

## Church and Ministry Council Report

The Church and Ministry Council is dedicated to supporting the essential work of the Association Committees on Ministry. To that end, we have coordinated our most recent meetings with the quarterly Manual on Ministry training sessions for Ministry Committee members. The agendas of our meetings have been responsive to the issues arising within our Association Committees, most recently including:

--Rev. Holly MillerShank, Minister and Team Leader for Ministerial Excellence, Support, and Authorization, providing a training session for Response Team members of each Association in the event of a call for a Fitness Review.

--Dr. Dennis O'Hara, President of Physis Associates, the organization which provides psychological/vocational assessment for Members In Discernment, attending our most recent meeting to explain the testing and address concerns.

--Coordinating the process of creating, managing, and storing ministerial files according to United Church of Christ guidelines and standards.

I am impressed with the dedication of the Council members that represent each Association. They are doing important work to assure that the ministry we share is being done with excellence and integrity. Thank you for the privilege of serving as Dean.

Rev. Dr. Kris A Hayden