

NEOSOM Lay School Steering Committee Report

We have successfully merged the schools from the two associations: Partners in Ministry program (EOA), and the Lay School of Ministry (WRA) into one school: NorthEast Ohio School of Ministry. This larger geographical coverage has necessitated making classes available online, and we are making great strides in this direction. (see Dean's report for more specifics)

The Steering Committee has also been busy this year interviewing and approving the following candidates for Certification: Donna Edwards, Bonnie Willis, Steven Phillips, Karen Adolphson. We also interviewed candidates entering the certification track and members in discernment process.

A subcommittee of the Steering Committee also developed a financial aid policy, and applications can now be found online.

We hosted our annual open house on June 7 at Pilgrim UCC in Cuyahoga Falls, and are grateful for their hospitality. The location was fine with plenty of space and food. However, the attendance was poor, leading the steering committee to question whether students would like this event to continue.

We look forward to continuing to serve the educational needs of those who seek to enhance their ministries through further study, certification, accreditation and/or ordination.

Respectfully submitted,

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