

Chicago Metropolitan Association of the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ
Church and Ministry Annual Report
CMA Spring Meeting
May 7, 2016

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:17 NIV)

I bring you greetings on behalf of the 24 faithful Stewards on church and ministry. Church and ministry has the distinct task and responsibility to authorized those to ministry and those churches who have called to be in covenant with the UCC

The report is as follows;

Members in Discernment:

- 5 approvals for new Members in Discernment
- over 50 MID in CMA
- 7 candidates approved for an Ecclesiastical Council

Clergy standing, that represents several categories for receiving standing in CMA;

- Privilege of Call – 1 candidates approved to POC and to receive standing within a year
- Transfer of standing into CMA – 6
- Transfer of standing out of CMA - 20
- Ecclesiastical Endorsement – 2
- Licensures – 4

Church Standing

- Church withdrawal - 1
- Church closing - 1

Business

- New Privilege of Call Guidelines
- Updating the Members in Discernment journey
- Multiple Paths – Task Force assigned
- Marks of Effective and Faithful ministry - Resource
- **Fitness Review- 2 pending**

We ask for continual prayers and the guidance of the Holy Spirit... Amen

Respectfully Submitted

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Chair, Church and Ministry