

**Living Water Association
Committee on Ministry
Discernment Work Group**

The Discernment Working Group (“Group or Committee”) met via Zoom on Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. The following members were in attendance: Nayiri Karjian, Association Minister, Bentley de Bardelaben-Phillips, Sue Ferbrache, Allison Gallaher, Ruth Garwood, Anissa A. Glaser-Bacon, Amy Gopp, Brent L. Gundlah, Donna-Marie Lane, and William H. Smith.

Ruth Garwood opened the meeting by checking on the highlights that members wished to share. The members checked-in and highlighted: goodbye to the library, Holy Humor Sundays, New Hair, travel to New England, no squirrels in the trees, granddaughter’s temporary driver’s license, feeling good-best feeling in two years, the exposure to too much sun. Following the Committee check-ins, Ruth opened the meeting with prayer.

A brief discussion regarding the candidacy of Halldor Gudmundsson took place prior to Halldor joining the meeting. When Halldor joined the meeting, prayer was offered by Bentley de Bardelaben-Phillips. Halldor talked about how the ordination process had impacted him, and how the process had broadened his understanding of the American culture. The committee offered constructive feedback to Halldor on his revised Paper. It was suggested that the Ordination Paper be edited before it was sent to the entire Committee on Ministry. Brent offered to assist with the editing. The committee voted to approve Halldor for ordination. Halldor will present to the Committee on Ministry on December 3, 2020.

The committee briefly discussed alternatives to ordination, additional discussions will be had in the future.

A brief discussion regarding the candidacy of Antigone Lowery took place prior to Antigone joining the meeting. When Antigone joined the meeting, prayer was offered by Brent L. Gundlah. Antigone gave an update of her recent activities, both in the church and in the military. The committee offered comments and evaluations on her paper. Antigone will revise her offering. She gave a closing prayer.

Some general comments were made about the final interview process, Nayiri will address any concerns that need to be touched upon.

Next Meeting; September 3, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., full Committee on Ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

William H. Smith