

Religious Education Credentialing Committee Meeting Précis
April 20 – April 25, 2020
Online

Present: Sara Lewis, Mia Morse, Peter Kandis, Rev. Emily Gage, Rev. Jude Geiger (temporary replacement for Rev. Bob Renjilian), Art Nava, Rev. Sarah Gettie McNeill (Professional Development Programs Manager), Aastha Poudel (Professional Development Assistant) and Teresa Honey-Youngblood (Credentialed Observer).

The meeting convened at approximately 7:30 a.m. ET on Monday, April 20, 2020.

Anti-Oppression, Anti-Racism, and Multicultural Training

The committee engaged in an AO/AR/MC conversations including:

- Review of Rev. Dr. Deborah Plummer’s Diversity Petal exercise, led by Taquiena Boston

Candidate Awards

The following individuals were awarded Credentialed Religious Educator – Credentialed Level status:

- Greg Carrow-Boyd
- Aria Curtis
- Karen Hager
- Aisha Hauser
- Arran Liddel
- Amber Petersen
- Mary Lamb Shelden
- Corrina Whiteaker-Lewis
- Jessica York

The following individuals were awarded Credentialed Religious Educator – Master Level status:

- Greg Carrow-Boyd
- Aisha Hauser

RECC Business agenda items included:

- Pending 2021 Interviews of over 30 in quantity
- Program Plan Required Recommendations
- Program evolution and efforts to dismantle white supremacy in the program
- Revision of Resource List
- RECC meeting frequency to continue ongoing work
- Review of Zoom use for interviews

Dates and Location of Future RECC Meetings

The 2020 RECC meeting was the first held entirely online, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The meeting was held on Zoom and provided greater accessibility for candidates and committee members. Accommodating the dates of Easter, Passover and first/last days of Ramadan, here is the schedule for future years:

- The 2021 RECC meeting will take place Sun 4/25/21 – Sat 5/1/21 in the New England Region (Boston MA), provided the COVID-19 Pandemic has receded and the RECC chooses to continue providing in-person interviews.
- The 2022 RECC meeting will take place Sun 4/24/22 – Sat 4/30/22 in the Central East Region (Philadelphia PA area)
- The 2023 RECC meeting will take place Sun 4/23/23 – Sat 4/29/23 in the Mid America Region (St Louis MO area)

Committee Member Changes

Two new members joined the committee with approval from the UUA Board of Trustees: Mia Morse as a lay leader and the Rev. Bob Renjilian as a Minister of Religious Education. The Rev. Sarah Gettie McNeill began her position as the UUA's Professional Development Programs Manager July 1, 2019.

Credentialed Observer Report

Teresa Honey-Youngblood presented the Credentialed Observer's Report which is posted on uua.org.

Future Meetings

- The committee moved to meet quarterly rather than just twice annually. The next meeting is July 2020
- Next in-person meeting will be from Sunday 4/24/21 to Saturday 4/30/21 in the Boston, MA area.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:00 p.m. ET on Saturday, April 25, 2020.