

UUA Religious Education Credentialing Committee
Meeting Précis
April 27 – 30, 2009
Boston, MA

Members Present: Kirk Loadman-Copeland (Chair), Jan Devor, Russ Araujo, Will Saunders, Pat Kahn (Credentialed Observer), Steve Lynn, Colleen MacDonald, Kathryn Warrior, Beth Miller (Director – MPL and Executive Secretary, present on Monday morning and Thursday afternoon), Tandy Scheffler (arrived later Monday morning) Beth Williams (RE Credentialing Director), and Paula Welling (RE Credentialing Assistant and Recording Secretary)

The meeting convened at approximately 9 am on Monday, April 27, 2009.

The minutes from the October 2008 meeting were approved with no corrections. Action items from that meeting were reviewed and updated.

Reports were received from Beth Miller, Director of Ministry and Professional Leadership, Beth Williams, RE Credentialing Director, Will Saunders, UUA Board Liaison, and Jan Devor, our former LREDA representative.

Anti-Oppression, Anti-Racism, and Multicultural Issues

For the next meeting, in April of 2010, the committee will read *Growing Up White* by Julie Landsman in advance of the meeting and have a discussion during the meeting facilitated by one of the committee members.

Candidate Awards

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

- Michele Grove
- Julie Porter

The following were awarded Credentialed Religious Educator status:

- Jennifer McAdoo
- Amy Popp

Linda Volkorsz was awarded Credentialed Religious Educator – Associate Level status.

Credentialing Process

The committee reviewed proposed changes to the RE Credentialing Program plan, with detailed feedback from LREDA presented by Jan Devor and Beth Williams. The changes are designed to make the program more accessible and more manageable by providing candidates with more flexibility and choice both in how competencies are demonstrated and in the evaluative process.

The committee decided, by majority vote, that a supplemental bibliography is no longer required in the portfolio.

Also by majority vote, the committee reduced the number of required Letters of Endorsement to 2 and the number of required Letters of Recommendation to 3. These letters may come from: Board Chair, RE Committee Chair, Minister, Peer, Lay Leader, District Executive or Program Consultant. One Letter of Endorsement and one Letter of Recommendation must come from a person within the candidate's congregation or organization.

The Re-visioned RE Credentialing Plan, which the committee adopted by unanimous vote, is available at: www.uua.org/recredentialing.

Future Meetings

Due to budget constraints, the RECC will for the foreseeable future have one meeting per year rather than two.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20, - Friday, April 23, 2010 in Boston, MA.

Mentor's Role

The committee's LREDA representative will discuss with LREDA the details of the Mentor form, with an eye toward making the documentation of dates and times of mentoring meetings less onerous for candidates, particularly those who are in the program for a long time.

Publicity

The Re-visioned RE Credentialing Program will be presented by various RECC members and others this summer at The Mountain, Ferry Beach, and Star Island. It will also be presented at the LREDA Professional Day Workshop before General Assembly.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5 pm on Thursday, April 30, 2009.