

Religious Education Credentialing Committee Meeting Précis
April 9 – 13, 2018
24 Farnsworth Street - Boston, MA

Present: Rev. Dr. Randy Becker, Kathleen Carpenter, Dr. Elias Ortega-Aponte, Peter Kandis, Rev. Christina Leone Tracy, Sara Lewis, Art Nava, Pat Kahn (Professional Development Programs Manager), Rob Kipp (Professional Development Assistant and Recording Secretary) and Aisha Hauser (Credentialed Observer).

The meeting convened at approximately 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 8, 2018.

Anti-Oppression, Anti-Racism, and Multicultural Issues

The committee engaged in an AO/AR/MC exercise in which Aisha Hauser led the group in some of the exercises from the [discussion guide](#) for the book [Centering](#), the UUA's 2017-18 Common Read. Dr. Elias Ortega-Aponte talked about the work of the [Commission on Institutional Change](#) of which he is a member.

Candidate Awards

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

- Sheila Schuh

The following individuals were awarded Credentialed Religious Educator – Credentialed Level status:

- Kirsten Hunter
- Rev. Claudia Jimenez
- Katy Siepert
- Lauren Strauss

Resource List Revision Team

Leia-Durland Jones, Linnea Nelson and Dr. Sheri Phillabaum shared the process they used to revise the RECP Resource List and offered recommendations to the RECC for consideration. The RECC will review the revised list and determine next steps.

Concurrent Credentialed/Master level Path

Since 2014, the Master level credential has only been available as an “add-on” to Credentialed level. Many people have asked if there could be a way to work on both Credentialed level and Master level at the same time, and the RECC decided to add a second path to Master level, the “concurrent” Credentialed/Master level. The requirements are the same and there is no reduction in work load. Those pursuing the new “concurrent” path will have an interview with the RECC in two parts: first, the interview for Credentialed level, after which the RECC will deliberate and if the candidate is awarded that credential, after a short break, the candidate will have the interview for Master level. The first year the RECC will see “concurrent” candidates is 2020.

Dates and Location of Future RECC Meetings

From 2004 through 2016, the RECC saw 79 candidates, an average of 6 per year. From 2017 through 2021, the RECC will see at least 61 candidates, an average of 12 per year. Based on this, the RECC has added a day to the meeting for 2019, and made space to interview 17 candidates, and will consider adding a day as needed in subsequent years.

For many years, the RECC has discussed meeting in locations other than Boston, and proposed that they meet in each region. This was approved by the UUA Administration, and taking into account the projected candidates, the RECC will meet as follows:

- The 2019 RECC meeting will take place Sun 3/31/19 – Sat 4/6/19 in the Pacific Western region (California)
- The 2020 RECC meeting will tentatively take place Sun 4/19/20 – Fri 4/24/20 in the Southern region (Florida)
- The 2021 RECC meeting will tentatively take place Sun 4/11/21 – Fri 4/16/21 in the New England Region (Boston)
- Dates for the 2022 and 2023 meetings are still to be determined; locations will be the MidAmerica and Central East regions and then the cycle will repeat.

Committee Member Changes

The Rev. Christian Leone-Tracy completed her service on the RECC, and the Rev. Emily Gage, Minister of Faith Development at Unity Temple in Oak Park, IL has joined the RECC.

Credentialed Observer Report

Aisha Hauser presented the Credentialed Observer's Report which is posted on uuu.org.

LREDA Report

Kathleen Carpenter, LREDA representative, presented the LREDA Report.

Future Meetings

- Zoom meeting: October 2018.
- Next in-person meeting will be from March 31 to April 6, 2019 in San Diego, CA.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:00 p.m. on Friday, April 13, 2018.