

**REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON MINISTRY  
TO PRESBYTERY  
September 20, 2018 from September 11, 2018 Meeting**

The Commission met in the conference rooms of the Presbytery Center on September 11, 2018 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 Ministry Information Form has been filed with Louisville and the church is receiving PIF's:

Pastor	Glenshaw Valley Presbyterian Church, Glenshaw
Pastor (1/2 Time)	The Upper Room Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh
Associate Pastor (Christian Education)	Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church, Fox Chapel
Interim Pastor	Bull Creek Presbyterian Church, Tarentum
Interim Pastor	Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church, Wexford
Interim Pastor	Shadyside Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh
¾ Time Temporary Pastor	Logans Ferry Presbyterian Church, New Kensington
Part Time Temporary Pastor (20 hrs)	Verona United Presbyterian Church, Verona
Part Time Temporary Pastor (19 hrs)	Bethel United Presbyterian Church, Monroeville
Part Time Temporary Pastor (19 hrs)	Amity Presbyterian Church, Dravosburg
Part Time Temporary Pastor (19 hrs)	Beechview United Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh
Part Time Temporary Pastor (19 hrs)	Noblestown United Presbyterian Church, Oakdale
¼ Time Temporary Pastor	Springdale United Presbyterian Church, Springdale
¼ Time Temporary Pastor	Grandview United Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh

2. The **Rev. Conrad Sharps** will serve the Amelia Plantation Chapel, Amelia Island, FL as Senior Pastor effective September 1, 2018. He remains a Member At-Large of Pittsburgh Presbytery.
3. The **Rev. Tom Moore** is serving the Center Presbyterian Church, McMurray, PA as Temporary Pastor, effective July 2018.

4. **Completion of Temporary Contracts**

The completion of the contract between the Concord Presbyterian Church and the **Rev. Maggie Smith** effective August 9, 2018.

The completion of the contract between the Bethany Presbyterian Church and the **Rev. Melany Hamilton** effective October 31, 2018.

5. The Commission on Ministry approved the Presbytery's Policy for Indebtedness. A copy is attached to this report.

## Part II - Items for Action

### 1. Consent Motions

The Commission recommends that the following recommendations be adopted by consent: **#s 2, 3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12.**

### \*2. Moderators

The appointment of the **Rev. Elizabeth Michael Ross** as moderator of the Community of Reconciliation effective August 27, 2018.

The appointment of the **Rev. Steven Werth** as moderator of the Community House Presbyterian Church effective August 1, 2018.

The appointment of the **Rev. Bonnie Taylor** as moderator of the United Presbyterian Church in Ingram effective September 1, 2018.

The appointment of **Deborah Smith** as moderator of Liberty Presbyterian Church effective October 21, 2018, if the way be clear.

The appointment of the **Rev. Al Stuart** as moderator of Verona Presbyterian Church effective September 15, 2018.

The appointment of the **Rev. Lynn Portz** as moderator of Shadyside Presbyterian Church effective August 1, 2018.

The appointment of the **Rev. Deb Warren** as moderator of Hillcrest United Presbyterian Church effective September 10, 2018.

The appointment of the **Rev. Dennis Molnar** as moderator of Covenant-Community Presbyterian Church effective August 6, 2018.

The appointment of the **Rev. Sarah Robbins** as moderator of Cross Roads Presbyterian Church, Monroeville effective October 1, 2018.

The appointment of the **Rev. Anthony Rivera** as moderator of Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, effective October 1, 2018.

The appointment of the **Rev. Deb Warren** as moderator of Bethel United Presbyterian Church effective September 10, 2018.

### \*3. Temporary Pastors

The request of the United Presbyterian Church in Ingram for the services of **Rev. Bonnie Taylor** as Temporary Pastor for one-year effective September 1, 2018.

The request of the Liberty Presbyterian Church for the services of **Deborah Smith** as Temporary Pastor for one-year effective October 1, 2018, if the way be clear.

The request of the Forest Hills Presbyterian Church for the services of **Rev. Anthony Rivera** as Interim Pastor for one year effective October 1, 2018.

The request of the Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church to renew the services of **Rev. Tami Hooker** as Temporary Pastor for one-year effective January 1, 2018.

The request of the Pine Creek Presbyterian Church to renew the services of **Rev. Diana Harbison** as Temporary Pastor from May 20, 2018 – January 1, 2019.

The request of the Logan's Ferry Presbyterian Church to renew the services of **Tim Sweigart** as Temporary Pastor from September 1, 2018, 2018 – December 31, 2018.

**\*4. Members At-Large**

The request of the **Rev. Maggie Smith** to be enrolled as a member at large of Pittsburgh Presbytery effective August 10, 2018.

The request of the **Rev. Conrad Sharps** to be enrolled as a member at large of Pittsburgh Presbytery effective September 1, 2018.

**\*5. Honorable Retirement**

The request of the **Rev. Dr. Dan Corll** for honorable retirement effective September 30, 2018.

The request of the **Rev. Deborah Evanovich** for honorable retirement effective October 1, 2018.

The request of the **Rev. Melany Hamilton** for honorable retirement effective November 1, 2018.

**\*6. Calls**

The call of the Community of Reconciliation for the services of **Rev. Elizabeth Michael Ross** as Pastor effective August 27, 2018. Annual terms of call are Salary \$7,300; Housing \$20,000; Full Pension Plan; Professional Expense Allowance \$1,500; Medical Reimbursement \$546; Study Allowance \$1,500; 4 weeks vacation and 2 weeks study leave.

