

Religious Education Credentialing Committee Meeting Précis
April 28 – May 3, 2025
Online

Present: Rev. Emily Gage, Sara Lewis, Mia Morse, Jill Sampson, Rev. Bob Renjilian, Rev. Sarah Gettie McNeill (Professional Development Programs Manager), Aastha Poudel (Professional Development Assistant) and Marena McGregor (Credentialed Observer).

The meeting convened at approximately 12 p.m. ET on Monday, April 28, 2025.

Continuing Education Training

The committee met with Joy Berry, Children and Families Faith Development Specialist at the UUA, to learn about the Whole Church RE model for faith development. The committee will continue to explore this framework and possible integration of it into the RE Credentialing Program at our future retreat. We will also investigate changes that may need to be made to the credentialing program as a result of adopting the Article II values in June 2024.

Candidate Awards

The following individuals were awarded credentials:

Credentialed Religious Educator – Skilled Level status:

- Carson Jones

Credentialed Religious Educator – Advanced Level status:

- Tony Bianca
- Adena Dannouf
- Susanne Hinson-Rieger
- Nic Kaplan
- Amber Scott
- Ginger Allen Yoder

Credentialed Religious Educator – Leadership Level status:

- Tony Bianca
- Marion Hirsch

RECC Business agenda items included:

- Delivery of the RECC Chair, Meeting Observer's, and Professional Development Manager's reports.

Dates and Location of Future RECC Meetings

The 2025 RECC meeting met online. Accommodating the dates of Easter, Passover and first/last days of Ramadan, the schedule for future years' meetings is as follows:

- The 2026 RECC meeting will take place Sun 4/19/26 – Sat 4/25/26 online.
- The 2027 RECC meeting will take place Sun 4/11/27 – Sat 4/17/27 online.
- The 2028 RECC meeting will take place Sun 4/23/28 – Sat 4/29/28 online.

Committee Member Changes

The Rev. Emily Gage has agreed to chair the committee July 2024-June 2025. Sara Lewis is concluding her 9 years of service on the committee on June 30, 2025, and the committee will be short two members at that time: a lay leader spot, left vacant by Art Nava in 2024, and the spot for the religious educator credentialed at the Leadership Level, which Sara will be leaving. A new committee chair to begin July 1 has yet to be determined.

Credentialed Observer Report

Marena McGregor presented the Credentialed Observer's Report, which is posted on uua.org.

Future Meetings

- The RECC will be on retreat in February 2026.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:30 p.m. ET on Saturday, May 3, 2025.

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