Committee on Shared Ministry

Annual Report 2025-2026

The Committee on Shared Ministry was started in June, 2025, with the selection of Carol Petersen and Mary Getty as the original members. The members serve staggered three year terms. Mary will serve two years; Carol three years. The Committee is operating with only two members and has tried to expand membership but so far with no success.

Carol was selected Chairperson and Mary, Secretary.

The Committee, including Rev. Beth, spent some time reading and discussing the charter of the COSM to become acquainted with its purpose and to understand their responsibilities.

The Committee initially researched and discussed creation of a Covenant of Right Relations to define the guiding values and boundaries of appropriate behavior for participants in the life of the congregation. To create the Covenant would require input from the Board and the congregation but because the Board was initiating a Strategic Planning process, the COSM decided to defer creation of the Covenant to a later date.

The Committee has instead focused on Safe Congregations and is in the process of researching the requirements to have a safe congregation and will create procedures and make recommendations to implement them. A draft of a disruptive persons policy has been created.

The Committee is actively looking to add one more member.