

## Journey Toward Ordained Ministry – Telling Your Call Story

### Beginnings

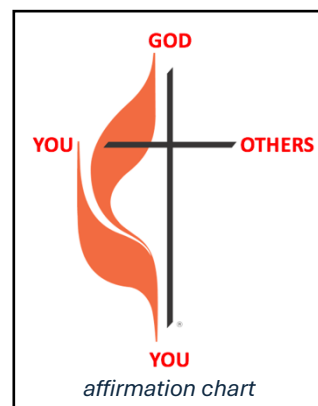
- Who were you when you began discernment?
- What was your context?
- What event initiated your discernment?
- How did you respond?
- Why did you respond that way?
- Where was God moving? (Think theologically.)

### Transitions

- What has been your context between your beginning and now?
- Has your response been consistent or have you responding in different ways? If they've changed, why?
- Where was God moving? (Think theologically.)

### Now and Next

- What is your context now?
- How are you currently responding?
- Why are you responding the way you are?
- Where do you think God is leading you into the future?
- Where was God moving? (Think theologically)



### Affirmations

- Examples of how are you being affirmed by God (vertical affirmations-prayer, scripture, meditation, contemplation)?
- Examples of how are you being affirmed by others (horizontal affirmations-family, friends, peers, students, church members)?

## Other Tips

- Start with the end in mind... and Keep it Brief
- Focus on you, not others... and Keep it Brief
- Cater to your audience... and Keep it Brief
- What are you learning about God?... and... Keep it Brief

## Recap

- Your BEGINNING
  - Make sure to include:
    - Affirmations you've received
    - Where did you experience God moving
- Your TRANSITION (growth/middle)
  - Make sure to include:
    - What was happening in your life
    - Why did you make the choices you made
    - Affirmations you've received
    - Where did you experience God moving
- Your "NOW"
  - Make sure to include:
    - What was happening in your life
    - Why did you make the choices you made
    - Affirmations you've received
    - Where did you experience God moving
- Your "NEXT"
  - Make sure to include:
    - What was happening in your life
    - Why did you make the choices you made
    - Affirmations you've received
    - Where did you experience God moving

