

## Commission on Ministry Report

**February 4, 2023**

The Commission on Ministry met once as a whole Commission since our last Regional Board Meeting.

December 7 Via Zoom

The Commission met with one Commissioned Ministers for their yearly update for renewal of commissioned status. We received an update on their ministry and education. We discussed current challenges in ministry and personal life. We concluded with a time of prayer for this minister and family. The Commission approved a one-year renewal of Commission status.

We also met with another Commissioned minister to discuss consideration of their Educational program as a path towards the Alternate track towards Ordination. Progress was made in this ongoing conversation.

COM members also discussed timing and availability of make up sessions for the Financial Boundary training held in the fall. The make up session was scheduled for January 21.

Future meeting dates, including an in person Idaho Meeting were discussed. We will send out a Doodle Poll to schedule the next meetings.

The Commission on Ministry took action on an issue with ministerial standing after discussing the matter at length via email.

On January 27<sup>th</sup>, Doug and Co-chairs, Shari and Erik met to discuss meetings and topics to be considered in the next few months.

- Conducting a policy review on several COM documents that are due for updating.
- Mandatory Boundary Training for Ordained and Commissioned ministers. We began discussing what actions are necessary when individuals are non-compliant with completing these trainings in a timely manner. Also, in this discussion was the question of providing training in languages other than English.
- Ministry education for Chuukese pastors and how that effects the Commissioning process. Discussed what is currently available and where there are unmet needs.
- Discussed the need for a new commission member: toward balance of ages, ethnicity, gender.
- Discussed a plan to meet together again in the months before Doug and Cathy retire.

Respectfully submitted,

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