

## **NON-CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS MEETING**

### **Sunday, October 2, 2022**

Present:

**Jackie Clement, Rebekah Savage, Jacqueline Brett, Nathalie Edmond, Shirley Lange, Paul Langston-Daley, Karen LoBracco, Alison ALG McLeod, Beth Norton, Amanda Poppei, Joetta Prost, Michael Tino, Greg Ward, Cindy Malley (sub), Jen Ryu, Juniper Meadows (FYME). Sarah Lammert, Marta Valentin, Marion Bell**

#### **FYME Reports**

##### **From Thursday Meeting:**

Approve March 2022 minutes -Motion to approve the March 2022 minutes: Joetta moves/Greg 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved, unanimous.

##### **Report From Marta Valentin, Professional Development Director**

First Year Ministers Seminar changed to New Ministers Seminar. Now alternating Saturday and Wednesday every other month, beginning October 15.

PF Flyers continues to be a hit!

Out of Compliance ministers have been notified and are working with our office to return to compliance.

Hoping to plan a Community Ministers Retreat for spring 2023

##### **Process Working Group Report**

Continuing to work on upcoming trainings, talking with Julica about ARAOMC for next May's retreat. Also with Rev. CB Beal around disability justice and MFC process. Also, SWG's list of processes that may need to be changed for revisioning renewal process. Carey McDonald brought up the discussion about thresholds for misconduct. Reading list review continues. Nothing new to add.

##### **CWG Non-Confidential Items**

Suggested Policy Update:

From the [Requirements for Fellowship Booklet](#) (that lives on [this](#) page):

The process to become fellowshiped as a Unitarian Universalist minister involves a sustained commitment of time, money, and a willingness to grow professionally and personally. There are three stages within the fellowship process: applicant, aspirant and candidate status. People who submit the online initial inquiry form are considered an **applicant**. Applicants who successfully complete the required paperwork gain **aspirant** status. Aspirants who have 1) completed their career assessment, 2) have completed at least one year of theological school and 3) have completed a basic unit (Unit 1) of CPE from an accredited ACPE/CPSP/CSPCF site or an internship are eligible to receive **candidate** status.

MFC POLICIES (change needed to match Req booklet above)

### 3.C. Candidate Status

In addition to the items completed for Aspirant Status, a Candidate has:

- i. Completed an approved career assessment program (and the written report has been received by the Ministerial Credentialing Office);
- ii. Completed at least one year of theological education;
- iii. Submitted final evaluations from a Level 1/Unit 1 Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) **from an accredited Association for Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE)/College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy (CPSP)/Center for Spiritual Care and Pastoral Formation (CSPCF) site** or an internship.

At the request of David Pettee several years ago, the Candidacy Working Group approved Clinical Pastoral Education programs that met the requirements of any of the 3 listed organizations. For some reason this change was made in the Requirements Booklet, but not in the MFC Policies. This recommendation from the CWG would correct that error of omission.

Motion to accept the CWG recommendation to update Policy 13.C.: Karen/Katie 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Unanimous. (Updated to Policies document October 26, 2022)

## Settlement Working Group Non-Confidential

### NON-CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

#### 1. RE-UPPING THE ALTERNATE RENEWAL FORM

The SWG recommends the Alternate Renewal form be extended until the July 1, 2023 renewal deadline.

## 2. Update to Rule 14 – Inactive Fellowship Status

### **14. Inactive Fellowship Status**

Any minister holding Preliminary Fellowship, who in the judgment of the Committee ceases to work as a minister, shall be moved to Inactive Fellowship Status. The decision of the Committee to move a minister to Inactive Fellowship Status shall not be subject to appeal. A minister may apply to the Committee to be removed from Inactive Fellowship Status.

Ministers in Inactive Fellowship Status and their families will not ordinarily be eligible for financial aid administered through ~~the UUA Ministry and Professional Leadership~~ until the needs of ministers in Fellowship have been met.

~~Every year ministers in Inactive Fellowship Status who wish to retain their Preliminary Fellowship credential must pay a fee of \$25 and keep the MFC informed of current contact information. Ministers who fail to respond within 60 days to a letter of inquiry from the Committee or who fail to pay the required fee will be removed from Preliminary Fellowship by a vote of the MFC.~~

You removed this \$25 fee requirement a couple of years ago in the Policies but the Rules also needed to be changed.

Motion to approve the above SWG Rule 14 update. Approved, unanimous.

The Co-Chairs will bring this to the UUA Board.

### **Confirmed Upcoming MFC Meeting Dates:**

Previously Confirmed:

**Winter 2022** - Wednesday, November 30 (Exec only)- Sunday, December 4, 2022

**Spring 2023**- Wednesday, March 15 (Exec only)-Sunday, March 19, 2023

Confirmed by Exec Committee September 28, 2022:

**Fall 2023** - Wednesday, September 20 (Exec only)-Sunday, September 24, 2023

**Winter 2023** - Wednesday, November 29 (Exec only)-Sunday, December 3, 2023

**Spring 2024** - Wednesday, April 3 (Exec only)-Sunday, April 7, 2024

**Reminder - May 8-10, 2023**, for Spring Training Retreat is still confirmed. In person but place is TBD.

### **Panel Chair Elections**

Jackie, Beth, and Jacqueline will be the panel chairs for the December 2022 meeting.