

UUA Religious Education Credentialing Committee
Meeting Précis
April 30 – May 4, 2012
Boston, MA

Members Present: Jan Gartner (Professional Development Associate for Religious Education and Music Leaders), Jan Devor (Chair and Credentialed - Master Level), Russ Araujo (Lay Leader), The Rev. Dr. Randy Becker (MRE and Parish Minister), Steve Lynn (Lay Leader), The Rev. Dr. Linda Olson Peebles (MRE and Parish Minister), Tandy Scheffler (LREDA Rep and Credentialed - Master Level), Benette Sherman (Credentialed Observer), Stephanie Carey (Professional Development Assistant and Recording Secretary). The Rev. Sarah Lammert (Director - MFD) sat in on an interview, and joined us Friday afternoon to give her report.

The meeting convened at approximately 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 30, 2012.

The committee received reports from Sarah Lammert, Director – MFD; Benette Sherman, Credentialed Observer; Steve Lynn, Lay Leader; and Jan Gartner, Professional Development Associate for Religious Education and Music Leaders.

Anti-Oppression, Anti-Racism, and Multicultural Issues

The committee viewed and discussed the film *Bullied*.

Candidate Awards

The following was awarded Credentialed Religious Educator - Master Level status:

- Pam Howell

The following were awarded Credentialed Religious Educator status:

- Katy Carpman
- Sonja Jensen
- Diane Melvin
- Leah Purcell
- Annie Scott
- Eleanor VanDeusen
- Halcyon Westall

Credentialing Process

A request for permission to share credentialing results with LREDA was added to the interview process.

Briefly talked about adding "Youth and Young Adult" as a competency.

The "Covenant Process" question will be deleted from the candidate's cover sheet and from all information regarding credentialing.

A section regarding "Fair Compensation Guidelines" (will be added to the candidate's materials.

A checkbox asking if the candidate has a contract will be added to the candidate's materials.

Briefly discussed changing the interview process for Master candidates.

Committee decided on a two-year limit for the Tenure track.

Committee decided that candidates in Inactive Status for 3 years or longer must re-apply.

Mentor's Role

Briefly discussed the role of the mentor and the purpose of the Mentor-Mentee Status Check form. The name of the mentor will be moved to the cover sheet for the benefit of the Committee. The Status Check form will not be included in the candidate's packet.

Publicity

The committee will look into pin designs for the newly credentialed religious educators.

Future Meetings

Next meeting will be April 29 - May 3, 2013 in Boston, MA.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 4, 2012.