

## **Executive Committee Report February 16, 2017**

### **Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee**

Pittsburgh Presbytery's Executive Committee met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at the Presbytery Center. Co-Chair Rev. Lance Chapman opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

### **Items for Information**

#### **1. Election of Committee Chairs**

The Executive Committee approved the following chairs for its subcommittees for calendar year 2017:

Rev. Melany Hamilton and Rev. Jodi Flack as Co-Chairs of the Ecclesiastical Committee  
Ruling Elder Chris Martin as Chair of the Finance Committee  
Ruling Elder Dan Beckstrom as Chair of the Property Committee  
Ruling Elder Barbara Prevost as Chair of the Personnel Committee

#### **3. Minutes Reading Committee**

The Presbytery Minutes Reading Committee for calendar year 2017 will consist of Teaching Elders Eric Dennis, Trent Hancock, Heather Schoenewolf, and Sheldon Sorge, and Ruling Elders Carla Campbell, and Cathy Nelson.

#### **4. Lord's Supper during Calendar Year 2017**

The Executive Committee authorized all ministry teams, commissions, committees, task forces of Presbytery and related organizations, camps and conference centers affiliated with Presbytery, celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at meetings and events during 2017.

#### **5. Reformed Communion within Bounds at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary**

The Executive Committee again approved the following celebrations of the Lord's Supper by the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary within bounds of the Pittsburgh Presbytery:

Pittsburgh Presbytery confirms the permission granted by General Assembly to Pittsburgh Theological Seminary to celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and grants PTS permission to invite ordained clergy from other denominations to preside over the table, provided that the celebration does not contradict the Reformed understanding of the sacrament.

#### **6. Elected Treasurer**

The Executive Committee elected Ruling Elder Chris Martin (East Liberty) Treasurer of the Presbytery for calendar year 2017.

#### **7. Approval of Crestfield Covenant of Agreement**

The Executive Committee approved for signature a revised Covenant of Agreement for the new Crestfield corporation and received a draft of the by-laws for the new corporation with thanks to the legal team that drafted them.

## Items for Action

### 1. Consent Motions

The Executive Committee recommends that the following items be approved by consent: **# 2, 3, and 4.**

### **\*2. Waiver of Six-Year Limitation on Terms – Deer Creek United Presbyterian Church**

The Executive Committee approved and forwards to Presbytery for its approval, a waiver of the six-year limitation on terms for two elders of Deer Creek United Presbyterian Church to serve for an additional for election in 2017.

### **\*3. Conditional Permission to Encumber – Central Presbyterian Church**

The Executive Committee conditionally approved and forwards to presbytery for its conditional approval the request of Central Presbyterian Church of Tarentum to encumber their building in the amount of \$70,000 in order to install a sprinkler system to comply with required codes so that a lease can be granted for Allegheny Intermediate Unit to operate a Head-Start preschool program in the building. The Executive Committee requests that the approval be granted subject to the following conditions:

- A. Congregation approval to encumber (this item is complete)
- B. Application is made to Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation for the loan and a commitment letter received back
- C. There is a final lease agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit
- D. The Allegheny Intermediate Unit agrees to rent space from the church for no less than 3 years.

### **\*4. Finance Reports – October and November – 2016**

The Executive Committee recommends Presbytery receive and file for audit the Presbytery Financial Statements for the months of October and November 2016.

### **5. Report of the Stated Clerk Nominating Committee**

The Executive Committee expects to receive a report of the Stated Clerk Nominating Committee at the February 16, 2017 meeting.