

## **Executive Committee Report November 13, 2018**

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

Pittsburgh Presbytery's Executive Committee met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 2018, at the Presbytery Center. Co-chair Ruling Elder Ann Strong opened the meeting with prayer.

### **Items for Information**

#### **1. Election of Co-chairs of Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee elected Rev. Lance Chapman and Rev. Carol Divens Roth as its co-chairs for 2019.

#### **2. Schedule for Voting on Proposed Constitutional Amendments**

The Executive Committee approved voting on the proposed Constitutional Amendments arising out the 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly as follows:

At the December 6, 2018 Stated Meeting:

Amendment 18-A Election of Ruling Elders and Deacons

Amendments 18-B.1 and 18-B.2 Renunciation of Jurisdiction

Amendment 18-C Officers (Prohibiting Endorsement of or Opposition to Candidates for Elected Office)

Amendment 18-F Welcoming to the Table

At the February 21, 2019 Stated Meeting:

Amendment 18-D Membership of Presbytery

Amendment 18-E Pastor, Counselor, and Advisor to Its Pastors and Congregations

Amendment 18-G Disciplinary Offense (Defining Sexual Abuse as an Offense)

Amendments 18-H.1 and H.2 Time Limits

Note that the Office of the General Assembly will not be printing and distributing amendment booklets. Proposed amendments to the Book of Order may be accessed for review online at:

[http://www.pcusa.org/site\\_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/ga223\\_proposed\\_amendments\\_to\\_the\\_constitution2018.pdf](http://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/ga223_proposed_amendments_to_the_constitution2018.pdf)

#### **3. Election of Member of Financial Subcommittee**

The Executive Committee elected Ruling Elder Jim Martin (Southminster) as a member of the Financial Subcommittee.

#### **4. Approval of Revised Personnel Handbook for Pittsburgh Presbytery**

The Executive Committee approved a revision of the Personnel Handbook for Pittsburgh Presbytery.

## **5. Election of Co-chairs of Personnel Subcommittee**

The Executive Committee elected Rev. Walt Pietschmann and Ruling Elder Bob Crynack as co-chairs as the personnel committee for 2019.

## **6. Approval of Pastoral Staff Housing Allowance Allocations for 2019**

The Executive Committee approved the housing allowance allocations requested by the pastoral staff for 2019.

## **7. Approval of Revisions to By-Laws of Pittsburgh Presbyterian Foundation**

The Executive Committee approved revisions to the by-laws of the Pittsburgh Presbyterian Foundation.

## **8. Disbandment of the Great Ends of the Church Fund Subcommittee**

The Executive Committee approved the disbandment of the Great Ends of the Church Fund Subcommittee and dismissed its members with thanks. Remaining funds in the account will be allocated by the Executive Committee and the remaining funding commitment to Crestfield Camp and Conference Center will be honored.

## **9. Designation of Freedom Rising Sunday**

The Executive Committee approved a motion to designate the Sunday before Martin Luther King, Jr. Day to be "Freedom Rising Sunday" at which special offerings may be accepted for Freedom Rising and a time for education, worship and prayer may be offered.

### **Items for Action**

#### **1. Consent Motions**

The Executive Committee recommends that the following items be approved by consent: # 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9.

#### **2. Approval of 2019 Terms of Call**

The Personnel Subcommittee of the Executive Committee approved and forwards to Presbytery for its approval, the terms of call for 2019 for the General Minister and Associate Ministers of Pittsburgh Presbytery. Terms of call will be available at the meeting but are not part of the published packet.

#### **\*3. Election of Members of Nominating Committee**

The Executive Committee approved of the Ecclesiastical Committee's nomination of the following individuals for election by Presbytery to the Nominating Committee:

Ruling Elder Mary Cullison (Southminster), Class of 2022A

Rev. Dr. Dirk Lesnett (Elfinwild), Class of 2022A

Ruling Elder Arthur McAra (Wexford), Class of 2022A

Ruling Elder Barb Prevost (Crafton Heights), Class of 2022A

Rev. Dr. Tammy Wiens (Validated Ministry), Class of 2022A

#### **\*4. Waiver of Six-Year Limitation on Terms – Gladden United Presbyterian Church**

The Executive Committee approved, and forwards to Presbytery for its approval, a waiver of the six-year limitation on terms of one elder of Gladden United Presbyterian Church to serve an additional term beginning in 2019.

**\*5. Waiver of Six-Year Limitation on Terms – Presbyterian Church of Plum Creek**

The Executive Committee approved, and forwards to Presbytery for its approval, a waiver of the six-year limitation on terms of one deacon of the Presbyterian Church of Plum Creek to serve an additional term beginning in 2019.

**\*6. Waiver of Six-Year Limitation on Terms – Amity Presbyterian Church**

The Executive Committee approved, and forwards to Presbytery for its approval, a waiver of the six-year limitation on terms of two elders of Amity Presbyterian Church to serve additional terms beginning in 2019.

**\*7. Permission for Sale of Manse – Covenant Community Presbyterian Church**

The Executive Committee approved and forwards to Presbytery for its approval, the request of Covenant Community Presbyterian Church to sell its manse.

**\*8. Permission to Encumber – South Side Presbyterian Church**

The Executive Committee approved and forwards to Presbytery for its approval, the request of South Side Presbyterian Church to encumber its property by seeking City of Pittsburgh Historical Landmark Status for its building.

**\*9. Finance Reports – July, August, and September 2018**

The Executive Committee recommends that Presbytery receive and file for audit the Presbytery Financial Statements for the months of July, August, and September 2018.