**Report of the Preparation for Ministry Committee of the St. Louis Association**

**September, 2011, to September, 2012**

During the year the Preparation for Ministry Committee met each month except August. That month we attended the All Committee Meeting of the St. Louis Association, followed by a joint meeting with the Committee on Ministry. In addition many members attended other association and conference meetings, attended and participated in ordination ceremonies and installations, met regularly with Members in Discernment (MIDs), and visited churches to witness MIDs leading services and preaching.

The following actions represent the highlights of our ministry on behalf of the St. Louis Association this year.

**Interviewed and accepted the following into Member in Discernment status (4):**

Matthew Frierdich of St. Lucas UCC, St. Louis

Chris Goff of Christ Church UCC, Maplewood

Amy Seat of Samuel UCC, Clayton

Cherie Stolze, Parkway UCC, St. Louis

**Accepted into MID status the following persons interviewed previously (2):**

Larissa Forsythe of St. John UCC, Manchester

Dawn Martin of Epiphany UCC, St. Louis

**Conducted update interviews with nine MIDs (9):**

Heather Arcovitch of Zion UCC, Florissant

Catherine Dixon of First Congregational UCC, Memphis

Deb Harness of St. Johns Evangelical UCC, Mehlville

Rayla Hogue of First Congregational UCC, Memphis

Chuck Lindsay of First Congregational UCC, Memphis

Dawn Martin of Epiphany UCC, St. Louis

Felicia Scott of Pilgrim UCC, St. Louis

Jacquelyne Tyler of Glory to Glory UCC, St. Louis

Robert Van Ess of Holy Trinity Community Church UCC, Memphis

**Examined and approved the following for Ordination Pending a Call (3):**

Aaron Ban of Peace (Evangelical) UCC, Webster Groves

Jan Barnes of First Congregational UCC, Webster Groves

Dana Schindler of Eden UCC, Affton

**Ordained these five persons (5):**

Aaron Ban of Peace (Evangelical) UCC, Webster Groves

Wendy Bruner of St. John’s UCC on North Grand, St. Louis

Phiwa Langeni of Peace (Evangelical) UCC, Webster Groves

Laura Mignerone of Ivy Chapel UCC,, Chesterfield

Al Schon of Peace (Evangelical) UCC, Webster Groves

**Look forward to two Ordinations in the fall (2):**

Nancy Mack of Peace (Evangelical) UCC, Webster Groves

Robert Van Ess of Holy Trinity Community Church UCC, Memphis

**Licensed one person (1):**

Jan Barnes to Trinity UCC, St. Louis

**Transferred one licensed person from Care (1):**

Linda Stoecklin of Immanuel UCC, Ferguson

E**nded the year on September 1, 2012, with 18 active Members in Discernment (18):**

Heather Arcovitch, Zion UCC, Florissant

Jan Barnes, First Congregational UCC, Webster Groves

Catherine Dixon, First Congregational UCC, Memphis

Larissa Forsythe, St. John UCC, Manchester

Matt Frierdich, St. Lucas UCC, St. Louis

Chris Goff, Christ Church UCC, Maplewood

Deb Harness, St. Johns Evangelical UCC, Mehlville

Rayla Hogue, First Congregational UCC, Memphis

Chuck Lindsay, First Congregational UCC, Memphis

Nancy Mack, Peace (Evangelical ) UCC, Webster Groves

Dawn Martin, Epiphany UCC, St. Louis

Holly Pederson, Holy Trinity Community Church UCC, Memphis

Dana Schindler, Eden UCC, Affton

Felicia Scott, Pilgrim UCC, St. Louis

Amy Seat, Samuel UCC, Clayton

Cherie Stolze, Parkway UCC, St. Louis

Jacquelyne Tyler, Glory to Glory UCC, St. Louis

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**Other Business:**

The Committee continued to explore and incorporate “The Marks of Faithful and Effective Authorized Ministers of the UCC” in its preparation and evaluation of MIDs. We inaugurated the use of SKYPE to enable our member from Memphis and MIDs from Memphis to participate in meetings long distance. We evaluated and refined our psychological evaluation procedures. We continued to explore the changing face of ministry in the 21st century with each other and our candidates for ministry. And, again, we hosted our annual Christmas luncheon for all MIDs and Conference Staff.

We are grateful to First Congregational UCC in Webster Groves for giving us space to meet each month and for helping us set up SKYPE. We appreciate those in the Conference Office who help us conduct our business efficiently. We thank the Rev. Dr. Marc Wessels for his support.

**Submitted by Dorothy Kurre Dwyer, Co-Chair, for the Preparation for Ministry Committee (11):**

**Dorothy Dwyer**

**Rev. Jeff Groene**

**Rev. Robert Hartmann**

**Rev. Dr. Mary Lin Hudson**

**Rosetta James**

**Rev. Sharon Maddox**

**Rev. Janet Pillman**

**Rev. Tom Ressler**

**Karen Safe**

**Juanita Wagner, Co-Chair**

**Jackie Wheelehan**