

2016 Annual Report – Development Committee

The Development Committee had a challenging year of transition due to combining the duties of the OCWM subcommittee into the committee itself. The committee's scope was also broadened last year with overseeing all annual giving to the conference. This was also the first full year with Annalese Wright as Development Officer for the Conference and the position of Liaison from the Board of Directors was open most of the year.

We had an evening of development training in conjunction with the Board of Directors provided by Sandy Lindahl of Lindahl Consultants.

We planned and executed a Fall Donor Event with UCC General Minister and President Rev. John Dorhauer as our keynote speaker. Thank you to Robbinsdale UCC for hosting and extravagant welcome.

We worked on ways to increase church compliance with submitting OCWM pledges to the Conference as the number of pledges had dropped significantly from the year before. Fortunately, many churches continued to send in contributions despite the lack of pledge.

Throughout the year we oversaw the Development plan for the conference, recommended giving goals for groups and funds to the board of directors and developed a list of actionable items for the committee.

Thanks to Committee members Mary Kay Sauter, Kim Shaffer, Jim Bock, Mary Caroline Henry, and Roberta Perterson.

Thanks to all churches and church members who give generously to support the work of the Minnesota Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Lisa Lindesmith, Chair