**Master of Divinity Candidate**

Biographical Sheet

(please type or print in black ink)

Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Date of Birth\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Male\_\_\_\_\_\_ Female\_\_\_\_\_\_

First time applicant\_\_\_\_\_\_ Renewal applicant\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Seminary Attending/Acceptance**

Seminary\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date Enrolled\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Present Class Standing\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(second or third year)

Registered as a Full Time Student\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Part Time Student\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Member-in-Discernment Status**

Date Applied\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date Accepted\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Association\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Conference\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Education: **Please include an official seminary transcript (with calculated GPA) from the Registrar’s Office.**

First Time Applicants: Please list all post-secondary degrees:

Institution\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Degree Awarded\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Year\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Please list Academic Awards, Fellowships, Scholarships, and other honors (All Applicants)

**Personal Statement**

Please answer each question separately and answer all parts of each numbered question. Please use no more than 4 pages for all questions and type your concise and complete responses.

1. Describe your experience, growth, and development in the Christian faith.

2. How do you understand the role of prophetic witness in ordained ministry?

3. What justice work have you done/are you currently doing? How have you made a difference?

4. How has the United Church of Christ helped to further shape your understanding of justice?

**Statement of Intent (For First Time Applicants)**

If I am a recipient of the Rev. Dr. Joseph Evans Scholarship, I covenant with the United Church of Christ to serve as an Ordained Minister in the United Church of Christ in the United States for a minimum of five years (following the completion of seminary). I understand my service may include, but is not limited to, serving as pastor and teacher in a local congregation of the United Church of Christ. If I do not honor this covenant I am obligated to return the full award amount to the United Church of Christ. I fully understand and affirm this responsibility and obligation.

Print Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION: LOCAL CHURCH MEMBERSHIP**

(to be completed and submitted by the local church pastor)

Name of Applicant\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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A. I certify that the applicant names above is a member in good standing of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Church, a congregation of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Association of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Conference of the United Church of Christ. The applicant has held active membership in

this congregation since\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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B. I certify that the applicant named above has geographically relocated and is unable to be

actively engaged in the life of his/her home congregation. He/she is active in the life and

mission of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Church, a congregation of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Association of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Conference

Of the United Church of Christ, which I serve as Pastor and Teacher. The applicant has

been active in this church since \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Personal Evaluation Form from Pastor

Name of Applicant\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Please use a separate page, preferably on letterhead, to provide a succinct evaluation of the applicant and attach it to this page.** The Selection Committee will be looking for indications in your evaluation of the commitment of the applicant to Justice Ministries in the United Church of Christ, the applicant’s involvement in wider church settings of the UCC, and involvement and leadership in local church, community, and seminary activities.

Please attach your evaluation letter and return with this form.

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Member-In-Discernment Status

Note: First Time Applicants must have applied for “Member-In-Discernment” status with the Association or Conference Committee on Ministry to be eligible.

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I certify that this applicant has accomplished the following steps toward being received as a MID

with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Association of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Conference.

\_\_\_\_ Met with his/her pastor and church leadership on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Applied for MID status and awaiting decision of the Committee on Ministry.

Decision expected not later than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_ Accepted as a MID on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_ Remains a MID in good standing.

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Signature of MID Advisor

Telephone\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach to this form (1) a brief description of your expectations of MID’s and the support the Committee on Ministry provides, (2) A letter of recommendation from the Member-In Discernment chairperson.**

Personal Evaluation Form from Member-In-Discernment Chair or Association/Conference Staff

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Personal Evaluation Form from Academic Advisor OR Faculty Member

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Financial Statement

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Estimated Budget From: September\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ To: May/June\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Income (available to meet expenses) Expenses

Personal funds (cash, savings, etc.) $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Summer earnings for this school year $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Tuition $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Salaried Income $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Books $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Income from Other Sources Fees $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Family $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Rm/Board $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Local Church $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Off Campus

Housing $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Seminary Grants $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Food $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Veteran’s allowance $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Transportation $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Loans (itemize) Other expenses (itemize)

Other scholarships/monetary gifts (itemize)

**Please note: Describe on a separate sheet any unusual expenses that may impact your situation. All lines must be filled in. Use N/A where applicable**

Total Income $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Total Expenses $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Confirmation of Financial Need**

(To be signed by the Financial Aid Director)

The attached Student Budget accurately represents the estimated budget of the candidate,

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ academic year.

This student \_\_\_\_will \_\_\_\_will not receive financial aid from our institution for the designated academic year. If there are extenuating circumstances of which the Selection Committee should be apprised, please describe below.

Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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