

**Living Water Association  
Minutes Committee on Ministry  
November 5, 2020**

The Living Water Association, Committee on Ministry (“Committee”) met via Zoom on Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. The following members were in attendance: Nayiri Karjian, Association Minister, Bentley de Bardelaben-Phillips, and Doris Powell, co-chairs, Jack Acri, Pamela Beck, Richard Beck, Kim Mislin Cran, Sue Ferbrache, Allison Gallaher, Ruth Garwood, Jeff Gerber, Amy Gopp, Brent L. Gundlah, Jill Harkins-Goodman, David Herrin, Kathy Ketchum, John King, Patti Komperda, Luke Lindon, Nanatte Pitt, and William Smith.

Doris Powell Ruth opened the meeting with prayer.

Bentley de Bardelaben-Phillips called for a brief discussion regarding the candidacy of Antigone Lowery prior to Antigone joining the meeting; several thoughts were offered by those attending the meeting. Generally, all felt that Antigone’s Ordination Paper was very well prepared. When Antigone joined the meeting, she introduced her wife and liturgist, Rachel Pearson; the introduction of the Committee members followed.

Technical issues occurred prior to Antigone’s worship service. The service began; the call to worship preceded, the liturgy done by Antigone and Rachel. The hymn, *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*, was followed by a prayer from Antigone. Rachel read scripture, Psalms 21: 109 and Genesis 21:14-19 . Antigone offer a prayer and then began her message, “our deepest fear”. The message was a wonderful reflection on Hagar’s story. Antigone closed with a prayer followed by the closing hymn, *Blessed be The Tie That Binds*.

Doris Powell opened the dialogue on behalf of the Committee with Antigone. A very good exchange took place with the Committee and Antigone. The Committee approved Antigone for Ordination. Ordination is scheduled for November 15, 2020, at First Congregational Church Akron, Ohio and will be streamed. Details to follow.

Bentley called for the approval of the previous meeting minutes, approved without additions or corrections. Next meeting is scheduled for December 5, 202 at 10:00 a.m.

Nayiri urged all Committee members to register and attend the Association’s Annual Meeting November 7, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

Bentley called for remarks for the good of the order.

The Committee thanked Bentley and Jeff for their services as they end their terms on the Committee.

Submitted by Bill Smith