

UUA Religious Education Credentialing Committee
Meeting Précis
April 29 – May 3, 2013
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), The Rev. Christina Leone (Parish Minister), Tandy Scheffler (LREDA Rep and Credentialed - Master Level), Sheri Phillabaum (Credentialed Observer), Stephanie Carey (Professional Development Assistant and Recording Secretary). The Rev. Sarah Lammert (Executive Secretary of RECC and Director, MFD) sat in on an interview, and joined us throughout the day on Thursday.

The meeting convened at approximately 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 30, 2012 and adjourned at approximately 12:00 pm on Friday, May 3, 2013.

The committee received reports from Russ Araujo, Lay Leader; Sheri Phillabaum, Credentialed Observer; Tandy Scheffler, Process Observer; 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 *Two Who Dared*.

Candidate Awards

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

- Pat Kahn
- Michelle Richards

The following were awarded Credentialed Religious Educator status:

- Tracy Beck
- Melissa MacKinnon
- Debra Zagaeski
- Laura Worley

Credentialing Process

The committee examined the earlier decision to not re-interview candidates returning for Master level status.

Russ Araujo presented his report on the RECC Rules and Policies. He detailed some of the areas in which the Committee may be unclear, and suggested some tweaks and changes.

Jan Gartner expressed concerns about the Associate Level of Credentialing.

Doug Zelinski worked with the committee on getting ready for next year's review process. Together, they all came up with an outline of steps required for the coming year(s) ahead as the Committee prepares to update the credentialing program.

Mentor's Role

The Committee briefly discussed the current LREDA Mentoring Program. Jan Gartner has been in discussions with the LREDA Committee on Mentoring about taking on responsibilities beyond mentor matching and mentor training. Tandy Scheffler, the LREDA representative, will continue to speak with them as well on this matter.

Publicity

Jan Gartner will work on revising the credentialing program brochure. Christina Leone volunteered to run and monitor the Facebook page for RE. Testimonials of credentialed religious educators for the UUA website are in-progress. When the Committee sends notifications of program completion, notifications will also be sent to field staff.

Committee Member Changes

Lay representative Steve Lynn (unable to attend) is finishing his final term. A replacement will be sought. Chair Jan Devor was celebrated as she is completing her service to the Committee this spring. Tandy Scheffler is moving into the Chair position, and Sarah Lammert will work with LREDA to find a new LREDA rep.

Future Meetings

Next meeting will be April 28 - May 4, 2014 in Boston, MA.