

Report of the Shared Ministry Team (SMT)  
for the Annual Meeting, June 2016

Shared Ministry Teams are created to support the minister in strengthening the many elements that form the basis for a genuinely shared ministry in the church and to be mindful of the overall spiritual health of the congregation. This year, that mission has included the joyful process of welcoming Allison to our community, answering questions about our city and the surrounding areas, providing historical context for church procedures and protocols, and discussing ways in which we can go deeper in shared ministry.

The members of the SMT are interested in hearing your questions, comments, or concerns regarding the path of ministry in the church. We are: Carol Houde (Chair for 2015-16 church year); Cecile Bonvouloir (Chair for the 2016-17 church year); Steve Ladew; and Brenna Woods. The members of the team were chosen to represent, in ten year intervals, length of membership in the Nashua Church in order to make the team representative of the congregation.

The SMT was formed in October 2015 and meets monthly. The current members of the team will serve for the coming 2016-17 church year, as well.

During the coming church year, the team will be working with Allison to complete an evaluation summary required by the UUA, part of a larger process to allow her to move from Preliminary Fellowship into Final Fellowship. This evaluation focuses on Allison's progress towards goals in eight aspects of ministry, the contents of each she has developed based on her own professional growth aspirations.

Given the sensitivity of some of the topics and the importance of team members feeling free to state their thoughts and opinions freely, the meetings are confidential.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol R. Houde  
Chair