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Executive Summary:

A reflection on ministry is at its heart a statement about the how the church participates, recognizes, and supports the many ways people take part in God's work of love in the world. This document helps focus the church's attention on the vocations lived out beyond the church, as well as within the church.

Vocation is how we respond to the gifts God gives us. We use these gifts to help others and to care for the world. Some people live out their vocations through paid work. Others do it by volunteering in their communities, churches, or other groups. Everyone who is baptized has a ministry—ways of serving in both the church and the world. In the United Church, we call this the "ministry of the whole people of God."

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