## 2024-2025 Annual Report Retired Ministers Team

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Your Retired Ministers Team of RMCUCC were all newcomers to COM so we've had much to learn:

- from the retired ministers of RMC, who've been personally contacted-by phone, emails, and in person...
- from MESA at our National offices about MOM instructions
- from COM members about evolving policies, procedures, works in progress
- from COM members about the history and purposes of COM and our particular portfolio
- about the policies and recent shifts of COM responsibilities from our Associations to Conference wide arena

Phil Campbell served as our key consultant for Conference RMC policy development: his generosity of knowledge and time were invaluable.

With leadership from Martha Jones, Registrar, and Rev Leslie Etheridge, we produced (and there was a backlog!):

- responses to requests for changes of ministerial standing from retired ministers
- decision making procedures for granting retired ministers their requests for change of standing for COM to approve
- multiple ideas for communication among retired ministers and relationship building in the Conference
- connect with Associations....

- article in RMC e-newsletter regarding "exempt" status for retired ministers
- attendance at MDA led gathering of retired ministers (led by Rev Steve Hoffman and Rev Chuck Wright) to bring conversation about "exempt status"
- plan event for retired ministers at Annual Celebration

Nitty gritty details only portray the skeleton of our work. The enfleshment on the bones happens by grace and grace alone. The heartfelt conversations, the disagreements and resolutions, the confessions of failure and frustration, the earnest quandaries, the constructive

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critiques, the expressions of appreciation and more: these are assuring the health and growth of the body of work we've done this year

Everyone of us in this team has a heart for providing an excellent and gracious ministry with and for our retired ministers

Please contact Ginger Taylor or anyone on our Team with your input for 2025-26 development.