

Standing Committee on Ordained Ministry

It seems we began this year figuring out how to do our work remotely and undoing the plans for March and April. We postponed the dinner at Canonicus for ordination candidates scheduled for March because of the pandemic. We had hoped to make this an annual event. We have now tentatively scheduled to hold it this October. Linda Moore's Ordination Council, scheduled for April 26, was also postponed, and Lihua Zhou informed us that Community Church would postpone her ordination, which had been scheduled for March 22.

The rest of the year, however, was very positive. We met by Zoom with Rev. Peter Preiser from Harbor Church on Block Island in May and wholeheartedly voted to recognize his ordination as an American Baptist pastor. With extensive technical help from Kathryn Palen, we held the Ordination Council for Linda Moore by Zoom in November. It was well attended with 15 churches represented. She was unanimously recommended for ordination. We met with Elise Mancini from Ebenezer Baptist Church in December and have recommended to her church that they hold an Ordination Council for her.

As always, we continue to support all the candidates who are seeking ordination.

Linda Bausserman, Chair