**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