



# Ministerial Colleague

Training for new MCs



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# Agenda

- What is a Ministerial Colleague?
- What are the expectations for a Ministerial Colleague?
- Best practices for being a Ministerial Colleague
- Developing the next generation
- MC Resources



# What is a Ministerial Colleague?

- A member of the FCM community (preferably Commissioned) that serves as a colleague in the diaspora for FCM Ministers.
- A *minister* that *ministers* to FCM members who are pursuing Commissioning.
- A mentor and friend in ministry.

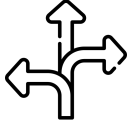
# What are the expectations for a Ministerial Colleague?



- Be available as a mentor/resource for new FCM members seeking and maintaining Commissioning.



- Continuing to keep in touch (checking-in) with your colleague to provide spiritual direction and fellowship.



- Referring the colleague to the appropriate contact within FCM when questions arise.



- Pray for/with the colleague.



- Keep notes about interactions with colleagues.



- Participate bi-monthly *MC Check-ins* with Regional Vice President.\*

*\* not all regions will have formal MC Check-ins*



# Best practices for being a Ministerial Colleague

- Focus on relationship building first
- Find opportunities to connect with your colleague, that *'meets them where they are'*
  - For example, some members prefer a video call, while others connect better via text message.
- Ensure that you are reaching out to your colleague *at least once a month* (minimum twelve times a year)
  - If a colleague starts to become unresponsive, be sure to let the Regional Vice President know that you have been unable to remain in contact with them
- Approach the role as a servant-leader
- Maintain confidentiality
  - If a colleague shares information that you feel should be disclosed, encourage them to contact the Regional Vice President, and/or ask for permission to share on their behalf





# Developing the next generation

- Always be on the lookout for new members that you feel would be successful MCs
- Think of the MC structure as like a *good* pyramid scheme.
- Be sure to share potential new MCs with the RVP, possibly discuss during *MC Check-Ins*.

# MC Resources





# Where to direct colleagues when...

They experience issues with Realm	→	connect@fcmail.org
They have questions about membership materials (like ID cards/certificates)	→	membership@fcmail.org
Ethics questions	→	chairperson@fcmail.org
Endorsement questions	→	<a href="#"><u>Regional liaison to the Committee for Specialized Ministry</u></a>
Commissioning questions	→	If you know the answer, feel free to offer the information, otherwise refer to Regional Vice President

# Common Resources

## General FCM

- [Prayer Request Form](#)
- [FCM Region Map](#)
- [FCM Faith Communities](#)
- [FCM Newsletter](#)
- [FCM Bylaws](#)

## Commissioning & Endorsement

- [Commissioning Overview](#)
  - [Commissioning Polity](#)
  - [Professional Practice Policy](#)
  - [Standards of Ethical Conduct](#)
- [Endorsement Overview](#)
  - [Requirements Checklist](#)
  - [Endorsement Polity](#)