Boundary Training and Continuing Education 2026

Offered ***Online*** for Authorized Ministers in the Florida Conference of the UCC

Registration and Information in **Hyperlinked Headings**

Please verify details before registering.

Basic BAT (Boundary Awareness Training) 2026

As of March 6, 2026, there are ***2 spots*** remaining

Mondays, **April 13 and 20**, 2026, at 7 PM to 9:30 PM ET (**$75**)

Offered by **New York Conference**

Basic BAT is offered in two evening sessions of two and a half hours each, with reading required before each session. Participants should buy ***Saying No to Say Yes*** by Olsen and Devor and read chapters 1 & 2 before the first session.

Boundary Awareness Training: A Contemplative Approach

Thursday, **April 30**, 2026, at 9 AM to 3 PM (Central Time) (**$85**)

Offered by the **Damascus Project Learning Network** (of the MN and WI Conferences UCC)

This boundary awareness training for UCC authorized ministers and members in discernment takes a ***contemplative approach***, grounded in the wisdom and practices of Christian ancestors who practiced daily prayer and reflection in their ministries.

Boundary Training for Clergy

On Demand, Self-Paced…lifetime access (**$129.35** with Promo Code)

Offered by **Convergence** consulting

Each unit will contain specific learning objectives, reflections based on theological foundations, case studies, best practices and video interactions. Boundaries in ***Pastoral Relationships with Adults***, ***Pastoral Relationships with Children & Youth***, ***Finances and Church Business***, ***Social Media***, and ***Self-Care***. Participants will capture key learnings from each unit and write a 400-600 reflection at the conclusion of the course.

Boundary Training for Authorized Ministers

2026 Dates: May 11 and **12** or **Sep 8** and **9** or **Nov 5** and **12** (**$65**)

Sessions held for **Two Days** from 12 PM to 3 PM (ET)

Offered by **Enkei Resolutions** consulting

This six-hour training offered via Zoom uses best practices, case studies and group discussion to cover a variety of topics related to ethics and boundaries. These topics include (but are not limited to) self-care, finances, church conflict, gifts, relationships and social media. The training seeks to be relevant to clergy related to the real-life situations that come up in ministry.

Boundary Awareness Training for Retired Ministers

Thursday, **March 12**, 2026, at 3:30 PM ET (***FREE***)
Offered by **MESA** (**The Ministerial Excellence, Support & Authorization**)

Maintaining healthy boundaries is challenging at any stage in ministry and it is particularly tender and difficult attending to boundaries as we transition out of our last call, and while in retirement. "A Sure Foundation", "The Ministerial Code" and Rev. Dr. Bruce Epperly's new book, "The Jubilee Years" along with case studies, will provide the content of this training. Rev. Tara Barber and Rev. Melanie Oommen will offer this focused Boundary Awareness Training for those entering and living in retirement.

Continuing Education:

Offered by **Damascus Project Learning Network** on topics like Media Training, Planned Giving, Implicit Bias, Cultivating Generosity, and Sermon and Worship Planning

Offered by **Enkei Resolutions** consulting on topics like Racial Justice and Healthy Conflict

Offered by **Convergence** consulting on topics like UCC History & Polity, Political Action, Anti-Racism, Children and Youth, and Digital Ministry

Offered by the **New York Conference** on topics like Sexuality/Gender and Congregational Life

Offered by **Pathways Theological Education** on a variety of topics for progressive theological engagement that values the past without being limited by it, moving intentionally into the present while looking boldly towards the future.

Self-Study: UCC History and Polity a curriculum resource for teaching, learning, and exploring how the UCC thinks, proclaims, works, equips, and engages each part of the denomination to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world. Use this with confirmation, adult small groups, retreats, new member courses, Committees on Ministry, conference boards, and other gatherings of folks who are curious about what it means to be a part of the UCC.

Miscellaneous:

The Ministerial Excellence, Support & Authorization team (MESA) webpage

Within the United Church of Christ, the Ministerial Excellence, Support and Authorization team (MESA) supports the critical implementation of denominational polity for authorized ministry, especially equipping the Committees on Ministry that determine authorization of those persons who hold or are pursuing ministerial standing.