

**Living Water Association
Committee on Ministry Quarterly Report
September 2020**

The Committee on Ministry quarterly meeting was held Thursday, September 3 via Zoom.

The Discernment Working Group presented candidate for ordination, Halldór Elias Gudmundsson. He led worship including colleagues in Iceland and Norway and the hymn “Here I Am Lord” in Icelandic. After his examination, Halldór was unanimously approved for ordination pending call.

The Committee had an in-depth conversation with the Rev. Dr. Renee C. Jackson, Minister for Ministerial Formation, UCC MESA Ministry Team regarding Multiple Paths to Ordination. Renee emphasized the criteria is competency (not excellence) in each of the eight Marks with multiple assessments during the MID process to discern growth. The process is tailored for each candidate. We plan to do training and document study at the December meeting with MESA.

Work of each Working Group during the last quarter included:

- **Oversight:** Quarterly meeting had to be rescheduled. There is one remaining Healthy Practices events in 2020: 10/1 Digital Church.
- **Credentialing** approved: (Authorized Licensed Ministerial Standing)
 - Jim Furry – Relicensed 3 years to West Park UCC, Cleveland. Assists pastor as needed.
 - Dennis Coy – Relicensed 3 years to First Congregational UCC, Canton. Working with strategic planning, streaming worship and Zoom education.
- **Discernment:**
 - Halldór Gudmundsson – approved his ordination paper pending minor edits and approved presentation to the CoM at its September meeting
 - Antigone Lowery – offered comments for revision of ordination paper. Received update on her recent activities in the church and military.

Submitted by Doris Powell, Co-Chair of the Committee on Ministry, along with Co-Chair Bentley deBardelaben-Phillips