Penn Northeast Conference

Ministry Team Purpose

**Name of Ministry Team:** Authorization Working Group of the Committee on Ministry

**Purpose of Team:**

The purpose of the Authorization Working Group is to oversee the discernment, ordination recommendation, dual standing, privilege of call, and ordained ministerial partnership processes of the conference. These processes align with the Manual on Ministry and provide for the authorization of ministers within our conference.

Describe how this Ministry Team aligns with the vision, mission, and goals of the Penn Northeast Conference and the United Church of Christ:
Our goals are:

- Formalize a flexible process for ordination preparation based on the Marks of Faithful and Effective Ministers.
- Establish guidelines for Advisors and Mentors.
- Continue meeting with, encouraging and supporting MIDs as they discern their path to authorized ministry.
- Consider a plan of authorization for dual standing, transfer of standing and privilege of call.
- Continue to integrate the Marks of Faithful and Effective Ministers into our authorization process.
- Develop a handbook for MID candidates.
- Periodic assessment of the process.

**Describe how people can become engaged in this work of this Ministry Team**

People are nominated through the Nominating Committee and elected at a conference meeting. Interim placements, between conference meetings, are made by appointment and then affirmed at the conference meeting. Interest individuals should contact the Nominating Committee.