

GREATER KANSAS CITY REGION GUIDELINES

- 1. Read the Best Practices document before you begin creating your first ministerial profile
- 2. Regional Reference must be the Regional Minister and President unless the minister is under the care of the New and Transforming Church Commission in which case the Regional Minister for New and Transforming Church will be prepare the reference in consultation with the Regional Minister and President
- **3.** It is helpful if you invite the Regional Minister to assist you when creating your ministerial profile or reviewing an updated profile before you circulate it so that you maximize the chances of a search team recognizing the best in your candidacy
- **4.** Make sure that you allow plenty of time for discernment and for circulation of your profile. Some searches that result in a good match can take two or more years
- **5.** Going outside the Search and Call process to take a call in a Disciples congregation may likely result in a loss of ministerial standing and a match made . . . (not Heaven!)
- **6.** The Search and Call system is a work in progress. If you see a way to improve it, share your suggestions with the General Commission on the Order of the Ministry or with a member of the

College of Regional Ministers. We are continually seeking ways to make the process fairer and more effective.