

## Western Association Committee on Ministry Report for 2019-2020

The Committee on Ministry usually meets on the fourth Monday of each month via Zoom unless there are extenuating circumstances. Damien Lake is our new staff person.

### COM assignments

Chairperson—Linda Stenger  
Vice-Chair—Tim Fairley  
Registrar and Secretary—Rushan Sinnaduray  
Corresponding Secretary—Sue Williams  
RJE—Tim Fairley, Andy Mockridge, Randy Hundley  
BAT—Dorothy Spencer  
MIDs—Cathy Bear  
Licensed Pastors—Adam Smith  
Supply pastors—James Fuller  
IRs--  
Data Hub—Rushan Sinnaduray  
Marshallese churches—Sue Williams  
Clergy, church and COM Files—Cathy Bear  
Exempt status and retirement information—Tommy Faris

Due to Cynthia Hill's retirement, we have changed our psychological assessment person to Midwest Ministries Development with Christina McLewin.

We have developed a process for Members in Discernment. It is now organized into a spreadsheet that should make the process much more transparent. Presently we have Tim Fairley, Brittany Scaringello, and Tammy Linningham as MIDs.

Cathy Jurgens left Missouri to go to Iowa. Rick Oberle is taking her place as a member of the COM.

Dionne Boyice has been approved for ordination pending a call.

Bethany Ruhl was granted Ecclesiastical standing for chaplaincy.

Russell Cobb has been approved for ordained ministerial standing, and we are looking forward to his installation at California UCC.

Transfer of standing to Western Association

Anton Jacobs  
Damien Lake  
Ron Trimmer

Transfer of Standing from Western Association

Becky Hebert  
Bethany Meier  
Cathy Jurgens

Licensed pastors in the association are Betty Thaller, Tim Bisemeyer, Leora Bremmer, Tim Fairley, Russell Cobb, Tammy Linningham, and Brittany Scaringello.

We will be looking at new church guidelines. All timeframes for completing BAT and RJE trainings have been extended for one year. We are looking at some possible online training options.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Stenger