The Committee on Church and Ministry (COCAM B) has been blessed this year to speak with various churches and organizations regarding their ministries. Beatitudes Campus, Journey UCC, First Congregational Church of Flagstaff, Taos UCC, Rebel and Divine, Phoenix Marshellese Ministries and Desert Palm UCC are some of the congregations/communities that have come before or have stopped in to speak with the committee this past year.

We have participated in the installations of ministers at First Congregational UCC - Phoenix – Rev. Susan Valiquette, Church of the Painted Hills – Rev. Mike Lonergan, Desert Heritage Church– Rev. Derrick Elliot, Oro Valley UCC– Rev. Drew Terry, and First Congregational Church of Flagstaff – Rev. Nathan Watts. We also, participated in the ordinations of Rev. Nathan Watts, and Rev. Derrick Elliot.

This year brought celebrations of anniversaries at Church of the Palms (60th), Scottsdale Congregational UCC (60th) and Shepherd of the Hills Congregational UCC (60th) along with Shadow Rock UCC’s 25th anniversary of their ONA status.

We uphold each congregation and community in prayer for their ministries among their respective communities and geographic areas. Each meeting we hear reports from the Conference Minister and please know that with each celebration and each opportunity for growth, COCAM B is holding the community and or congregation in prayer for wholeness and strength and wisdom. Each witness to God’s unconditional love, the importance of justice and inclusion and the grace that overflows from all into the world, are on our hearts and in our prayers.

We look forward with joy to the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Schneider, Chair