The call of the Community House Presbyterian Church for the services of **Rev. Steven Werth** as Pastor effective August 1, 2018. Annual terms of call are Salary and Housing \$21,030.80; Expense allowance \$780; Medical Reimbursement \$420.62; Pension \$2,313.39; Medical \$5,257.70; Death & Disability \$210.31; Study Allowance \$600; 4 weeks vacation and 2 weeks study leave.

The call of the Bethany Presbyterian Church for the services of **Rev. Jae Cho** as Associate Pastor effective October 15, 2018. Annual terms of call are Effective Salary \$59,000; Full Pension Plan; Expense Allowance \$2,000; Medical Reimbursement \$1,180, Study Allowance \$1,500; 4 weeks vacation and 2 weeks study leave.

## EEO Reports

Data	Women				Ethnic/Minorities				Disabled				TOT
	PIF	INT	POS	REF	PIF	INT	POS	REF	PIF	INT	POS	REF	
Community of Reconciliation	15	2	2	1	4								19
Community House PC	5	2	0	0									11
Bethany PC	79	1	1	1	1	1	1						107

PIF – Number of Personal Information Forms received  
 INT – Number interviewed

POS – Number offered position  
 REF – Number refused position  
 TOT – All PIFs considered

### \*7. Letters of Reception

The Rev. Elizabeth Michael Ross from New Hope Presbytery effective August 27, 2018.

The Rev. Jae Cho from Whitewater Valley Presbytery effective October 15, 2018.

### \*8. Letters of Dismissal

The request of the Rev. Rene Whitaker to be dismissed to Redstone Presbytery, effective July 5, 2018.

The request of the Rev. Rob Marrow to be dismissed to Peace River Presbytery, effective October 1, 2018.

The request of the Rev. Jeff Hopson to be dismissed to Homestead Presbytery, effective September 20, 2018.

### \*9. Letters of Dissolution

The request of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church to dissolve the call of Rev. Conrad Sharps effective August 31, 2018.

The request of the Covenant Community Presbyterian Church to dissolve the call of Rev. Matthew Bussell effective August 5, 2018.

The request of the Hillcrest United Presbyterian Church to dissolve the call of Rev. Aaron Gordon effective September 9, 2018.

The request of the Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church to dissolve the call of Rev. Dr. Dan Corll effective September 30, 2018.

The request of the Hot Metal Bridge Faith Community to dissolve the call of Rev. Mike Holohan effective September 30, 2018.

The request of the Cross Roads Presbyterian Church Monroeville to dissolve the call of Rev. Rob Marrow effective September 30, 2018.

## \*10. Commissioned Pastors

The request of the Forest Avenue United Presbyterian Church for the renewal of the services of Elder Louise Schoppe to serve as a part-time Commissioned Pastor for one year effective October 1, 2018 and authorized to perform the following functions at Forest Avenue UP Church:

- Administer the Lord's Supper.
- Administer the Sacrament of Baptism.
- Moderate the session of the congregation under supervision of COM.
- Have a voice in meetings of the Presbytery
- Have a vote in meetings of the Presbytery (such vote to be counted as an elder commissioner for purposes of parity).
- Perform a service of Christian marriage when invited by the session and permitted by state law.
- Perform a service of Christian burial when invited by the session.

The request of the Bull Creek United Presbyterian Church for the renewal of the services of Elder Robert Henry to serve as a part-time Commissioned Pastor for six months effective September 1, 2018 and authorized to perform the following functions at Bull Creek UP Church:

- Administer the Lord's Supper.
- Administer the Sacrament of Baptism.
- Moderate the session of the congregation under supervision of COM.
- Have a voice in meetings of the Presbytery
- Have a vote in meetings of the Presbytery (such vote to be counted as an elder commissioner for purposes of parity).
- Perform a service of Christian marriage when invited by the session and permitted by state law.
- Perform a service of Christian burial when invited by the session.

## \*11. Validated Ministry

**The Rev. Susan Rothenberg's** position of Consultant with PneuMatrix will be considered a validated ministry.

## \*12. Administrative Commissions to Install

The election of the following ministers and elders of Pittsburgh Presbytery to serve as an Administrative Commission to install the **Rev. Steven Werth** as Pastor of the Community House Church on September 23, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. **The first named minister after the moderator to be clerk of the commission.** Moderator Rev. Dr. Trent Hancock or his designee to moderate. Ministers Don Dawson and Caitlin Werth; Elder Cindy Berkowitz, Community House Presbyterian Church, and Elder Bill Meissner, Riverview United Presbyterian.

The election of the following ministers and elders of Pittsburgh Presbytery to serve as an Administrative Commission to install the **Rev. Jae Cho** as Associate Pastor of the Bethany Presbyterian Church in the afternoon on December 2, 2018. **The first named minister after the moderator to be clerk of the commission.** Moderator Rev. Dr. Trent Hancock or his designee to moderate. Ministers John Hamilton, Melany Hamilton and Hunter Farrell; Elder Cark Suppo, Bethany Presbyterian Church, Elder Carla Campbell, Southminster Presbyterian Church and Elder Barb Prevost, First United Presbyterian Church of Crafton Heights.

**13. Reception of a Minister from Another Denomination**

**The Rev. Henry Knapp** from The Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) effective date TBD, for service as Co-Pastor at Hebron United Presbyterian Church, if the way be clear.