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 Awareness Training 1.0: Through the Lens of Clergy Wellness

Registration will **CLOSE** on **JANUARY 16**

Saturday, **January 24**, 2026, at 9 AM to 5 PM ET (**$85**)

Offered by **Southern New England Conference**

1.0 courses are designed for Members in Discernment and those new to ministry, or those whose Committees on Ministry recommend they take the course. 2.0 level courses are designed for those who have already taken a foundations course and are in active ministry.

Boundary Awareness Training 2.0: Through the Lens of Clergy Wellness

Registration will **CLOSE** on **FEBRUARY 24**

Tuesday, **March 3**, 2026, at 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM ET (**$85**)

Offered by **Southern New England Conference**

Good professional boundaries allow ministry and those who do it to thrive with health and wholeness. Through the lens of clergy wellness, authorized ministers will renew their understanding of and develop skills for maintaining boundaries in an ever-shifting ministry landscape.

Basic BAT (Boundary Awareness Training) 2026

As of December 16, 2025, there are ***12 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

Thursdays, **January 29**, 2026, OR 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: Jan 13 and **14** or **Mar 3** and **4** or **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

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.

Boundary Training for Ministers in Specialized Settings

Monday, **January 26**, 2026, at 6 PM ET (***FREE***)
Offered by **MESA** (**The Ministerial Excellence, Support & Authorization**)

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.

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.

The Interim Time: What Do We Do? (Wednesday, **March 4**, 2026, at 3:30 PM ET) offered by **MESA**

A church's time between settled ministers features a variety of emotions, questions, and tasks. Both judicatory ministers and congregational leadership may wonder how best to proceed. Rev. Jeff Nelson will identify some primary factors and responsibilities to address during this transitional time, including navigating the search process, the role of interim pastoral leadership, and opportunities for churchwide reflection on its past, present, and future.

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.

COM Leaders Gathering (Tuesday, **February 17**, 2026, at 7 PM) offered by **MESA**

Are you a chair, co-chair, or team lead for your COM? You are warmly invited to join MESA Team Minister Rev. Melanie Oommen for the Committee on Ministry Development and Leadership for a time to learn, share wisdom, best practices and questions with other COM leaders. Be prepared to engage with others in this interactive workshop. **REGISTRATION LINK**