

## Ministry Commission Report

**Ministry Commission:**

- Clark R. Youngblood, chair
- Norma Sexton, vice-chair
- Cindy Slaughter, secretary
- Katherine Boeger Knight
- David Flores
- Richard Zapata

*ex-officio* members: District Executive Minister;  
Moderator; Board Chair

I, as chair, express my thanks to the members of the Ministry Commission for their dedication and hard work this year. The Commission expresses appreciation and gratitude to the members of the Nurturing and Credentialing Committee (NACC), to Russ Matteson, District Executive Minister, Gilbert Romero, Ministry Training Coordinator, and psychologist Melissa Hofstetter, for their hard work in cooperation with the Ministry Commission to carry out the responsibilities of the Commission.

This year the Commission approved the recommendation from the NACC to license Sandra Millard, who, along with the re-licensing for 15 currently licenses ministers, brings the total number of licensed ministers this year to 16 persons. The Commission also approved the appointment of four ordained ministers to be mentors for four licensed ministers who did not have district appointed ordained mentors in their cohorts. The Ministry Commission formed an ad hoc committee to work on determining more specific guidance concerning responsibilities of the district appointed ordained mentors for licensed ministers. The work of this committee is currently still in process. This fall NACC & Ministry will use that guidance to update the mentor program. There will also be a vote to extend current licensees and interviews of new candidates for licensing, commissioning and ordination.

A letter/email was written and sent reminding ministers of their obligations to access and undertake ongoing education and training for Continuing Educations Units (5 CEUs required for the five-year period), that they must have for the next Ministerial Review in 2020. The Commission planned and coordinated this year’s Pre-Conference Ministerial Workshop on the topic “Appreciating Scripture Through Different Cultural Lenses,” led by Bethany Theological Seminary professor of New Testament Studies. Attendees receive 0.6 CEUs. An Ethics Training letter/email was written and sent to licensed and ordained ministers indicating this training as a requirement for the next Ministerial Review in 2020,

giving three dates for the ethics training in English and one date for the ethics training in Spanish, and giving instructions for registering for one of the sessions. The Commission voted to exempt eleven totally inactive (by virtue of failing health, etc.) ordained ministers from the CEU and Ethics Training requirements for renewal of ordination.

The Ministry Commission planned and sponsored this year’s Pastors and Spouses Retreat. The leader was Daniel Topf speaking bilingually (English and Spanish) on the theme of “Seeing With New Eyes.” There were 31 participants representing 15 churches. Yoga, as an activity, was replaced by birdwatching led by Jeff Strogon with all persons participating. Karen and Gary Pierson, as in years past, served as on-site retreat helpers. The retreat, as a whole, received very positive responses. The retreat for next year will be June 1-5.

Clark R. Youngblood, Chair  
PSWD Ministry Commission

The Ministry Commission extends our gratitude to those appointed by our commission:

**TRIM Supervisor Report.** . . . . . Russ Matteson  
See District Executive Minister report on page [15](#).

**SeBAH, EFSM, EPMC Report.** . . . . . Gilbert Romero  
See Ministry Training Coordinator report on page [15](#).

**NACC: Nurturing & Credentialing Committee:**  
#2022 John Price, Chair  
2019 John Katonah  
2020 Susan Boyer  
#2021 Don Shankster  
2023 Peggy Redman  
**Ex-Officio:** Ministry Commission Chair,  
District Moderator, District Board Chair,  
District Executive Minister

### NACC: Nurturing & Credentialing Committee

The NACC Committee is a sub committee of the Ministry Commission. We provide guidance and legwork in the licensing and ordination process for the Pacific Southwest District. We oversee the process in licensing and guide licensees toward the goal of ordination. We meet twice a year, in the fall and in the spring. Our meetings include interviews for those entering the licensed ministry, interviews of those who have completed their training and are ready to receive a call to ministry-ready for ordination,

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and the annual progress review of all licensed ministers in their movement towards ordination, especially their education requirements. This is usually done during our Fall Meeting. This past year we renewed eight existing licenses in our September meeting and at the March meeting we renewed one existing license and approved one new licensee. We make recommendations to the Ministry

Commission who then review our process and recommendations and make the final decision on each case before them. It is an honor and privilege to be a part of this process as we bring new people into our district to serve as licensed and ordained ministers among us.

John E. Price, NACC Chair

