**Ministerial Leadership Commission (May 2018-May 2019)**

**Brad Roth, Commission Member**

Members: Peter Goerzen (chair), Gail Graber, Terry Rediger, Brad Roth, Dave Stevens, Rachel Epp Miller. Heidi Regier Kreider is staff liaison.

The Ministerial Leadership Commission has fulfilled its constitutional duties in the past year in the following ways:

**Credentialing candidates for ministry:**

Credential transfers or reactivation:

In: John Murray

Out: John Tyson, Ryan Koch, Rachel Siemens, Janet Dellinger

Licensed for Specific Ministry:

Moises Romero (changed from Licensed for Ordination)

Licensing toward ordination

Peter Emery

Kristine Regehr

Linda Lewis

Sandra Montes-Martinez (extension)

John Garland (extension)

Caleb Yoder (extension)

MLC also assigned mentors to individuals licensed toward ordination.

Ordination

Karen Mascho

Retired

Doug Krehbiel

Inactive

Eugene Thieszen

Withdrawn

Jesus Antonio Arevalo

**Supporting personal and spiritual growth for pastoral leadership through counsel, personal evaluation, continuing education, and professional assistance.**

* MLC approved 33 education grants for credentialed ministers
* MLC approved congregational grant requests toward visioning and conflict resolution.
* MLC interviewed or received letters from pastors who performed same sex marriage ceremonies. Following WDC procedures implementing the Rainbow Resolution, a note was placed on each pastor’s MennoData record, the denominational ministerial data-base.

**Supporting a code of ministerial ethics in keeping with Mennonite Church USA documents.**

* MLC processed a ministerial misconduct case. After the Investigative Committee completed their work, the Commission found that misconduct more likely than not occurred in three of the four complaints. Following completion of recommendations by the MLC, the minister’s credentials were determined to be in order.
* Healthy Boundaries training for credentialed ministers, November 17, 2018 (Moundridge, KS) and April 1-2, 2019 (bilingual, via Zoom)

**Resourcing ministry teams that include pastors and deacons through workshops, retreats, and other appropriate events.**

* Healthy Boundaries Training
* Leadership Lunches
* Responded to requests to develop Gestalt Pastoral Care retreat, host a Climate Change retreat, and endorse an Anabaptist Adaptive Leadership workshop resource for congregations
* Invited Brian Moyer-Suderman to lead a workshop for pastors at Annual Assembly WDC
* In conjunction with South Central Conference, received a grant from Kansas Leadership Center for 40 training slots, with slots being allocated especially to youth leaders, pastors and congregational leaders, and conference leaders.

**Undertaking policy work:**

* Revised and approved Record Retention Policy for Credential Files
* Gave counsel to Heidi Regier Kreider on working document: “Review of Western District Conference Culture and Responsibilities.”