

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2015-16

Submitted by RECC Chair, Rev. Tandy Scheffler

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 2008
- Rev. Dr. Randy Becker, Parish Minister, MRE, began 2010
- Dr. Jenice View, lay representative, began 2011
- Rev. Christina Leone Tracy, Minister of Faith Development, began 2012
- Kathleen Carpenter, LREDA Representative; CRE, began 2013
- Peter Kandis, lay representative, began 2015
- Dr. Elias Ortega-Aponte, lay representative, began 2015

Ex-Officio Members, UUA Staff

- Jan Gartner, Professional Development Specialist, CRE, until June 30, 2016
- Rev. Sarah Lammert, Director of the Ministry & Faith Development staff group, serves as Executive Secretary
- Catherine Rowland, Professional Development Assistant, until June 30, 2016, serves as Recording Secretary

Credentials Awarded

- During this program year, we awarded credentials: 5 Associate Level, 8 Credentialed Level, and 1 Master Level. Of those receiving Associate Level, one had sought Master Level, and another Credentialed Level.

Highlights

- We interviewed 11 candidates at our annual meeting this spring and expect even more interviews to be scheduled for 2017. As the number of interviews has grown, the RECC budget has not kept pace. The committee has responded to this challenge by developing a more streamlined process for candidate materials review and interview questions development.
- The updated 2014 Plan has been quite well-received. The RECC is finding the candidates who go through the program on the updated plan to be well-prepared and to have found the REC process one of meaningful professional growth.
- May 2016, the RECC sent to the UUA Board for approval, updated committee rules and policies, written to bring them up-to-date and in alignment with our current plan and protocol.
- The RECC has found Jan Gartner, Professional Development Specialist, an extremely effective partner in doing the work credentialing professional religious educator. Jan's blend of manager and visionary are rare and served well to help move this fairly new program to the next phase of

its development. We are deeply appreciative and will feel her absence as she moves to her new role at the UUA July 1.

- We will also greatly miss Recording Secretary Catherine Rowland. Catherine has served with consistent grace and a high level of competence. She anticipates needs and is ever reliable and efficient. Catherine has been a valued and beloved member of our credentialing team, both as a respected professional and as a generous human being.