

**Request for a Beyond Categorical Thinking Visit**

Please complete the below form and send it as an email attachment to [kkron@uaa.org](mailto:kkron@uaa.org).

*\*required to submit*

***Basic Information***

\*Required fields are marked with an asterisk

\*Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

\*City \_\_\_\_\_

\*State/Province \_\_\_\_\_

\*Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

\*E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

\*Best Phone to Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province \_\_\_\_\_

Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Dates for visit:

\*1<sup>st</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

\*2<sup>nd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

\*3<sup>rd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

If you wish for workshop to not follow the Sunday service, please indicate that below.

Other choices/Additional information: \_\_\_\_\_

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***Congregational Information***

\*Interim minister (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Other ministers serving congregation at present (if applicable, also list length of settlement to date): \_\_\_\_\_

\*Previous minister(s) (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Length of settlement (list dates ): \_\_\_\_\_

\*Hoping to have new minister begin (month/year): \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

\*Size of congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Number of services: \_\_\_\_\_ Time(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\*Average worship service attendance (if more than one service, feel free to list estimates for each service): \_\_\_\_\_

*The following information will be extremely valuable to the facilitators and will have benefit for the search committee and congregation. Some of this requested information might be available in the congregational survey and easy to find. In some cases it may not be, and you are free to estimate (preferred) or leave blank. Please note, if possible, where the information is from (survey, best estimate, other). If there are items you cannot answer, you may leave them blank.*

Size of search committee: \_\_\_\_\_ (Search committee make-up: Does the search committee include any people who identify as people of color; Latino/Latina/Hispanic; gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender; people with a disability? Which one (s)?

How many people in your congregation identify as people of color and/or Latino/Latina/Hispanic? (These figures may be given in a lump sum or broken down by different identities. Please note if the figures are for adults or for adults, youth, and children) \_\_\_\_\_

How many people in the congregation identify as bisexual, gay, lesbian, and/or transgender? (These figures may be given in a lump sum or broken down by identity. Of particular use here if the figures are given in a lump sum is a notation of how many of these folks identify as transgender—transgender, transsexual, intersexual, cross-dressers, third gender.) \_\_\_\_\_

How many people in the congregation live with disabilities?

Are the above numbers from the congregational survey or an estimate?

### ***History of congregation***

The following questions may affect the way the congregation thinks in terms of calling a minister in both positive and negative ways. Taking a moment to answer these questions may offer invaluable information to the training team.

Have any of your previous or current ministers (settled, interim, intern) identified as people of color; Latina/Latino/Hispanic; bisexual, gay, lesbian, transgender; and/or having some disability? Please list.

(E.G.,	Rev. John Doe	intern, 1996-7	gay
	Rev. Jane Deer	interim, 1999-2000	Latina
	Rev. Jed Stag	settled, 1985-89	diabetic, used walker at times)

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Are you officially recognized as a Welcoming Congregation? \_\_\_\_\_  
Is there an active Interweave or b/g/l/t group in the congregation? \_\_\_\_\_

What work around anti-racism has the congregation done? \_\_\_\_\_  
Is there a group for people of color/Latina/Latino/Hispanic concerns? \_\_\_\_\_

What work around disability issues has the congregation addressed? \_\_\_\_\_  
What disability issues are currently being addressed? \_\_\_\_\_  
What disability issues has the congregation said it needs to address but has not? \_\_\_\_\_  
Is there a group(s) for disability issues/concerns? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there other anti-oppression/multicultural work that the congregation is doing that is not covered in the above questions? \_\_\_\_\_

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### ***The Wider Community***

These questions may give some important context to the facilitators who may know little about the wider community you serve.

Where do the majority of your members live? (For example, they may all come from the suburbs to downtown or be primarily located between the town your congregation is in and a neighboring town or you may serve people in a 50-mile radius around your congregation.)

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What are the racial/ethnic communities that are in the area served/close to your congregation? \_\_\_\_\_

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How does the congregation interact with these communities/groups?  
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How do issues of race and ethnicity surface in the wider community?  
\_\_\_\_\_

What activities and services in your community are there for bisexual, gay, lesbian, and transgender people/concerns?

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Do you have people who are out in the congregation but not able to be out in the wider community? \_\_\_\_\_

How does the congregation interact with the local bisexual, gay, lesbian, and transgender community (ies)? \_\_\_\_\_

How accessible to people with disabilities is the wider community of which you are a part? \_\_\_\_\_

Has your wider community undertaken any work to make your community more accessible to people with disabilities that you are aware of? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a disability rights group in your community? \_\_\_\_\_

How has the congregation engaged in this issue in the wider community?

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Does the congregation have a relationship with another congregation that serves primarily people of color or b/g/l/t people? \_\_\_\_\_

In some congregations, issues of gender, age, and class would warrant some time as part of the BCT training. For example, one congregation that was several hundred years old had never had a female minister. Another example is calling a minister from a working class background in a congregation of primarily upper class congregants and there being strife over many issues. If there is a reason why you feel that part of the BCT time should be spent addressing one of these areas due to congregational history, please give a short history of why that should happen below.

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What else should we know about you that we haven't asked?

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If we need clarification on any part of this form, should we direct questions to the contact person or to someone else (please list name and contact)?

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