

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2016-17**

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, going off July 1, 2017
- Rev. Dr. Randy Becker, Parish Minister, MRE, began 2010
- Dr. Jenice View, lay representative, began 2011, going off July 1, 2017
- 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**

- Pat Kahn, Professional Development Programs Manager, CRE-Master Level
- Jessica York, Interim Director of the Ministry & Faith Development staff group, serves as Executive Secretary
- Rob Kipp, Professional Development Assistant, serves as Recording Secretary

### **Credentials Awarded**

- During this program year, we awarded ten credentials:  
8 Credentialed Level, 2 Master Level

### **Highlights**

- For the first time, every candidate who came before the committee for an interview was granted the credential that they sought. The candidates were well-prepared. Many were inspiring in their deep grasp of religious education and their passion for the profession.
- The updated 2014 Plan now includes an Associate Level, which is aligned with the higher levels.
- The graduate-level courses required for Master Level candidates are not widely offered and can be quite expensive. Pat Kahn and incoming Chair, Randy Becker, are networking with various institutions to address this challenge.
- The Resource List for the program is in need of updating, a large project for a volunteer committee, which may require some contract work to be done by a professional.
- A sub-group of the committee is reworking the scoring system used by the candidates as well as committee members to rank themselves on the various competencies. Fulfilling the Call will be used as a springboard for this update.
- Pat Kahn, new in her staff role, has proved to be very effective and efficient in carrying out her responsibilities for the RECC. The committee appreciates her deep understanding of religious education, her thoroughness and eye for detail, and her steady guidance and support.

- Rob Kipp jumped into his supporting role and performed superbly as recording secretary and general go-to Boston host. He is an asset to the UUA.
- My tenure on this committee draws to a close. I am grateful for the opportunity I have had to serve. This is a high-functioning committee that works together in true partnership, a joy to experience.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Tandy Scheffler, outgoing Chair, RECC