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CMA Nomination Committee Annual Report

REPORT:

The CMA Nominating Committee is made up of 9 active members, two from each cluster (one clergy and one layperson). (Our committee should be 12 members large, so currently we are operating with a three member deficit.)

Our committee began working in early September, meeting once a month, for 2.5 hours. Typically our members find Saturdays more available than week nights, meeting from 10am-12:30pm, or Noon-2pm; but we always try to remain flexible. Several meetings were held as conference calls, which also allowed for more flexibility. The past 5 years we have been meeting at Pilgrim UCC in Oak Park; which is central to all our members.

Our main focus, as always, was to find CMA members (new and seasoned) to fill vacancies and openings on the Spring Ballot for both CMA Ministries and CMA spots on IL CONF. Ministries. Our goal, as it is every year, was to have a 100% full ballot, and fill immediate vacancies. This year our members found it very difficult to find candidates to fill openings and vacancies for Church and Ministry, and Congregational Life. (These ministries meet on weekdays; one all day and one mid-day. If anyone reading this report, knows of laypersons with flexible jobs, and would be interested in either of these ministries, please pass their names along to us, for we will have positions open again next year!)

We continue to build a current database that will **always** remain active and stay with the committee. One of our immediate plans following the CMA Spring Meeting, is to send each Chairperson their prospective volunteer(s) and contact information for the coming year, in hopes that the volunteers do not get lost in the translation, and never receive contact from their Ministry teams.

To begin our new year (2016-2017), we have plans to have a table at Fall Meeting 2016 to begin our recruiting efforts, and get the word out about the wonderful Ministries in our Wider Church. So, if you plan on attending Fall Meeting, please feel free to stop by, say "hello" and perhaps consider volunteering to serve a ministry of your choice. I can assure you, we will have plenty of opportunities!

Respectfully,

Brenda Jentink