

Conference Minister Support Team
2026 Annual Report

The Conference Minister *Transition* Team was established by the Board of Directors after the Rev. Dr. Marisa Laviola was called to be our settled Conference Minister in August of 2022 (can it be 4 years?). The Team is comprised of six members of Marisa's 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 this forum was to create and maintain an open line of communication between the Conference Minister and the Conference, and to support our new CM as she settled into her ministry among us. Marisa has found that this forum continues to be helpful in maintaining open and honest lines of communication between representatives of the Conference and our Conference Minister. To foster an environment for open and honest conversations, the specific work and discussions of this team is held in the highest confidence.

The *Conference Minister Support Team* will continue to meet bi-monthly, via Zoom, for about an hour, at the pleasure of the Conference Minister.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Brad Hirst, *convener*
September 1, 2026