

Board of Ordained Ministry
Report to the Yellowstone Annual Conference-2017
Su DeBree, Chair

We recommend to you Sami Pack Toner for Ordination as an Elder and full conference membership.

We recommend to you Dawn Mauer Skerritt and KyeongSu Jung for Commissioning as Provisional Members.

Moving into a shared future with the Rocky Mountain Conference, this past year brings transitions in the way we order our work together. We have been in regular communication with the Rocky Mountain BOM, learning about their processes and discerning what is worth a try and what we value in the way we are already organized. Following their process, we have begun using our fall meeting for policy discussions and conduct all our interviews in the spring. Candidates' worship leadership and sermons are now recorded online in their local congregation and placed on Basecamp for viewing along with their written work prior to interviews.

We organized clergy ethics training for the 2016 Orders retreat.

We continue to publicize and encourage all pastors under appointment to utilize Ministerial Education Funds for continued education.

The clergy effectiveness forms used by the Rocky Mountain Conference have been adapted for use in Yellowstone.

The 2016 Book of Discipline mandates a pastor assessment every eight years. This may be a good time to let pastors take their sabbatical and make this a part of the renewal opportunity. The Yellowstone and Rocky Mountain Conferences will need to work together on this. We are implementing other updates in the Book of Discipline.

We intend to be more than keepers of a process. The Big Picture challenges us to provide inspiration, discernment and guidance as spiritual leaders are called, credentialed and sent to serve disciples who offer the gospel to the world.

Deep thanks to all the BOM members for their patient, faithful and inspiring participation.

Rev. Su DeBree, Chair

