

Living Water Association, UCC
Committee on Ministry
Credentialing Working Group Notes
10 December 2020

Present: Pam Beck, David Herrin, Jill Harkins Goodman, Sam Greening, Sprite Johnson, Nayiri Karjian, Deb Oden, Patti Komperda, John King

Opening conversation

Antigone Lowery – Endorsement for Military Chaplaincy - **ENDORSED**

Prayer: Jill Goodman

Began the discernment process in the NY Conference, Metro Association; Living Water accepted the work she did there, so the “3-year clock” required by the military started there and continued here;

Our expectations:

keep in touch (use technology) & visit with us when you can get to NE OH,
attend association/conference meetings, when possible,
let us know if you have issues - especially with other clergy,
continue to participate in Healthy Practices regularly;

When you get a chance, give us an update on your duties; started her journey when she was serving in the military & met a black female chaplain which opened a door for her to start thinking and pursuing this option; will bring an amazing diversity to the chaplaincy; currently both Antigone & her wife are in the Reserves

Deborah Saxe – serving First Christian DOC Cuyahoga Falls – Ordained Ministerial Partner Standing (OMPS) – **APPROVED**

Prayer: John

The church is organized so that the laity is integrally involved in various aspects of ministry → means that when she is serving on or asked to represent the religious community to groups outside the church, she doesn't have to explain how that, too, is ministry; hoping for a blessing from the leadership of the association for both the congregation and her ministry; feels supported by both denominations – mutually beneficial; want so see what opportunities there are to get involved in the wider church; co-chairs the search team for a DOC Regional Minister – the team reached out to Nayiri as a resource

Next Scheduled Meetings:
Credentialing: 14 January 2021
Committee on Ministry – 3 March 2021 (?)