

CHICAGO METROPOLITAN ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT
October 22, 2024

Moderator Report

The Chicago Metropolitan Association Church and Ministry convened the first all Conference Annual MID Gathering and Informational on April 6, at Pilgrim Congregational Church of Oak Park. There were 24 in-person attendees and 12 online participants. We hope to share hosting this opportunity in the future for MID's across the Conference and look forward to a greater sense of collaboration in support of being a Conference that is stronger together. Thank you to the leadership team of the CMA's Church and Ministry and the faith community of Pilgrim Congregational that made that event a success.

On May 4, the CMA had our spring meeting with the theme of Ubuntu hosted by the Church of the Good Shepherd. There were 79 people who attended the CMA Spring Meeting, and three MLT present: CM Molly Carlson, and ACM's Terrill Murff and Kathy Lawes. Rev. Jesse Knox III led us in worship, Pilgrim Congregational provided childcare services, and affiliated organizations, partners and UCC members across the conference convened workshops for an enriching time together. We are hoping to have our Fall meeting sometime in October on one of the available dates provided by the Conference.

On October 5, the CMA had our virtual fall meeting with the theme Return, Re-Connect, Re-Commit. There were 49 people who registered and about 44 people who joined us for our fall meeting including the Acting Conference Minister Rev. Dr. Terrill Murff. Rev. Jamar Boyd II offered a reflection message for our time together, and presentations on the New Governance and Camp Forward proposals were shared by Rev. Gloria Cox and Minister Renita Ward. We are thankful for the participation of members of our Association and look forward to new CMA Council leadership.

Lastly, since January 2024 the CMA has hosted four Ecclessial Councils and four ordinations. We are happy to celebrate the ordination of Rev. Kim Grice who was installed as Associate Pastor at Covenant United Church of Christ; Rev. Michelle Day who was installed at Church of the Good Shepherd as Associate Pastor of Social Justice and Community Outreach; Rev. Victor Parrott who was installed at Trinity United Church of Christ as a Hospice Chaplain for Family Home Network; and Rev. Ramona (Bamgbose) Gant a four-covenant minister who serves Loyola University Chicago Health Science Campus. Congratulations to all!

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Ramona N. (Bamgbose) Gant
CMA Moderator