

Public Minutes for Credentialing Ministry Team — February 23, 2016

Met February 23, 2016 at Salem (Elida) Mennonite Church

Present: Naomi Engle (chair), Andrew Stoner, Phil Slabaugh, Lavonne Hartman, Ralph Reinford, George O'Reilly

We granted ordination credentials to Ryan Nafziger (Tedrow) and Jared Chase (Sharon Mennonite).

We agreed to pay half the cost for a second MLI, if done for an ordination interview.

We changed George Dunn's (New Mercies) credential from "retired" to "active." He is filling in pastoral duties while New Mercies is without a pastor.

There was an inquiry about an un-credentialed transitional pastor who may be called to work with one of our congregations. We would require this candidate to get a license for special ministry from Ohio Conference.

We discussed the ethical considerations of pastors and congregations discerning to leave Ohio Conference and/or Mennonite Church USA. We ask that these congregations use the denominational guidelines for this process.

We discussed working with congregations who leave Mennonite Church USA but stay in Ohio Conference in regards to a search process. We will see if we can use the MLI system on a contract basis. We have not determined how this would be paid for.