

Reflection on Sense of Call

The following sections and questions can guide your reflection on sense of call.

I. Faith Development

How has my faith and spirituality developed? What are the general themes, arcs, or movements in my spiritual life?

II. Significant People

Who has influenced me to pursue vocational ministry? How do they relate to the challenges, joys, and mundane moments of ministry? How does your family of origin support your sense of call (or fail to do so)?

III. Human and Psychological Motivations for Ministry

What are the psychological, interpersonal, or experiential dynamics that motivate me to pursue vocational ministry? Why am I pursuing vocational ministry as opposed to another vocation, career, etc.? If the CPM did not certify me, how would that change my sense of self and identity?

IV. Spiritual Motivation for Ministry

How do I understand the spiritual dimensions of my calling? How have I discerned this calling? How does this calling create meaning, draw me to belonging, or buoy my sense of belovedness? How does a calling to vocational ministry change my connection to God?

V. Self-Understanding in Ministry

What parts of ministry are life-giving, and what parts of ministry might weigh me down? Are there fears about my life in vocational ministry, my abilities, or my sense of call? Where am I “stuck?”

VI. Continuing Discernment

How is my discernment unfolding today, and where am I heading in my personal growth? How is my understanding of my call and ministry continuing to evolve and unfold?