



## **REGIONAL BOARD OF MINISTERIAL DEVELOPMENT (RBMD)**

The RBMD provides oversight, information, educational development, interviews, reviews and a process for ministerial training and credentialing. The RBMD Leadership Team is comprised of Coordinators and Administration who carry out the ministerial training process. The RBMD Team are members of the ministerial development board who participate in interviews, mentoring and counsel to the RBMD Leadership Team. The RBMD Leadership Team is recommended to the Regional Board of Administration (RBA) by the Regional Superintendent and approved by the RBA. The RBMD Team members are recruited and recommended by the RBMD Leadership Team and approved by the Regional Superintendent.

### **RBMD LEADERSHIP TEAM MEMBERS**

#### **Michael Black**

**RBMD Education Coordinator** – Provides oversight and creative applications for educational or academic requirements of those pursuing ministerial credentialing. This oversight would include academic class opportunities, ministerial candidate counsel, portfolio opportunities, competency applications and other methods of fulfilling credential requirements. Primary contact with General Department of Education and Clergy Development regarding academic and competency requirements.

#### **Chad Brown**

**Information & Promotion Coordinator** - Oversight of communication to local churches, pastors and lay leadership. Manages information and revisions for region website. Provides creative solutions for technology use and interaction with RBMD.

**Team Recruitment Coordinator** – Recruiting of RBMD Team members, laity and ministerial, to fulfill the responsibilities of the RBMD.

**Ministry Training Centers Coordinator** – Works closely with the Education Coordinator to discover opportunities to provide educational solutions for ministerial training. Create a system that connects churches into regional ministry training centers, interacts with residency ministries for collaboration and relationship building.

#### **Ron Gormong and Adam Hafenbridle**

**RBMD Area Coordinators** – Provides counsel and insight as members of the RBMD Leadership Team. Assists RBMD Coordinators to fulfill interviews, mentoring and recruitment of RBMD Team Members.

### Drew Mills

**RBMD Interviews & Supervision Coordinator** - Oversight of all Licensed Minister (LM) interviews, newly enrolled and others in the process seeking ordination or terminal LM credentialing. Interview and recommendation of Ordination Candidates.

### Sherry Laurence

**RBMD Administrator and Communication Coordinator** – Secretary of the RBMD and primary communication coordinator with GLR Office and credentialed clergy. Liaison with The General Church (General Secretary and General Department of Education and Clergy Development) regarding ministerial credentialing and portal oversight (revisions, additions and solutions). Scheduling of interviews, creation of forms, Annual Service Report system, certification of ministerial status, distribution of information, ordination candidate communication and many other related responsibilities.

### Thomas Schmidt

**RBMD Chairperson** - Oversight of all functions of the RBMD. Reports to the Regional Superintendent, RBA, District Conference and as authorized by the RBA. Liaison with General Department of Education and Clergy Development.

For more information you may also call the Great Lakes Region Office at 616-827-9450