

Living Water Association, UCC  
Committee on Ministry  
Credentialing Working Group Notes  
12 March 2020

Present: Pam Beck, David Durkit, Jill Hartman Goodman, Nayiri Karjian, John King, Patti Komperda, Sprite Johnson

Not present: Debra Oden (very excused), Sam Greening,

Gathering and intro

Opening Prayer: David

**Sharon Bauman** – Serving as part-time pastor; Millheim UCC, Akron – **APPROVED** relicensure for 3 years – needs to work with Nayiri on reconciling relationship with the wider church

Prayer – Jill

1<sup>st</sup> licensed in 1990; last licensed 2014; last renewal was from 2017-2020; has served there for 30 years as pastor; took classes through Partners in Ministry for 3 years; no association involvement until March 2020 Healthy Practices; about 25-40 in worship (membership around 60); old country church; supply cereal to Good Neighbours ministry in Ellet; see that children have “a Christmas”; 94 year-old aunt living in apartment attached to her home – sole care-giver; strong on mission/outreach; Religious Trauma Factor (RTF) – confidence broken in the past – pain/anger still present → hard to trust the association again; church has graveyard that is open to those who can’t afford other options

Possible recommendations:

1. participate in Spiritual Direction
2. give checklist of things required of authorized licensed ministers (to include taking a psych evaluation)
3. we will do annual follow-ups

**Ginger Bakos** – Serving Bath UCC as Minister of Faith Formation – **APPROVED** for first-time licensure

Prayer – John

Is participating in NEOSOM courses – will become a MID and start on ordination track; member at the Church at Silver Lake; helping the church become more diverse; works closely with Jill Small, interim a Bath (from Bath, Maine); official title: Designated Interim Pastor of Youth and Family Life; writing VBS curriculum

**Next Scheduled Meeting – 14 May 2020**