

# Ministerial Committee Report

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This year we said farewell to Ron Adams who faithfully served on the committee for five years before leaving CDC.

Our committee spent a significant amount of time this year on the **healthy boundaries training**. We anticipate that by the time of annual meeting 80% of CDC credentialed individuals will have completed this requirement. All are expected to complete this training by the end of 2018. Ten lay leaders have also completed the training. We have worked in collaboration with Ohio Conference, Illinois Mennonite Conference and Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference and appreciate the assistance in getting this accomplished. We are grateful to Laurel Neufeld Weaver, Marc Roth, and Doug Luginbill who have led the trainings.

In addition to the healthy boundaries we reviewed and updated the policies and procedures for investigating accusations of pastoral misconduct within CDC.

We implemented the **annual clergy report form** that was developed and have had a good response. One of the values we encourage is relational accountability with CDC. The annual report form is one way to develop this. We also hope it will help provide information for how we can help support our leaders.

Our committee meets in person twice a year at Camp Friedenswald. We also continue to meet monthly online. Every meeting begins with a prayer for the Spirit's guidance.

**Credentialing for ministry** is a significant part our work as a committee. We work with the Conference Minister in credentialing interviews, for both licensing and ordination. It is a joy to interact with so many gifted and well-qualified candidates for ministry. Our conference is truly blessed.

Our committee is blessed to work along with our Conference Minister to support and facilitate his important work. We seek to be **a supportive resource for Doug**, taking interest in his work and well-being, monitoring the work load and travel especially as we add new congregations. It is a privilege to accompany Doug in his work for pastors and congregations.

—Submitted by Ardean Friesen