

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2012-2013

The Religious Education Credentialing Committee (RECC) has jurisdiction over the UUA Religious Education Credentialing Program. The RECC sets professional standards, determines evaluative practices, and evaluates candidates.

RECC Members

- Jan Devor, Chair
- Russ Araujo
- Rev Randy Becker
- Rev Christina Leone
- Steve Lynn
- Tandy Scheffler, LREDA Representative
- Jenice View

These UUA staff members serve as ex officio members of the RECC:

- Jan Gartner, Professional Development Associate for Religious Education and Music Leaders
- Rev. Sarah Lammert, Director of the Ministry and Faith Development staff group, serves as Executive Secretary.
- Stephanie Carey Maron, Professional Development Assistant, serves as Recording Secretary.

Credentials Awarded

- During this program year, we awarded 8 credentials: 2 Associate Level, 4 Credentialed Level, and 2 Master Level. 3 of these 8 individuals had been previously credentialed at a lower level.
- Our 2 Master Level Credentials were the first earned through the Master Level add-on path introduced in 2009. The add-on process enables those already credentialed at the Credentialed Level to “add on” the Master Level by submitting materials for evaluation, without the need to re-interview before the Committee.

Highlights

- Applications to the Religious Education Credentialing Program (RECP) are up significantly. We have already accepted 16 candidates into the program in calendar year 2013, as compared with 15 for all of 2012. We anticipate a busy candidate interview schedule over the next few years.
- The RECP was significantly re-visioned in 2009. At that time, an agreement was made that there would be no further changes in requirements for 5 years. This spring, at the 4-year mark, the RECC began a conversation about updating the program, with an eye toward meeting the emerging needs of professionals and congregations. We plan to introduce some small updates

in 2014, with other potential modifications to be considered and implemented over the following 1-2 years.

- Through Association Sunday 2011, LREDA (Liberal Religious Educators Association) received \$30,000 to give out as scholarships to RECP candidates. We believe that the availability of these funds is one factor contributing to increased interest in the program.

Thanks to Jan Devor for her graceful leadership and to Steve Lynn for his years of service. Jan and Steve will be missed as they rotate off of the Committee.