## **Gifts Discernment Ministry**

The Ohio Conference Gifts Discernment Ministry (GDM) Team met at the Conference office in Kidron on Oct. 28, 2017, to begin our work of discerning candidates to be placed on the slate for delegates to consider at ACA. Teleconference meetings and email communication were the primary means of continuing the process throughout the rest of the year and into the 2018 calendar year.

We had fewer positions that needed to be filled this year, and several persons agreed to renewing prior terms of service, which made our work load a bit lighter than some years. Our thanks to all who have served in leadership positions in the Conference in the past year, and to those who have agreed to new terms of service for the next two years.

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. GDM has had several vacant positions on our team this year, so please consider carefully our need for representatives from across the Conference and submit your suggestions for consideration by the Leadership Team. Our continued goal is to find the individuals and gifts that God is calling forth, and match them with the needs and purposes of Ohio Conference in order to further the work of building God's Kingdom.

Mel Hathaway, Chair