

**Ohio Conference of Mennonite Church USA
Credentialing Ministry Team
GoToMeeting
July 1, 2020**

Present: Dick Barrett, Tony Doehrmann (joined after the interview), Doug King, Ralph Reinford, Myron Weaver, Vickie Yoder (chair), LaVerne Yousey, Miriam Zehr, Judy King (recorder)

1. **Welcome/devotional time.** Vickie opened the meeting with prayer. She read Psalm 42:5. During these difficult times, we are to focus on God and what he wants us to be doing.
2. **Minutes.** The minutes of the May 6, 2020, meeting were approved as presented.
3. **Grant updates.** LaVerne reported that there have been no new grant applications.
4. **Interview procedure.** Vickie reported that Matt has been ordained for 10 years in a different denomination and has experience as a pastor. Vickie suggested that the guide sheet with suggested questions for the ordination interview may be used, but rather than assigning questions, encouraged each person to ask questions as they are led during the interview. Vickie reviewed the purpose of the credentialing interview from the polity manual, *A Shared Understanding of Ministerial Leadership*.
5. **Interview with Matt Reed** (pastor at Beech Mennonite). Introductions were made, and Vickie led in prayer. Regional Pastor Ralph Reinford was present.

Matt was approved for ordination. Ralph offered a prayer for Matt.
6. **Withdrawal of credentials for Tim Singenstreu** – Ralph gave some information and background. **Upon Tim's written request, we moved to formally withdraw his credentials.**
7. **Healthy Boundaries Training/Licensing expired.** We discussed those pastors who are noncompliant and not participating, as well as several who have not kept their credentials up to date. Vickie has talked with the Leadership Team as well as sent letters and attempted to contact these individuals by phone. She has exhausted her options. Dick will follow up with the list. Vickie will send Dick the letter that was sent plus a list of phone calls she made.
8. **Code of Ethics.** A copy of the revised Code of Ethics was sent to the CMT. A few corrections were made per suggestions. **We affirmed the document.** There was agreement that the Code of Ethics would be up for signing each time there is a Healthy Boundaries training, beginning this fall.
9. **Sexual Misconduct case.** There was a complaint filed against a pastor who is currently not serving. The incident happened while he was serving. His credentials are inactive because he hasn't had a pastoral position for the past three years. An investigative team has been organized, and both parties have agreed to the persons chosen to serve. Dick thinks there will be a report within a few weeks.
10. **Next meeting:** The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, July 22, 9 a.m. via GoToMeeting.

Judy King and Miriam Zehr, recorders