

Share the Journey with the Rev. Malcolm Himschoot
Saturday, April 5th
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Trost Center, DeForest

The **Rev. Malcolm Himschoot** will lead a one-day retreat for authorized ministers in the Wisconsin Conference on Saturday, April 5, 2014 at the Trost Center. Malcolm is the Minister for Ministerial Transition, on the MESA Team (**M**inisterial **E**xcellence, **S**upport & **A**uthorization) in the United Church of Christ Church House in Cleveland.

We are blessed Malcolm will be in Madison for another event at the same time, and has agreed to be with our authorized ministers on that day.

The retreat, “**Writing a Journey, Discerning a Call**,” is described by Malcolm in the following ways:

- of interest to all ministers who enjoy guided writing, dialog, and reflection;
- those who want to unpack the new ministerial profile and ask questions about nationwide search and call;
- those who want to know more about the “Marks of Faithful and Effective Authorized Ministers.”

In this retreat Malcolm will blend elements of spiritual journey with education and learning about recent developments in the new profile system and how authorized ministry is defined and described in the United Church of Christ. In discussions during the planning of this event, Malcolm intends it be to a “mini-retreat, engaging the whole person – mind, body, and spirit.”

Malcolm notes that a draft UCC Ministerial Profile is recommended for every authorized minister every three years.

Note: If you have had MESA trainings over the past couple of years, this content will be a repeat for you.

Workshop Agenda:

Step One. Wandering: A 35,000-foot view of a minister’s vocation in the 21st century (presentation)

Step Two. Travelling by faith: Recalling and testifying to God’s deeds (interactive exercise)

Step Three. Marking the terrain: Language for building up leaders for Christ’s church (reading, journaling)

Step Four. Looking back at the path: UCC Ministerial Profile (sharing in small groups)

Step Five. Illuminating the journey: Snapshot Party (large-group debrief)

Don’t miss this great opportunity!

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This an all-day event, with a lunch at noon and refreshments provided. Donations will be gratefully accepted to help defray expenses.

Registration deadline March 29

