**Committee on Ministry: Ecclesiastical Oversight**

**Annual Report for 2015-2016**

# New Pastors Interviewed and Installed

Mike Roth at St. Paul’s UCC, Oakville

Erica Roth at St. Paul’s UCC, Oakville

Paul Porter at Eden UCC

Carol Keller at St. Lucas UCC

Bob Walker at Prince of Peace UCC

Jimmy Walker at Immanuel UCC

Vickie Hampton at St. Luke’s UCC

Wendy Bruner at Peace UCC

Jake DeNap as Associate Minister at First Congregational UCC, Clayton

Sharon Maddox and Emmaus Home (installation pending)

Guangyu Lou at Samuel UCC

# Transfer of Standing - In

Mike Roth from IN-KY Conference

Erica Roth from IN-KY Conference

Toni Kracke from IL South Conference

Bob Walker from Illinois Conference

Jimmie Watson from IN-KY Conference Wendy Bruner from IN-KY Conference

Jake DeNap from Southern Conference

Tyler Connolly from Southwest Conference

Doug Anders from South Central Conference

Laurel Koepf Taylor from New York Conference

# Transfer of Standing - Out

Paul Ecknes-Tucker to Southeast Conference

Tom Higgins to Eastern Association, Missouri Mid-South Conference

Kimberly Banks-Brown to Central Atlantic Conference

Kirk Foster to Southeast Conference

Betty Sue Sherrod to Central Pacific Conference

# Established Four Way Covenants

With John Allen, Christian Hospital, St. Martin’s UCC High Ridge and STL ASSN

With Angela Moore, Crossroads Hospice, First Congregational UCC Memphis and STL ASSN

With Sharon Maddox, Emmaus Homes, St. John’s UCC Chesterfield and STL ASSN

With Donna Smith-Pupillo, Deaconess Faith Community Nurses, St. Peters UCC and STL ASSN. With Laurel Koepf Taylor, Eden Seminary, Peace UCC and STL ASSN.

# Conducted Exit Interviews

Meredith Jackson

Karen Knodt and Immanuel UCC

Mark Roberts and St. Lucas UCC

Mary Albert and Epiphany UCC

Betty Sue Sherrod and Christ UCC

Mark Robinson

Felicia Scott and Pilgrim UCC

Phiwa Langeni and Zion UCC

Gail Robins and St. Paul’s UCC Oakville

# Participated in Leave Taking Liturgies

Mark Roberts at St. Lucas UCC

Karen Knodt (interim) at Immanuel UCC

Mary Albert at Epiphany UCC

Betty Sue Sherrod at Christ UCC

Phiwa Langeni at Zion UCC

Gail Robins at St. Paul’s UCC Oakville

Mark Lee Robinson at Pilgrim UCC

Felicia Scott at Pilgrim UCC

**Granted Privilege of Call and Full Ministerial Standing**

Angela Moore from Cumberland Presbyterian Church

**Approved Ecclesiastical Endorsement for certification as a CPE Supervisor**

Amy Seat

**Granted Endorsement for Military Chaplaincy**

Jake DeNap

**Granted Leave of Absence**

For Lois Wilson (2nd year)

# Granted Licensure

For Linda Stoecklin, Parish Nurse, at Immanuel UCC,

The committee has been working on the association pulpit supply list and a procedure for vetting people who would like to be placed on that list. Interested persons who contact the Conference Office are referred to Karen Safe of the committee for further information. Along with an information form and ministerial credentials, current Boundary Training is required.

Boundary Training is an ongoing topic of discussion. Mark Robinson from the committee and Joe Pfeiffer from the association will be working with Covenanted Ministry on future sessions.

Information Reviews are mandatory for clergy who wish to be in covenant with the association.

Considerable time and effort have gone into securing current IRs from active and retired clergy.

Margaret Philips is working on Installation Service protocols with neighboring associations so that we can help new pastors and their congregations develop services of installation that reflect our association and UCC polity.

Mary Morgan is helping us develop Four Way Covenants with chaplains and other clergy who work outside of the local church setting to connect their work with the institution they serve, their local UCC congregation and the Saint Louis Association.

Lorin Cope, the Association Registrar/Clerk is working with us to maintain the official records of the association with the Data Hub of the United Church of Christ. It is important that changes of standing and contact information be kept current.

Clergy and congregations with concerns about their ministry are invited and encouraged to be in contact with the committee and our Conference Minister. These concerns play an important part in our committee work and are taken very seriously.

The committee met with Committee on Ministry Preparation to share common concerns and areas of overlap.

The chairs want to thank the other 10 members of the committee for the many, many hours they have spent meeting with pastors, churches and committees as they have been called upon to share the great wisdom that they have. We have been blessed with each other and the amazing sharing of responsibility.

Ann Wilson and Keith Karau

Co-Chairs