**ST. LOUIS ASSOCIATION**

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY: ECCLESIASTICAL OVERSIGHT**

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In keeping with their duties as the St. Louis Association Committee on Ministry: Ecclesiastical Oversight the members have:

* Chosen one member of the Committee to be representative at the monthly meetings of the Association Council;
* Been present at meetings of the Association and the Missouri Mid-South Conference;
* Conducted face to face interviews with two (2) ministers who shared information relevant to their personal and professional life as it relates to ministry;
* Conducted face to face interviews with six (6) ministers seeking and receiving standing in the St. Louis Association;
* Transferred the standing of seven (7) ministers to other Associations and/or Conferences;
* Accepted the departure of Iglesia Cristiana El Dios ViViente UCC from the denomination;
* Granted Partner Standing to Reverend Darla Goodrich;
* Granted a second leave of absence to Reverend Lois Wilson;
* Accepted the unanimous approval of the Committee on Authorized Ministry of the Iowa Conference to fully affirm the full standing of Reverend Jeff Whitman as a minister in good standing;
* Attended/participated in the installation of Reverend Larissa Forsythe, St. Philips UCC (St. Louis); Reverend Keith Herron, St. Lucas UCC (St. Louis); Reverend Josh Privett, St. Peter’s UCC (Ferguson); Reverend Lansford Lawrence, First Congregational UCC (Bonne Terre); and Reverend Jan Barnes, Trinity UCC (St. Louis).
* Conducted exit interviews with four (4) churches and/or pastors.

In addition, the members of the committee have:

* + Reviewed and discussed forms and documents from MESA;
  + Reviewed and discussed policies and procedures for the Committee’s work;
  + Been represented by a Committee member at the quarterly meetings of the Committees on Ministries Covenanted Ministry;
  + Participated in the Committees on Ministry retreat held at Camp Mo-Val
  + Maintained records for clergy Boundary Training, Informational Reviews and Ordained Ministers’ Code;
  + Helped to provide spiritual support, guidance and comfort to three (3) congregations whose churches are experiencing difficult transitional periods.