

Living Water Association, UCC
Committee on Ministry
Credentialing Working Group Notes
14 May 2020

Present: Pam Beck, David Durkit, Sam Greening, Jill Hartman Goodman, Sprite Johnson, Nayiri Karjian, Patti Komperda, Debra Oden

Opening Prayer: David

Ray Banks – volunteer associate pastor; **3-year license** to Mt. Zion Congregational, Cleveland -
APPROVED

Prayer: Deb Oden,

Assist the Pastor, Assist in services, communion, healing services, visit the sick; the pastor suggested that he go to seminary, but he did not want to go into debt so he took the lay course: Campus ministry 9 through United Protestant Campus Ministry; Grief Share program at Mt Zion – to move from grief to Joy; perform wedding; taking online courses through the Israel Bible Center - favourite course (so far) is Genesis; working with Paul Sadler – toward ordination – wrote paper on his theology of God (who keeps getting bigger the more he thinks about it); covenant between the local church and broader church –the local church making decisions, but in relationship – especially appreciates the denomination’s openness to everyone; knows he needs to attend the healthy practice on 1 Oct.

Eddie Rasell (by phone) – (not ordained) pastor; **3-year license** to Archwood UCC, Cleveland –
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Prayer: Jill Hartman Goodman

She “shepherds” 3 part-time pastors – George Graham (UCC – in good standing), Aiden McCormack (UU by training), Johnathan Cahill (UCC/DOC – in good standing); divide up worship weeks – one by Zoom (with on-going participation/conversation) and one on YouTube; having good; involved in active adult Faith Formation (recently agreed to meet by Zoom – read books/articles and discuss), serves communion when Aiden leads worship, occasionally leads worship; up to date in Healthy Practices (26 May 2019); being in a small local church gives a different perspective on the national setting; Julia duBargos – group that partners with the church in their building → working toward giving them the building; program with the city/county will do an environmental upgrade of parking lot at no cost to the church (reimburse up-front payment; borrowed from Cornerstone Fund); pre-virus had bi-monthly fresh veggie sale and free breakfast which was well attended – hoping to figure out how to integrate with sanctuary worship; have transformed the parlor to a vibrantly-coloured space from a drab place

which collected cast-off furniture, had old carpet, etc.; working on a book: The Way of Abundance – Biblical Teaching on Economic Justice (plans to be complete by the end of October) then will move to the west coast; confident that the ministry of Archwood will continue well after she leaves

Expectations of all authorized ministers – on website; required to participate in Healthy Practices event every other year; expect (but not required) professional development and participation in a Community of Practice

Concerns about Sharon Bauman – gave a 3-year license (after having an open-ended license), pending completion of requirements; will have to revisit us annually; [could assign her a mentor/community of practice]; how is she in a nurturing ministry with her congregation

Next Scheduled Meetings
Committee on Ministry – 4 June 2020
Credentialing: 11 June 2020