

**WESTERN RESERVE ASSOCIATION
Ohio Conference, United Church of Christ**

**2010 to 2011 Report to the Western Reserve Association from
The Department of Church and Ministry**

Your Department of Church and Ministry has had a fruitful year working on behalf of the ministers and churches of the Western Reserve Association as well as the larger family of the United Church of Christ. The Department is divided into three working groups with specific functions.

CREDENTIALING: Dealing with issues of standing for authorized ministers (ordained and licensed) of the WRA UCC.

DISCERNMENT OF CALL: Assisting in the discernment and nurture of people responding to God's call to ordained and commissioned ministry. The WRA currently has 12 people in the discernment process.

PASTOR PARISH RELATIONSHIPS: Assisting ministers and congregations in nurturing healthy relationships as well as providing assistance to troubled relationships.

Other areas of our work include the orientation of ministers new to the WRA, continuing education and boundary training, representing the WRA at installations and ordinations, and addressing other ministry issues as they arise.

The Department acted upon the following items, all of which were approved by the WRA Association Council:

Transfer of Standing FROM the WRA to other Associations/Conferences	5
Transfer of Standing TO the WRA from other Associations/Conferences	2
Licensed Minister Standing (new)	7
Licensed Minister Standing (renewals)	9
Granting of Ministerial Partner Standing	1
Letter of Endorsement for Continued Status as a Board Certified Chaplain	1
Admission to the Discernment of Call Process	5
Approval of Ordination Pending an Appropriate Call	3
Ordinations	3
Installations	6

In addition to the above actions, the Department of Church and Ministry adjudicated two fitness reviews.

As we complete this year's work, I would like to thank the members of the Department of Church and Ministry and our WRA staff for their hard and diligent work.

Respectfully submitted,
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Department of Church and Ministry