

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

To Pittsburgh Presbytery
April 18, 2018

The commission met at 4:00 PM on April 18, 2018, in the Patrick Room of the Pittsburgh Presbytery Center. A quorum was present.

Part I: Items for Information

1. **Session Visits**

The commission reports a visit with the following congregation to discuss the role of the session in the preparation for ministry process:

 - a. Covenant-Community Presbyterian Church conducted on Sunday, March 25

NOTES:

 - If a person is considering ordination as teaching elder, it is important the person or the person's pastor seek current information from the chairperson of the Commission on Preparation or with the presbytery BEFORE being recommended by their Session.
 - A session visit must be conducted before consideration of endorsement if one has not been made within the last three years.

2. **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. Larson, Jane (C)
 - b. Smith, Deborah (C)

3. **Received as Candidates**

The commission reports the following Inquirers were examined and approved to be received as Candidates:

Cooper, Emily Emily Cooper, a member of Elfinwild Presbyterian Church since December 2014, graduated from Westminster College in 2004 and from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 2009. Emily became Enrolled as an Inquirer in September 2016.

Kalchthaler, Ingrid Ingrid Kalchthaler is a member in good standing of the North Hills Community Baptist Church, ordained as a minister in the American Baptist Church and is being endorsed by East Liberty Presbyterian Church. Ingrid graduated from Duquesne University in 1993, from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 1996, and from the University of Pittsburgh in 2001.

Larson, Jane Jane Larson, a member of The Open Door Presbyterian Church since June 2015, graduated from Westminster College in 2013 and from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 2016. Jane became Enrolled as an Inquirer in June 2016.

4. **Ordination Examinations**

The commission reports the following persons have been given permission to take the examination(s) specified:

 - a. Ball, Michael (Church Polity, Worship & Sacraments)
 - b. Seif, Paul (Church Polity)
 - c. Vinay, Kevin (Bible Exegesis, Church Polity, Worship & Sacraments, Theological Competence)

5. **Sermons Heard** The commission reports a sermon was heard for the following Candidate:
a. Smith, Deborah
6. **Certified Ready to Receive a Call** The commission reports the following Candidates were examined and approved to be Certified Ready to receive a call:
a. Knight, Britney
b. Smith, Deborah
7. **Withdrawal from Process** The commission reports the following person withdrew from the care process of Pittsburgh Presbytery:
a. Claypool, Benjamin

Part II: Items for Action

None