

**Ohio Conference of Mennonite Church USA
Credentialing Ministry Team
Ohio Conference Office, Kidron, Ohio
April 19, 2018**

Present: Jacob Dodson, LaVonne Hartman, Ralph Reinford, Andy Stoner, LaVerne Yousey, Judy King (recorder)

Absent: Vickie Yoder, Miriam Zehr

1. **Devotions.** Andy Stoner led devotions, based on Philippians 4.
2. **Schedule review and introductions.** Andy reviewed the change in the schedule for the day. Introductions were made around the table and LaVerne was welcomed to the Credentialing Ministry Team.
3. **Minutes.** The minutes from the Feb. 22, 2018, and March 9, 2018, meetings were approved as presented.
4. **Interview with Alvis Pettker (Friendship Mennonite).** Regional Pastor Ralph Reinford was present. Introductions were made and Jacob opened with prayer. **Alvis Pettker was affirmed for licensing towards ordination.**
5. **Misconduct case update.** Ralph, Cliff (by phone) and Andy gave an update on the current misconduct case.
6. **Healthy Boundaries training update.** Andy gave a brief update on the Healthy Boundaries trainings. There were approx. 60 persons that attended the December training, around 50 at the February training and nearly 60 are signed up for the training on April 21.
7. **Interview with Sheila Spencer Anderson (University Euclid Christ New Testament Church).** Sheila's husband, Brian Anderson joined us for the interview. Ralph opened with prayer. Introductions were made. **Sheila was affirmed for licensing toward ordination.** Andy will work out a time for a licensing service since Ralph will be on sabbatical.
8. **Interview with Verle Brubaker.** Verle is serving as a transitional pastor at Maple Grove, Hartville, and is transferring his credentials from Franconia to Ohio Conference. This was a get-acquainted interview. The transfer of credentials for Verle Brubaker from Franconia Conference to Ohio Conference was approved.
9. **Update on psychological testing and assessments.** Andrew Martin had been conducting the testing most recently, but is no longer available. We have received two proposals for doing these assessments for our licensed pastors. The information presented today was for our consideration. No decision was made at this time. On another note, Ralph reported that Springhaven offers six free counseling sessions to pastors.
10. **Scholarship request.** A ministerial scholarship application was considered and granted. LaVerne Yousey agreed to be the new contact person for processing scholarship applications.
11. **MennoData Database list.** Judy reviewed the persons listed with Ohio Conference in the database that are no longer connected to Ohio Conference or have moved out of state, but for whom we still hold credentials. Assignments were made for contacting some of these individuals.
12. The **next meeting** was scheduled for June 19, 2018, at Upper Sandusky Community Library.

Judy King, recorder