

# REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

To Pittsburgh Presbytery  
April 10, 2019

The commission met at 4:00 PM on April 10, 2019, 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 congregations to discuss the role of the session in the preparation for ministry process:
  - a. Hoboken Presbyterian Church; conducted on March 24
  - b. Riverview United Presbyterian Church; conducted on April 8
  
2. **Pre-Care Consultations**            The commission reports Pre-Care Consultations were conducted with the following Applicants:
  - a. Doege, Caryn (Sewickley Presbyterian Church); conducted on March 31
  - b. Young, Rebecca (Shadyside Presbyterian Church); conducted on April 1
  
3. **Enrolled as Inquirer**                The commission reports the following Applicants were examined and approved to be enrolled as Inquirers:

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| Doege, Caryn   | Caryn Doege, a member of Sewickley Presbyterian Church since 2016, graduated from St. Francis University in 2011 and is currently enrolled at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.   |
| Young, Rebecca | Rebecca Young, a member of Shadyside Presbyterian Church since 2013, graduated from the University of Dayton in 2012 and from the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public & International Affairs in 2014 and is currently enrolled at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. |
  
4. **Received as Candidates**            The commission reports the following Inquirers were examined and approved to be received as Candidates:

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| Riker, Cassandra | Cassandra Riker, a member of Hampton United Presbyterian Church since 2009, graduated from Waynesburg University in 2017 and expects to graduate from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 2020. Cassandra became Enrolled as an Inquirer in November 2016.              |
| Sharp, Carol     | Carol Sharp, a member of East Liberty Presbyterian Church since 2007, graduated from Chatham College in 1980, from Stony Brook University in 1981, and is currently enrolled at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Carol became Enrolled as an Inquirer in January 2018. |
  
5. **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. Ashley, Brendan (I); conducted on April 8

- b. Cochran, Marlaena (C); conducted on February 19
- c. Holcomb, Derail (I); conducted on January 8
- d. Riker, Cassandra (C); conducted on March 19

6. Ordination Examinations      The commission reports the following persons have been given permission to take the four Senior Ordination Examinations:
- a. Ashley, Ashley
  - b. Holcomb, Derail
7. Sermons Heard                      The commission reports a sermon was heard from the following Candidates:
- a. Cochran, Marlaena; Covenant-Community Presbyterian Church on March 17
  - b. Larson, Jane; Wexford Community Presbyterian Church on March 17
8. Certified Ready to Receive a Call / Circulation of PIF      The commission reports the following Candidates were examined and approved to be Certified Ready to receive a call and to circulate their Personal Information Forms:
- a. Cochran, Marlaena
  - b. Larson, Jane
  - c. Vinay, Kevin

## Part II: Items for Action

1. Oral Parts of Trial                      The commission recommends the following Candidate stand for her oral parts of trial (Statement of Faith included in packet materials):
- Cooper, Emily      Emily Cooper, a member of Elfinwild Presbyterian Church since February 2014, graduated from Westminster College in 2004 and expects to graduate from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary at the end of May 2019. Emily was Enrolled as an Inquirer in September 2016, Received as a Candidate in April 2018, and Certified Ready in November 2018. If the way be clear, Emily will serve as Pastor for [REDACTED].