

### Appendix 3: Marks of Ministry Portfolio

Name:

Ministerial Advisor:

Date:

**Provide a sense of where you feel you are at this point in your ministerial formation here. For each of the following areas describe experience, plans and evidence of particular interest or strength in your ministry. Particularly note purposeful growth, healthy integration and competency derived from practice, knowledge and training.** You may write a brief paragraph or list concisely evidence that demonstrates your experience, deep understanding, integration or passion and love for a particular Mark of Ministry. *For example: Under the Mark, ‘Exhibiting A Spiritual Foundation’ it might be citing some aspect of prayer life or spiritual practice then stating some way it has grounded or guided you during your ministerial formation process; or in the area of ‘Nurturing UCC Identity’ it might be integrating a specific personal experience of participating in denominational activities that prompted you to consider further exploration by you or in partnership with your local ministerial setting.* Please also describe succinctly particular areas within the Marks that need further development and how you plan to address them. *For example: under ‘Building Transformational Leadership Skills’, it might be to learn about UCC resources, activities or best practices to better equip oneself and one’s church to face a particular initiative or challenge. If you list training courses you plan to take or other experiences you will seek, please indicate what proficiencies they will help to develop.*

*Under ‘Current Knowledge and Ability’ please highlight only those skills and experiences that have most significantly shaped your ministerial development to date rather than attempt to list every experience you have had under each layer of every Mark. Doing so will help those who use the Marks, to remember they are not intended to be completed chronologically but rather viewed as a whole, and as an indicator that invites further conversation and reflection by you and those surrounding each candidate throughout the ministerial formation process.*

#### EXHIBITING A SPIRITUAL FOUNDATION AND ONGOING SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

*Describe occasions in which you practiced or embodied or God’s love, trust or openness to God and recognizable growth that was experienced as the result.*

*Evidence of current knowledge and ability...*

*Plans for further development ...*

#### NURTURING UCC IDENTITY

*Note experiences that contribute to your deepening understanding of what it means to live in covenant with one another within the United Church of Christ.*

*Evidence of current knowledge and ability...*

*Plans for further development ...*

#### BUILDING TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP SKILLS

*Cite times that have enabled you to identify and address issues critical to the well being of groups you lead, serve or for whom you advocate, both spiritually and practically.*

*Evidence of current knowledge and ability...*

*Plans for further development ...*

### ENGAGING SACRED STORIES AND TRADITIONS

*Describe your recent approaches to form or deepen Christian faith among others in either individual or group settings across the lifecycle and/or over the course of worship during the liturgical year.*

*Evidence of current knowledge and ability...*

*Plans for further development ...*

### CARING FOR ALL CREATION

*Identify situations that have helped you clarify the meaning of spiritual healing or faithful stewardship for you and any lasting influences on future practice.*

*Evidence of current knowledge and ability...*

*Plans for further development ...*

### PARTICIPATING IN THEOLOGICAL PRAXIS

*Demonstrate growing ways in which you engage in ongoing theological reflection and engagement as part of your ministerial identity.*

*Evidence of current knowledge and ability...*

*Plans for further development ...*

### WORKING TOGETHER FOR JUSTICE AND MERCY

*Cite experiences of change or challenge with others in which you've participated to model inclusion, justice or God's radical love or hospitality and effects on those involved.*

*Evidence of current knowledge and ability...*

*Plans for further development ...*

### STRENGTHENING INTER-AND INTRA-PERSONAL ASSETS

*Name instances that enable shared growth and management of the web of relationships between you, those in your ministerial setting and the wider church.*

*Evidence of current knowledge and ability...*

*Plans for further development ...*