



Mohawk District Committee On Ministry  
Upper New York Conference  
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

To: Local Licensed Pastor of the Mohawk District

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I hope that you are enjoying your summer. Fall will be here before we want to admit it and we will be back into the routines of Pastoral Conversations, Church Conferencing and DCOM meetings! Yes, I do get a little excited about our District Committee on Ministry meetings. I enjoy hearing your hopes, dreams and successes; they encourage me. I also enjoy coming along side of you in your griefs, broken dreams and places of challenge; it reminds me that we all have similar experiences and need the fellowship of a connectional church. I know that many on the DCOM share these feelings or similar feelings with me.

We ask that you please send answers to the following questions 2 weeks before your interview so that members of the DCOM have time to read what you submit and form questions for areas we want to explore deeper in our conversations. Please be in conversation with us. This is about relationship. Life happens. We all have times when deadlines are difficult. Don't leave us hanging and wondering what is going on, we can compromise and we know grace. If you need a little grace, or a little help, let us know. We are tasked with approving your license to be a pastor. Please give us the best opportunity to do our job.

- 1) Adam Hamilton was our guest at Annual Conference this year. What did you learn from his sessions? This link will take you to videos of his sessions:  
<http://www.unyumc.org/news/article/the-rev.-adam-hamiltons-uny-annual-conference-2016-study-session-videos-now>
- 2) Talk about two positive and two negative relationships in your life.
- 3) How did your spiritual journey change, strengthen and motivate you this past year?
- 4) What are your plans for the future; both in your personal life and for ministry of the church(s) you serve for the next year, and next 5 years?

We will be sending a letter and questions to the Staff Parish Relations Committee of your church. We request your help in getting the forms back to the committee.

The DCOM also suggests that, if you have the capabilities, you share a video with us of a worship service. We wish we had the time in our schedule to see you lead worship and to hear you bring God's Word. We also know that requiring something of this nature might be a hardship on some of our pastors and churches. So this is a suggestion we can use to help you grow.

We will see you soon,

Brian Fellows, Chairperson Mohawk DCOM on behalf of the committee