

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.

Boundary Training for Authorized Ministers

2026 Dates: Sep 8 and 9 or Nov 5 and 12 or Nov 17 and 18(\$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: A Contemplative Approach

Thursday September 24 from 9 AM – 3 PM CST (Central Time) (\$85)

OR Thursday November 19 from 9 AM – 3 PM CST (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.

Refresher BAT (Boundary Awareness Training) 2026

As of August 27, 2026, there are **15 spots remaining**

Wednesday, September 30 from 6-9 PM ET and Wednesday, October 7 from 6-9 PM ET (\$95)

Session held for **Two Days**

Offered by [New York Conference](#)

For Ministers who have previously completed Basic BAT. Must be present for the entire session to receive completion credit. (Also, available: Basic BAT and Retirement BAT)

Healthy Boundaries for Healthy Leaders Training Plus Overview of The Self-Differentiated Leader (\$98)

Tuesday, October 13 from 10 AM to 5 PM ET (Zoom)

Offered by [LeaderWise](#)

LeaderWise's online boundaries training workshop addresses boundaries from a place of care for the well-being of the leader. This particular training includes part one which covers the foundations of boundaries and relationships within ministry, as well as part two which takes a high-level view of being true to your calling and your personhood in The Self-Differentiated Leader.

Boundary Training for Retired Ministers

Thursday, October 15 at 2 PM ET

Offered by UCC's Ministerial Excellence, Support & Authorization team (MESA)

With the Revs. Tara Barber and Melanie Oommen. 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. This focused Boundary Awareness Training is for planning for and living in retirement.

Boundary Training for Ministers in Specialized Settings

Monday, November 9 from 6 to 9 PM ET

Offered by UCC's Ministerial Excellence, Support & Authorization team (MESA)

This training, hosted by Revs. Tara Barber and Anissa Glaser-Bacon, is open to ministers serving in specialized settings throughout the United Church of Christ. Serving in specialized settings requires particular attention to boundaries within the ministry setting and home church that are challenging and different from those serving as local church pastors. This training will focus on matters that relate specifically to issues that these ministers face, providing opportunities for clergy to reflect on best practices and growth in their practice of ministry.

Boundary Awareness Training in both Foundations and Specialized Courses

Various courses and times

Offered by the [Central Atlantic Conference of the UCC](#)

"Foundations" is 4 hours (\$50) covers the topics of decentralizing need based relationships, work/life balance, dual relationships, gifts, power dynamics, sexual boundaries, and assessing personal needs. The silver thread through this training is learning to know thyself and meeting one's needs outside of the setting. "Specialized Courses" of varying hours are offered throughout the year on a variety of topics.

Keeping Our Sacred Trust (\$49)

On-Demand, each course is self-paced

Offered by [Wesley Pathways for Ministry](#)

Keeping Our Sacred Trust courses deliver confidential, ecumenical online training on ethical boundaries in ministry. Courses are administered by the Lewis Center for Church Leadership, the trusted leader in church leadership since 2003. Three topics offered: 1) **Understanding Clergy Sexual Ethics**, 2) **Maintaining Boundaries in a Digital Age**, 3) **Assuring Financial Integrity**.

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.

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.