## SAVE THE DATE August 17—19, 2016 Member in Discernment Gathering

The Ministerial Excellence, Support and Authorization (MESA) Ministry Team of the United Church of Christ invites Members in Discernment (MIDs) to gather in the Church House in Cleveland, Ohio for networking, mutual support, sharing resources and information, and inspiring worship. The Gathering is for anyone who is officially a MID with a local association for any form of authorized ministry — licensed, commissioned, and ordained. The purpose of the experience is to introduce MIDs within the UCC to the national setting of the Church and to build a foundation for vital relationships with lifelong partners in ministry. The event begins with worship in the Amistad Chapel at noon on Wednesday and concludes with lunch on Friday.

The majority of the costs of this event are underwritten by contributions to the United Church of Christ. Individual MIDs and their Associations are asked to contribute \$100 each (for a total of \$200) toward the cost of the event.

Since space is limited to 50 MIDs per year, an individual MID may only participate in this gathering once during their process of discernment.

Be watching the website (http://www.ucc.org/ministers\_considering-ministry) for more information and for the Registration Link, which will be available in Spring 2016. Questions? Please contact Rev. Kathy Clark, Minister for Members in Discernment at clarkk@ucc.org.

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Upcoming Dates for MID Gatherings: October 4—6, 2017 April 11—14, 2018