

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

To Pittsburgh Presbytery
May 4, 2017

The commission met at 4:00 PM on April 19, 2017, in the Patrick Room of the Pittsburgh Presbytery Center. A quorum was present.

Part I: Items for Information

1. **Pre-Care Consultations** The commission reports a Pre-Care Consultation was conducted with the following Applicant:
 - a. Reeder, Rebecca (Shadyside Presbyterian Church)

2. **Initial Consultations** The commission reports an Initial Consultation was conducted with the following Inquirer:
 - a. Riker, Cassandra (I)

3. **Annual Consultations** The commission reports Annual Consultations were reviewed and the following Inquirers (I) / Candidates (C) approved to continue under the care of Pittsburgh Presbytery:
 - a. Nine, Jeffrey (C)

4. **Enrolled as Inquirers** The commission reports the following person was examined and approved to be enrolled as Inquirer:

Reeder, Rebecca Rebecca Reeder, a member of Shadyside Presbyterian Church since October 2011, graduated from the University of Virginia in 2010 and is currently enrolled at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

5. **Received as Candidates** The commission reports the following Inquirers were examined and approved to be received as Candidate:

Knight, Britney Vokish Britney Vokish Knight, a member of East Liberty Presbyterian Church since December 2014, graduated from California University of Pennsylvania in 2011 and from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in June 2016. Britney became Enrolled as an Inquirer in December 2015.

Smith, Deborah Deborah Smith, a member of Bethel Presbyterian Church since November 1990, graduated from Kent State University in 1979 and expects to graduate from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 2018. Deborah became Enrolled as an Inquirer in October 2012.

6. **Ordination Examinations** The commission reports the following persons have been given permission to re-take the examination(s) specified:
 - a. Nine, Jeffrey (Bible Exegesis)
 - b. Simonson, Jo-Ann (Worship & Sacrament)

7. **Certified Ready to Receive a Call** The commission reports the following Candidate was examined and approved to be Certified Ready to receive a call:
 - a. Bentley-Nusser, Laura

8. **Appointment of Commission for Ordination** The commission reports the following commissions were appointed to ordain the stated Candidate, with full authority to arrange and conduct the service subject to the requirements of the constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The moderator or his/her appointee, shall be moderator of the commission and the first named minister after the moderator shall be the clerk:

Bentley-Nusser, Laura If the way be clear, Laura Bentley-Nusser will serve as Organizing Pastor of the Sanctuary Missional Fellowship, a New Worshipping Community of Pittsburgh Presbytery. Her Service of Ordination is scheduled for 4:00 PM on Sunday, June 25, at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary with the following commissioners: The Moderator or her designee, The Rev. Lee Scott, the Rev. Jeff Eddings, Elder Marlaena Cochran (The Open Door Presbyterian Church), and Elder Marilyn Beckstrom (Bethel Presbyterian Church).

Norris, Kelly Jean If the way be clear, Kelly Jean Norris will serve as Part-time Temporary Pastor at Kerr Presbyterian Church. Her Service of Ordination is scheduled for 2:00 PM on Sunday, May 21, at Valley View Presbyterian Church with the following commissioners: The Moderator or her designee, the Rev. Brandon J. Woodworth, the Rev. Caitlin Werth, Elder Marlaena Cochran (The Open Door Presbyterian Church), and Elder Blanche Bennett (Valley View Presbyterian Church).

9. **Circulation of PIF** The commission reports the following Candidates have been approved to circulate his/her Personal Information Form:
- a. Bentley-Nusser, Laura

Part II: Items for Action

1. **Oral Parts of Trial** The commission recommends the following Candidates stand for his/her oral parts of trial (Statement of Faith included in packet materials):

Bentley-Nusser, Laura Laura Bentley-Nusser, a member of The Open Door Presbyterian Church since April 2010, graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 2010 and from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 2016. Laura became Enrolled as an Inquirer in September 2014, Received as a Candidate in December 2015, and Certified Ready in April 2017. If the way be clear, Laura will serve as the Organizing Pastor of the Sanctuary Missional Fellowship, a New Worshipping Community of Pittsburgh Presbytery.

Norris, Kelly Jean Kelly Jean Norris, a member of The Open Door Presbyterian Church since April 2011, graduated from Indiana University in 2002 and from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 2014. Kelly Jean became Enrolled as an Inquirer in October 2012, Received as a Candidate in December 2013, and Certified Ready in December 2014. If the way be clear, Kelly Jean will serve as Part-time Temporary Pastor at Kerr Presbyterian Church.