

# What it means to be a Center or Service Center accredited by

## The Ministry Development Council



If you partner with, or use an MDC accredited Center or Service Center, you can be assured of the following:

### ■ Commitment to a Mission

The mission of MDC accredited Centers and Service Centers is to strengthen the leadership of the church, church professionals, and those seeking to enter ministry. To keep that mission in focus and central, center boards of directors typically include leaders in the church.

### ■ Specially Qualified Personnel

Center and Service counselors are professionally qualified at Masters and Doctoral levels plus certification and/or licensing. Additionally, counselors have extensive leadership experience in the church, often in ordained ministry.

### ■ Procedure of the Highest Quality

MDC accredited Centers and Service Centers are expected to demonstrate high standards: adherence to a written code of ethics, confidentiality policies, standardized instruments, counseling procedures to meet the needs of their constituents and utilizing a developmental model of candidate assessment.

### ■ Wide Range of Services Offered

MDC accredited Centers and Service Centers offer a variety of services: counseling with clergy and their families, assessing candidates for ministry and candidates for specific positions within the church, coaching, pre-retirement planning, consultation with church personnel officers, crisis intervention, conflict management, staff team-building, professional boundaries concerns, clergy self-care, clergy family self-care and clergy out-placement.

### ■ Close Working Relationship with Church Bodies

MDC accredited Centers and Service Centers maintain ongoing contact with the church bodies they serve to assure their services meet the church's needs. Such contact includes review and feedback of written reports from Centers and Service Centers to assure clarity and usefulness to committees and church leaders.

### ■ The Advantages of Being Part of a Network

MDC accredited Centers and Service Centers share experience (including "best practices") and offer mutual support. MDC sponsors continuing education events to strengthen church leadership. MDC Centers and Service Centers share research with one another that enhances the general field of knowledge regarding issues of church leadership. Centers and Services also cooperate with one another informally such as sharing of counselors with particular skills, e.g., language facility. Thus, contact with one MDC facility links the seeker to all centers in the network.



# A NATIONWIDE NETWORK OF CENTERS AND SERVICE CENTERS

exploring  
discerning  
supporting  
serving



## MDC

Confidentiality and professional ethical standards are scrupulously followed in all accredited MDC Centers and Service Centers. Costs vary with service.

For more information about how the Ministry Development Council Centers and Service Centers can assist you with your need for vocational discernment or for leadership assessment and development, please contact the accredited center nearest you.

### CENTERS ARE LOCATED IN

BOSTON, MA  
CHARLOTTE, NC  
CHICAGO, IL  
COLUMBUS, OH  
DALLAS, TX  
KANSAS CITY, MO  
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