight, and search and call – is being offered in...regional two-day events in 2017 to include Committees on Ministry, authorized ministers, and members of the UCC who are interested in the development of a new and adaptive, theologically grounded, Committee on Ministry-empowering Manual on Ministry.**

For more information and to register, please go to <http://www.cvent.com/events/make-it-plain-authorizing-ministry-in-the-21st-century/event-summary-4a48d319384241b1a6c362d6cf5bde65.aspx>