**Western Association Committee on Ministry**

**2020-2021 Report**

Due to the pandemic, we met via zoom. Although we missed meeting in person, we were able to accomplish the work set before us. Members are Rushan Sinnaduray, Tim Fairley, Randy Hundley, Bethany Ruhl, Rick Oberle, James Fuller, Cathy Bear, Tommy Faris, Andy Mockridge, Sue Williams, Ron Wendle, and Linda Stenger. Thank you to Kymberly Quarn and Dorothy Spencer who are no longer serving on COM. David Rauch will be joining us.

**Racial Justice and Equity**

Tim Fairley has conducted several training sessions throughout the Missouri Mid-South Conference. Andy Mockridge and Randy Hundley have assisted. Since it is important to have these sessions in person, the COM has delayed the requirement completion to 2022.

**Boundary Awareness Training**

Training sessions have been moved to online so everyone can keep up with the requirements.

**Members in Discernment**

Western Association has several people in the MID process. We have two new MIDs who are just beginning the process: Peter Stobel from Peace Christian Church UCC and Chris Hitchcock from Kansas City UCC. Cathy Bear and Andy Mockridge have created a checklist to make it easier for MIDs to know what the requirements are.

**Licensed pastors**

Betty Thaller, Leora Bremmer, Tim Biesmeyer, Tim Fairley, Tammy Linningham, and Brittany Scaringello were licensed for another year.

**Supply pastors**

The COM created a form for those seeking to be on the supply list. Contact James Fuller if you are interested in having your name put on the supply list.

**Information Reviews**

Western Association with the help for Rick Oberle has managed to get almost everyone to fill out their IR. It only takes a few minutes to fill out and helps us keep in contact with you.

**Ordinations and Installations**

Russ Cobb was installed at California UCC. Dionne Boyice was ordained and is serving a church in Pennsylvania.

**Standing of Retirees**

Since the policy has changed about where retirees hold their standing, COM is trying to reach people that have moved to another Conference or Association. Standing now needs to be transferred to their new location.

Linda Stenger, Chair

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