

## MINISTERIAL FIELDWORK SUPERVISORY DISCUSSION IDEAS

*How is the space of the church arranged? What does that say?  
Are people welcomed?*

*How does the congregation relate to its community?  
What does public ministry mean in today's world?*

*How is scripture heard in the congregation?  
What does your call look like? How is it related to the "priesthood of all believers"?*

*How is the congregation in the world but in tension with it?  
How is the congregation and its leadership dealing with the election?  
How is your vocation shaped by the people in your congregation?*

*How are God and the world mentioned in worship & meeting? Is the discussion consistent?  
How is your sense of vocation affected by the knowledge that God is in the most ordinary things?*

*How do liturgy and hymn choices reveal the congregation's theology?  
What devotional practices help keep anxiety and confusion in check?*

*What kind of "ideal" is operating in your vocation?  
What would it mean to depend entirely on God's grace?*

*How does congregational life reflect authentic local traditions?  
What does it mean to be faithful to a confessional tradition?*

*How has it gone? What surprised you? What should we do differently?  
How does your understanding of call compare to when you began?  
How has Ministerial Fieldwork shaped you?*

*How do outsiders view the congregation?*

*Describe the religious ecology of your neighborhood.  
What are the other significant religious traditions in the area your parish serves? Does the congregation have any ecumenical relationships of note?*

*Who holds us accountable in our ministry?*

*Identify local leaders, denominational structures: public awareness and other aspects of accountability.*

*Does the congregation have a mission statement? How is the congregation held accountable?*

*Does the town know what the congregation is trying to do?*

*If it is an unwritten vision, how well is it known in the congregation and the community?*

*What are the congregation's greatest assets for leadership in the community?*

*How does the congregation understand itself in relation to the mission of God?*

*How does the congregation see itself in relation to the wider church and ecumenical partners?*

*How does the congregation and the leadership sense how God is calling them into the future?*

*Where do they look for guidance?*

*What is the congregation's understanding of the nature and purpose of the church?*

*How does the congregation see its relationship to the rest of society?*

*Refer to the ELCA Constitution, chapter 3.*

*Where am I now in vocational self-understanding as compared to the beginning of Ministerial Fieldwork?*