

Department of Church and Ministry

The Department of Church and Ministry meets 10 times a year and deal with the function of authorizing and maintaining those already ordained, commissioned, and licensed in the ministry of Eastern Ohio Association. We act on behalf of the whole United Church of Christ in an ecclesiastical system. We are guided by the Manuel on Ministry, with the tasks we are asked to do.

The people on the department have been elected by the Association, both lay and clergy. With the many tasks and sometimes difficult decisions that have to be made, it is our goal to be supportive, caring and nurturing as we oversee the authorizations in Eastern Ohio Association.

The Department is made up of 4 working groups, Member in Discernment, Covenant Support, Covenant review, and Ministry Support. Each working group has their own tasks that deal with. There are people from the full department on each working group and the groups have been empowered to enlist the help of non-elected members to help the work of the working group.

Boundary training, Periodic support Consultations, new clergy newcomers, interviews for both Licensure, and members in Discernment take place. We are quite busy and work very hard. I would ask for prayers as we continue to work on your behalf in the authorizations of ministry in the Eastern Ohio Association.

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Chairperson