

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2014-2015**

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**

- Rev. Tandy Scheffler, Chair; CRE, Master Level, began 2009
- Russ Araujo, lay representative, began 2007, ending his term 6/30/15
- Rev. Randy Becker, Parish Minister, MRE, began 2010
- Kathleen Carpenter, LREDA Representative; CRE, began 2013
- Rev. Christina Leone Tracy, Minister of Faith Development, began 2012
- Orlando Rice, lay representative, began 2013
- Jenice View, lay representative, began 2011

### **Ex-Officio Members, UUA Staff**

- Jan Gartner, Professional Development Specialist, CRE
- Rev. Sarah Lammert, Director of the Ministry & Faith Development staff group, serves as Executive Secretary.
- Catherine Rowland, Professional Development Assistant, serves as Recording Secretary.

### **Credentials Awarded**

- During this program year, we awarded 14 credentials: 5 Associate Level, 8 Credentialed Level, and 1 Master Level. Three of those receiving Associate level had sought Credentialed Level. One of those receiving Credentialed Level had previously been credentialed at the Associate Level and another had sought the Master Level.

### **Highlights**

- Applications to the Religious Education Credentialing Program (RECP) continue to climb. We interviewed 12 candidates at our annual meeting this spring and expect even more interviews to be scheduled for 2016.
- The RECP rolled out its re-visioned, updated 2014 Plan this past year—announcing the plans at General Assembly 2014 and introducing the program at LREDA Fall Conference 2014. One candidate who received a credential this spring switched to the 2014 Plan to complete her requirements and reported a generally very positive experience.
- The RECC is in the process of reviewing our rules and policies in order to bring them up to date and in alignment. We are deeply indebted to outgoing RECC member, Russ Araujo, for leading this effort.