

IN MISSION & MINISTRY
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Preparing the Way



The most visible church leaders are often the clergy, and to make the road to ordination a little more smooth, the Nebraska and Kansas areas have hired a registrar for the Boards of Ordained Ministry.

Guiding candidates for ministry

"Having an area registrar for the BOOMs will provide a connecting point for the area cabinets, district committees on ordained ministry and all candidates," said Liz Lippoldt, secretary for the Kansas West Board of Ordained Ministry. "This will strengthen the credentialing process and hopefully reduce candidate frustration in navigating the candidacy process. Micki is a discerning leader with an eye on vision, mission and goals, yet she has the strength to manage the day-to-day details while not losing sight of the big picture."

The registrar's full-time administrative assistant provides office support for the registrar in tracking paperwork and updating forms on the conference websites. ■

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The registrar facilitates the work of the boards by tracking and coordinating recruitment efforts; facilitating the candidacy, credentialing and status change processes; training personnel working directly with candidates; and implementing the policies and guidelines of the boards of ordained ministry.



Your congregation's mission and ministry funds make possible this work. Learn more on ordained ministry, visit www.kswestumc.org/ordainedministry.

Resourcing effective leadership

The Kansas Area has taken steps to strengthen leadership development and put more emphasis on the creation of vital congregations. Staff in both conferences are being aligned with the goal having of more vital congregations in the state.

"Our focus as a conference, and really as an area, is on making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world," said Kansas Area Bishop Scott Jones. "Excellent leadership is needed to ensure we are giving this goal our best effort."

Through a grant from the Lily Foundation, the area has established a Transition Into Ministry program in addition to the existing residency programs for clergy candidates. The grant funds a half-time director for the program.

Staff members are available to help churches learn about themselves and their communities and begin planning for their futures. Specialized assistance in youth and young adult ministries, Volunteers In Mission and disaster response, and small-membership church issues is available. ■

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The area director of clergy and congregational excellence coordinates the leadership development of both



clergy and lay leaders in the two conferences. The director works closely with district superintendents on developing resources



to support the Vital Congregations initiative and in developing strong local church leaders. Your congregation's mission and ministry support makes these resources available to congregations across Kansas. For more resources for the local church, visit www.kswestumc.org.