

MINISTERS COUNCIL OF RHODE ISLAND 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Meeting of the Ministers Council of Rhode Island was held at Canonicus on March 6, 2017.

The following officers were elected:

Secretary – Joyce Duerr (2)

Treasurer – Cal Lord (1)

Retreat Coordinator – Byron Waterman (1)

These officers continued their terms:

President – Wendy Kiefer-O'Brien (2018)

Vice President – Jabulani McCalister (2018)

Program Chair – John Houlker (1)

Regional Representative – Cynthia Smothers (2019)

- At our annual meeting in March 2017 we approved revisions to our bylaws. These revisions bring us into alignment with national changes.
- The membership approved dues changes effective in 2018 as follows:
 - \$35 – Individual
 - \$50 – Couple
 - \$20 – Seminarian

NOTE: Life Membership is no longer an option at the national level.

Local churches are encouraged to budget for and pay membership dues for their pastors.

- President Wendy Kiefer-O'Brien took a three-month sabbatical. She encourages her colleagues to consider this option.
- Vice President Jabulani McCalister concluded his role as Interim Operations Manager for National Ministers Council. He has kept us abreast of changes pending at the national level.
- Regional Representative Cynthia Smothers represented us at the National Mission Summit in Portland.

Program Highlights

- Annual meeting in March – with Jeff Jones as speaker and facilitator
- Annual retreat in May – held at Canonicus with Kirk Jones as leader.
- September membership meeting – *Moral Injury and the Journey from Condemnation to Compassion* with Dan Cottrell and VA Medical Center Psychologist Nathan Stein as presenters.

NOTE: Programs were open to colleagues of other regions and denominations.

Several of our colleagues participated in the *Rhythms of the Spirit* national retreat @ Canonicus.

To be elected in 2018 at Annual Meeting scheduled for February 28:

- President – for 1 two-year term
- Vice President – for 1 two-year term
- Program Chair – John Houlker (2)

Membership 9/1/17 –15 – Life, 18 - National, 10 - Local only, – 43 Total Membership

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Duerr, Secretary

