

**REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON MINISTRY
TO PRESBYTERY
April 25, 2017**

The Commission met in the conference rooms of the Presbytery Center on April 25, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

Part I - Items For Information

- 1. Positions Available** For the information of members of the Presbytery, the Commission lists the following positions within the Presbytery that are thought to be available. If the position is for pastor or associate pastor, listing here indicates that the Church Information Form has been filed with Louisville and the church is receiving PIF's:

Pastor	Crafton United Presbyterian Church, Crafton
Pastor	Sampson's Mills Presbyterian Church
Pastor	Sharon Community Presbyterian Church
Associate Pastor	Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church
Associate Pastor	Westminster Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh
Associate Pastor (Youth)	Hampton United Presbyterian Church, Gibsonia
Full Time Temporary Pastor	Hebron Presbyterian Church, Clinton
$\frac{3}{4}$ Time Temporary Pastor	Logans Ferry Presbyterian Church, New Kensington
Part Time Temporary Pastor (19 hrs)	Amity Presbyterian Church, Dravosburg
Part Time Temporary Pastor (19 hrs)	Liberty Presbyterian Church, McKeesport
Part Time Temporary Pastor (19 hrs)	Oakdale United Presbyterian Church
$\frac{1}{4}$ Time Temporary Pastor	Grandview United Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh
$\frac{1}{4}$ Time Temporary Pastor	The Presbyterian Church Mt. Washington, Pittsburgh

2. Parish Associate

The Rev. Myra Kazanjian will be serving as a Parish Associate for Sixth Presbyterian Church effective March 1, 2017.

3. Completion of Temporary Contracts

The completion of the contract between Parkwood Presbyterian Church and the Rev, **Barb Kennedy** effective December 31, 2016.

The completion of the contract between Beechview United Presbyterian Church and the Rev, **Elizabeth Hewett** effective March 19, 2017.

The completion of the contract between Hoboken Presbyterian Church and the Rev, **Cynthia McClung** effective June 4, 2017.

The completion of the contract between Crafton United Presbyterian Church and **Pastor Ron Schermerhorn** effective May 18, 2017.

The completion of the contract between Sampson's Mills Presbyterian Church and the Rev, **Scott Dennis** effective May 31, 2017.

4. Moderator

Rev. John Yohe was appointed moderator of Chartiers Valley United Presbyterian Church at the February 21, presbytery meeting, effective January 1, 2017.

5. Ordination and Installation Guidelines

The newly adopted Ordination and Installations Guidelines have been adopted and posted on the website along with updated outlines of services for ordinations and installations.

Part II - Items For Action

1. Consent Motions

The Commission recommends that the following recommendations be adopted by consent: **#s 2, 3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11.**

***2. Moderators**

The appointment of the **Rev. Ben Robbins** as moderator of Hiland Presbyterian Church effective April 17, 2017.

The appointment of **Rev. John Free** as moderator of Hebron Presbyterian Church effective April 3, 2017.

The appointment of the **Rev. Cindy McClung** as moderator of Valley Presbyterian Church effective May 1, 2017.

The appointment of **Kelly Jean (KJ) Norris** as moderator of Kerr Presbyterian Church effective May 21, 2017 if the way be clear.

***3. Temporary Pastors**

The request of the Hiland Presbyterian Church for the services of **Rev. Ben Robbins** as Interim Pastor effective April 17, 2017 for a period of one year.

The request of the Kerr Presbyterian Church for the services of **Kelly Jean (KJ) Norris** as Temporary Pastor effective May 21, 2017 for a period of one year, if the way be clear.

The request of the New Worshipping Communities Commission (NWCC) of Pittsburgh Presbytery for the services of **Laura Bentley** effective May 21, 2017 for a period of one year, if the way be clear.

The request of the East Liberty Presbyterian Church to renew the contract for the services of **Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan** as Temporary Pastor for one year effective January 1, 2017.

The request of the East Union Presbyterian Church to renew the contract for the services of **Rev. Mary Josephine Ramsey** as Temporary Pastor for one year effective January 1, 2017.

***4. Members At-Large**

The request of the **Rev. Cindy McClung** to be enrolled as a member at large of Pittsburgh Presbytery effective June 5, 2017.

***5. Letters of Reception**

The Rev. Scott Hill from Ohio Valley Presbytery effective December 1, 2016.

The Rev. Tara Thompson from Tampa Bay Presbytery effective January 15, 2017.

The Rev. Dr. Hunter Farrell from Grace Presbytery effective May 4 2017.

The Rev. Dr. Brian Wells from Mid-Kentucky Presbytery effective May 4, 2017.

***6. Letters of Dismissal**

The request of the **Rev. Deborah S. Messham**, HR to be dismissed to Ohio Valley Presbytery, effective May 4, 2017.

The request of the **Rev. Robbie Ytterberg** to be dismissed to Monmouth Presbytery, effective November 1, 2016.

***7. Honorable Retirement**

The request of the **Rev. James Craig** for honorable retirement effective June 1, 2017.

The request of the **Rev. Dr. Byron Jackson** for honorable retirement effective June 1, 2017.

The request of the **Rev. Vance (Trip) Torbert** for honorable retirement effective June 30, 2017.

***8. Letters of Dissolution**

The request of the Valley Presbyterian Church to dissolve the call of **Rev. Ben Robbins** effective 4/17/17. The request was voted on at a special Congregational meeting held on 4/2/17.

***9. Validated Ministries**

The Rev. Dr. Hunter Farrell's position of Director of the World Mission Initiative at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary will be considered a validated ministry.

The Rev. Dr. Brian Wells' position of Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary will be considered a validated ministry.

The Rev. Elizabeth Hewett's position of Chaplain Residence Trainee at VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System will be considered a validated ministry.

***10. Permission to Serve Communion**

Commission on Ministry recommends commissioning **Ruling Elder Donald Barnes** (Open Door Presbyterian Church) to serve communion once per month at the Pittsburgh Vietnamese Presbyterian Fellowship under the supervision of the New Church Development commission for a period of one year, effective February 12, 2017.

***11. Administrative Commission to Install**

The election of the following ministers and elders of Pittsburgh Presbytery to serve as an Administrative Commission to install the **Rev. Dan Turis** as Associate Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh on May 21, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. **The first named minister after the moderator to be clerk of the commission.** Moderator Rev. Heather Schoenewolf or her designee to moderate. Teaching Elders Sharon Stewart, Ayana Teter and Tom Hall; Ruling Elder Judy Shipley, First Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh and Ruling Elder Rob Wible, Mt. Nebo United Presbyterian Church.