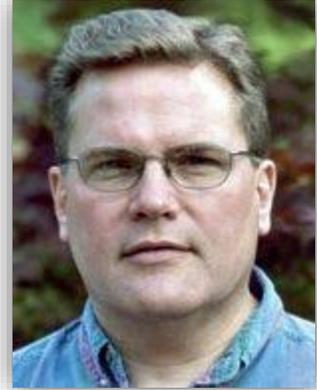


MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE

Members: Ron Adams (Madison), Kay Bontrager-Singer (Faith), Ardean Friesen (Silverwood), Renee Kanagy (Cincinnati), Ray Person (Bluffton), Brenda Sawazky Paetkau (Eighth Street), Doug Luginbill, Conference Minister (ex officio).



We said farewell to Joel Miller, Jane Roeschley, and Margaret Sawatsky. We welcomed Renee Kanagy, Kay Bontrager-Singer, and Brenda Sawazky Paetkau to the committee. We also said farewell to Lois Johns Kaufmann, and welcomed our new Conference Minister, Doug Luginbill.

Our committee meets in person twice a year at Camp Friedenswald. In January of this year we started meeting monthly online. Every meeting begins with a prayer for the Spirit's guidance.

Credentialing for ministry is a significant part our work as a committee. We work with the Conference Minister in credentialing interviews, for both licensing and ordination. It is a joy to interact with so many gifted and well-qualified candidates for ministry. Our conference is truly blessed.

Because MC USA does not currently permit LGBTQ candidates to utilize the denominational MLI process, **we created a parallel MLI** for use within CDC. This document provides our committee with the same information as the denominational MLI, allowing us to fulfill our commitment to using the same credentialing process for all candidates for ministry. Denominational leadership was made aware of our use of the parallel MLI.

Members of the ministerial committee joined our former and current Conference Ministers in a **peer review process**. This process was implemented by the Executive Board of MC USA in response to the "membership guidelines resolution" passed at the Kansas City Assembly. We met with a review team to describe the process we followed leading up to a credentialing at variance with MC USA membership guidelines. It also included sharing a report of the review at the October meeting of MC USA's Constituency Leaders Council.

Along with the Conference Minister, we are in the process of testing an **annual clergy report form** as a resource for CDC credentialed leaders. The report invites credentialed leaders to highlight their professional development and participation in CDC over the previous year. We hope that this will assist us as a committee in fulfilling our goal of providing support and encouragement to all CDC credentialed leaders. We continue to solicit feedback from credentialed leaders, and hope to begin using the form later this year.

Our committee is blessed to work collaboratively with our Conference Minister. We seek to be a **supportive resource for Doug**, taking interest in his work and his well-being. We are privileged to accompany Doug in his work for pastors and congregations. He is a gift to CDC.

—Submitted by Ron Adams