# Religious Education Credentialing Committee Meeting Précis March 31 – April 5, 2019 San Diego, CA

**Present:** Rev. Dr. Randy Becker, Kathleen Carpenter, Peter Kandis, Rev. Emily Gage, Sara Lewis, Art Nava, Pat Kahn (Professional Development Programs Manager), Aastha Poudel (Professional Development Assistant) and Jamaine Cripe (Credentialed Observer).

The meeting convened at approximately 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 31, 2018.

### Anti-Oppression, Anti-Racism, and Multicultural Issues

The committee engaged in an AO/AR/MC conversations including:

- Gail Forsyth-Vail via Zoom to share information on the Accountability Assessment Tool
  pilot program helping to dismantle white supremacy culture in RE programs:
   <a href="https://www.uua.org/sites/live-new.uua.org/files/info\_webinar\_pilot\_dismantle\_28sep18.pdf">https://www.uua.org/sites/live-new.uua.org/files/info\_webinar\_pilot\_dismantle\_28sep18.pdf</a>
- Review of post "About Us Without Us" from Muslim-UU ministers
- Discussion of the UU World article https://www.uuworld.org/articles/apology-spring-2019

### **Candidate Awards**

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

- Darlene Anderson-Alexander
- Tim Atkins
- Steve Cooper
- Dayna Edwards
- Marguerite Mills
- Mia Noren
- Sara Sautter

#### **RECC Business agenda items included:**

- Task Force to review the RECC interview question bank
- Ongoing maintenance of the RECC Resource list
- Further details of implementing the Concurrent Credentialed/Master level path
- Review of the UUA's Bylaws and Rules as pertain to the RECC
- Proposed changes to RECC Policies and Rules

#### **Dates and Location of Future RECC Meetings**

The 2019 RECC meeting was the first to move outside of Boston, as approved last year. The meeting was held at the Courtyard San Diego Mission Valley Hilton in San Diego, CA. In reviewing future meetings dates and location, the RECC took into account the dates of Easter, Passover and first/last days of Ramadan to finalize this schedule:

- The 2020 RECC meeting will take place Sun 3/29/20 Sat 4/4/20 in the Southern region (Orlando FL)
- The 2021 RECC meeting will take place Sun 4/25/21 Sat 5/1/21 in the New England Region (Boston MA)
- The 2022 RECC meeting will take place Sun 4/24/22 Sat 4/30/22 in the Central East Region (Philadelphia PA area)
- The 2023 RECC meeting will take place Sun 4/23/23 Sat 4/29/23 in the Mid America Region (St Louis MO area)

## **Committee Member Changes**

Dr. Elias Ortega-Aponte resigned from the RECC in order to become the new President of Meadville-Lombard seminary with our heartiest congratulations! Rev. Dr. Randy Becker and LREDA representative Kathleen Carpenter completed their terms and will leave the RECC in June 2019. Pat Kahn, the UUA's Professional Development Programs Manager, is retiring as of June 28th, 2019. New RECC members have been proposed to the UUA Board for approval.

# **Credentialed Observer Report**

Jamaine Cripe presented the Credentialed Observer's Report which is posted on <u>uua.org</u>.

## **Future Meetings**

- Zoom meeting: October 2019
- Next in-person meeting will be from Sunday 3/29/20 to Saturday 4/4/20 in the Orlando, FL area.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 5, 2019.