

To: Illinois Conference Council
Fr: Rev. Donna R. Freeman
Re: Mission Support Ministry
September 29, 2024

Greetings and Blessings in the name of our Lord, Jesus the Christ!

The new scope, vision and charge of this ministry as assigned by Molly Carlson was to reshape/revision the purpose of the Mission Support Ministry, since there was no longer funding for the Ministry.

Rev. Molly Carlson, Rev. Dr. Terrill Murff and I had met to look over where we go from here with the Mission Support Ministry, since there are no longer funds to support the mission of this ministry.

Over the last few years, Rev. Murff and I have met. There has also been an outreach to those who signed up to sit on the Mission Support Committee, much to my dismay there has been little to no turn out and from my understanding from the last chair, there has been little to no activity with this ministry for some time; the chair has reached out in hope of moving forward with the renewing and retooling of this ministry. There were a few meetings that had to be canceled due to lack of participations. The chair has attempted to find interested persons to join the ministry, almost like a new start up church, however there has not at this time been persons reaching back out.

It is the chairs hope to have person's willing to volunteer to sit on this ministry in 2025 so that we will be reviewing: "We will start our re-Visioning process by taking a look at the Constitution/By-Laws of the Illinois Conference and what this group had to offer the IL Conference historically, and start to re-Vision where we feel God is calling for the work and ministry of Mission Support."

Lastly, the Chair plans to meet with Rev. Murff to revisit the vision of original charge given to seek direction as to if this ministry can continue to stand alone or possibly see if some of the core values of this ministry can be incorporated into a more active ministry of the Conference. If there are UCC persons interested in volunteering on this ministry please reach out to me, I would be delighted to work with you.

At this time, I end this overview report of Mission Support Ministry.

Yours in Him,
Rev. Donna R. Freeman