

Brazos Association News

The Brazos Association welcomes, at our spring meeting on Sunday, April 26, those who have agreed to serve as Association officers and committee members. Rev. Mary Wilson, pastor of Church of the Savior, has committed to serve as Vice-Moderator. Wes Davenport, member of St. John's UCC, Burton, moves from being Vice-Moderator to Moderator. Those who have committed to serve as Church and Ministry Committee members include Licensed Minister John Boydston, pastor of Evangelical UCC, Lyons and Friedens UCC, Gay Hill, as well as Anne Wehrly, member of Friends Congregational UCC, College Station and former Brazos Association Moderator. Anne is currently serving as chair of the planning committee for the Annual Meeting of the South Central Conference of the UCC with, as we say, a "full plate" until the meeting is over in early June. John and Anne are taking the places of Church and Ministry chair Rev. Ron Trimmer, pastor of Friedens UCC, Washington and Dorothy Wolff of Faith UCC, Bryan. Tim, Ron, and Dorothy have contributed a great deal of time, wisdom, and heartfelt caring to our Association. I am personally grateful to them, and I know the Brazos Association is grateful to them as well. Our Executive Board membership rotates as churches appoint them except for Treasurer Larry Winkelmann of St. John's, Burton and Secretary Kay Finch of United Christian, Austin. We are grateful to all of these members for their service and warm fellowship, along with the continuing members of the Church and Ministry Committee that oversees and nurtures our ministers and in-care students.

At our recent Church and Ministry meeting, we welcomed Ana Deter of Friends Congregational into the Licensed Ministry preparation program and we approved Rev. Karl Tewold, pastor of Faith UCC, Bryan, for dual ministerial standing in the United Church of Christ and the United Methodist Church. Ana has already completed the first part of the Licensed Ministry program of study. She currently shares her faith and leadership in many ways at Friends. Karl was called to Faith UCC last May, and is providing pastoral leadership at this time of transition and building in a new location. We appreciate his lively, engaging spirit and look forward to supporting him in his ministry at Faith.

With joy, too, we celebrate the opening worship, on Palm Sunday, of Evangelical Lyons in their new sanctuary. They are looking to fill their new, larger space with life, faith, and members. Our prayers are with them! They anticipate having a formal dedication of the sanctuary to the ministry of Christ in mid-June.

Blessings in Christ,

Liz Nash, Brazos Association Minister