

2024 Annual Report  
Conference Minister Transition Team

The Conference Minister Transition Team was established by the Board of Directors after Rev. Dr. Marisa Laviola was called to be our Conference Minister in August of 2022. The Team is comprised of six members of the Conference Minister Search Committee who agreed to continue serving in this capacity: Jeanie Barnard, Rev. Bill Bliss, Rev. Leslie Chatfield, Nancy Lewis, Andrea Kennison, and Rev. Brad Hirst.

The organizing purpose of the Transition Team was to establish an open line of communication between the Conference Minister and the Conference, and to support our new CM as she settles into her ministry among us. In order to nurture an environment for the most open and honest conversations, the specific work of this team is held in the highest confidence.

The Transition Team meets mostly monthly, via Zoom, for about an hour, and serves as a sounding board / reflection group as we settle into the shared ministry that is our Maine Conference. The team has agreed to continue to meet at the pleasure of the Conference Minister. Now that we have called a settled Associate Conference Minister, we are looking toward the conclusion of our work but have not yet established an end date.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Brad Hirst, *convener*  
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