

Gifts Discernment Ministry

The Ohio Conference Gifts Discernment Ministry (GDM) Team began its work a little earlier than usual this year, holding our first, and only, face-to-face meeting on July 30, 2016. Regular GoToMeetings and email communication continued throughout the rest of the year and into 2017 as we searched for candidates to be placed on the slate for delegates to consider at ACA.

We again encountered a mixture of challenges in filling all the positions on the ballot, and enthusiasm from persons excited by the opportunity to serve in leadership positions in the Conference. Eight persons agreed to serve an additional term of service on various ministry teams. Nine positions remained to be filled by new candidates. We were also responsible for appointing three persons to serve on the Resolutions Committee at this year's ACA.

Many thanks go to the GDM members for their hard work and dedicated effort to discern and contact individuals about serving in Conference leadership. We are grateful for everyone who agreed to accept new or renewed terms of service, as well as those who gave consideration to the invitation, but for a variety of reasons could not accept. We also want to thank Conference delegates for their participation in the gifts discernment process by providing name suggestions for the ministry teams on the forms provided at each ACA. Our goal is to seek out the individuals and gifts that will best serve the needs and purposes of Ohio Conference and further the work of building God's Kingdom.

Mel Hathaway, Chair