

The Professional Ministries Team met virtually on October 13, 2020 with 10 members present.

Jim Kelsey presented a timely paper on “Living as Civil Christians in an Uncivil Age.” The goal of the paper is to produce a discussion guide for local churches on the issue of Christian civility. The 48-page paper included numerous concepts on the issue, footnotes, and discussion questions. It provided for great discussion among the members of the team and Jim was thanked for the contribution and encouraged to provide a summary document and continue with the congregational resource.

The team received, reviewed, and confirmed that the document entitled, “Clarification document regarding AMO status and the Burmese Diaspora represents current ABC and ABCIS practices regarding the processing of ordinations for members of the Burmese Diaspora. As a follow up to the meeting, Jeff Woods will share the document with members of the Burma Refugee Commission; as well as, members of the REMC.

The PMT continued their discussion of the Professional Registry. Decisions made at this meeting included clarifying the purpose and function of the registry, and recommending that the Registry be called, “The Leadership Registry” that would include both an “Ordained and Commissioned Registry” and “Lay Ministry Registry” portion.

Respectfully Submitted,
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