



## LEARNING/SERVING AGREEMENT FOR THE PERIOD OF DISCERNMENT

### PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

(To be negotiated with your mentor)

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| Date completed:.....     | 14 October 2010 |
| Date to be completed by: | 14 October 2011 |
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### MY VISION

**Please restate the following sentence in your own words.**

*By the end of my period of discernment, I will have a clear(er) idea of my direction in life and specifically, what kind of ministry God is calling me to.*

### MY GOALS

(please re-write, in your own words under the four headings below)

#### 1. PERSONAL SPIRITUALITY

**(a) Goal:** (e.g.) *To grow spiritually, becoming more open to God's presence in the world and in my life.*

**(b) I will achieve this goal by:** (e.g.) *Developing a practice of daily prayer and reflection, keeping a personal/spiritual journal and participating in the Discernment Retreat offered by Uniting College.*

**(c) I will be able to assess what I have achieved in this area by:** (e.g.) *Noting my points of spiritual growth in six, bi-monthly reflections in my journal and by receiving feedback from my mentor.*

#### 2. MINISTRY SKILLS

**(a) Goal:** (e.g.) *To develop skills for ministry.*

**(b) I will achieve this goal by:** (e.g.) *Having my skills affirmed by selected members of the congregation via feedback forms and in discussion with my mentor.*

**(c) I will be able to assess what I have achieved in this area by:** (e.g.) *Having my skills affirmed by selected members of the congregation via feedback forms and in discussion with my mentor.*

#### 3. BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL UNDERSTANDING

**(a) Goal:** (e.g.) *To develop a greater understanding of the Bible and the message of Jesus for today's world.*

**(b) I will achieve this goal by:** (e.g.) *Undertaking an introductory course in biblical studies or theology through Uniting College.*

**(c) I will be able to assess what I have achieved in this area by:** (e.g.) *The comments and grade I receive from the Uniting College teacher, feedback from my mentor and practical application in my preaching and ministry.*

#### 4. UNDERSTANDING OF MINISTRY/MISSION IN THE UCA

**(a) Goal:** (e.g.) *To develop a greater understanding of ministry and mission in the UCA.*

**(b) I will achieve this goal by:** (e.g.) *Undertaking the course Ministries in the UCA, offered by Uniting College.*

**(c) I will be able to assess what I have achieved in this area by:** (e.g.) *Gaining competency achieved award from Uniting College along with feedback from my teachers and mentor.*