

**Ministers Council of the Greater Bay Area  
Annual Report of 2013  
January 13/14, 2014**

**Karen Yee** Treasurer, **Larry Jay** communications, **Tanisha Sparks**- secretary  
Laurel Balyeat Morrison; Barbara Smith, at large members;  
**Ally Tanner** Senator, Chuck Johnston, Doug Davidson- Seminary Reps.  
**Marie O, Micky H** share duties as seminary representatives  
Local Senators **Katie Choy Wong**, and **Liliana DaValle** are ad hoc members. **Nancy B. Smith** President.

During this year the council has continued to work on communication and outreach to our constituents. We are working to find ways to hold meaningful meetings at times when members can attend. Hence our fall event was on a Friday night. We appreciate your feedback on the best times and methods to hold events. We have a broad range of constituents, from part time to bi vocational, to non traditional clergy callings and we work to bring meaningful resources to all of our ABC partners in ministry.

This year we reached out to the 3 of the executive ministers who cover our geographical area and advocated for a local representative (ala Area Rep) to assist congregations through difficult times. We are in continuing conversations about this hope. As a council we have been in contact with **the Center for Ministry** in effort to facilitate local ordination candidate group assessments. And I can report that Sunday night I received word that this process can now move forward with scheduling.

**Monday October 28, 2013- Seminarian Event-** Doug Davidson assisted by Ally Tanner and Chuck Johnston, coordinated our dinner and worship with the ABSW seminarians.

**Friday November 1, 2013** the Rev. Dr. Peter Yuichi Clark led "**Pastoral Liminality: Exploring Transitions and Boundaries in Congregational Practice.**" This was an outstanding workshop on this issue of recognizing boundaries and why they are important. Dr. Clark used video clips, lecture and Q and A to cover this important topic.

And now our annual retreat, which we hope you are finding as a time of renewal.

**Treasurers report....**

It has been a busy year. We have updated our website, worked to improve our communication process, and enhance our record keeping, and nominating processes.

As the nominating committee, Barbara Smith, Thuiya Rumthao and I searched our ranks to provide the list before you of our nominations for officers and members to serve on the executive committee for 2014. Self nominations are acceptable from the floor if anyone wishes to do so at this time.

We recommend affirming the entire slate of nominees.

Questions?

This coming year we hope to coordinate a gathering with/for our retired ministers; and continue our seminarian out reach. And to hear from you, what will be helpful.