RESOURCE GUIDE

for Ministerial Search Committees

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The *Resource Guide for Ministerial Search Committees* is a smorgasbord of practical resources for the ministerial search committee. It is a supplement to the *Ministerial Settlement Handbook*, which explains the recommended procedures of the Unitarian Universalist Association for the ministerial search process. One member of the committee will most likely hold the *Resource Guide* and parcel out or copy sections of it to committee members according to their roles (for suggested search committee roles, see the *Settlement Handbook*, pp. 31-32).

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