

## **Commission on Ministry (COM) Report to Presbytery- February 26, 2019**

### **Action Item #1**

**The Committee on Ministry moves that the proposal on changes to the “Definitions of Pastoral Relations” policy that was presented at the December 4, 2018 presbytery meeting be “committed/referred” back to the Commission on Ministry (COM) for possible revision and that the COM present for action the revised document referred to above at the May 28, 2019.**

### **Rationale**

At the December, 4, 2018 meeting of Carlisle Presbytery, the Commission on Ministry (COM) presented and moved the adoption of a revised “Definitions of Pastoral Relations” policy. This policy is part of Carlisle Presbytery’s Leadership Handbook. (*VI-DPR-1 through VI-DPR-3*) After considerable discussion a motion to “postpone” the vote on the proposal until the February 26, 2019 presbytery meeting was approved. Since that time, the Commission on Ministry has received feedback on the proposal and the committee has discussed the issue at length. The Commission feels it needs more time to consider changes to the original proposal.

### **Information Items**

The COM voted to approve both of the Ministry Information Forms for Derry Presbyterian Church’s search for an Associate Pastor or a Certified Christian Educator. The ANPC was reminded that if they decided to call an Associate Pastor, that candidate would need approval of COM prior to presenting him/her to the congregation for a vote of approval. If the ANPC decided that a Certified Christian Educator was their choice, he/she would not have to be approved by COM and the Session would have the authority to hire him/her, without the congregation’s approval. COM however should be informed if a Certified Christian Educator was hired.

COM voted to approve the Camp Hill Presbyterian Church’s Mission Study and to give permission to the Congregation of Camp Hill Presbyterian Church to form a Pastor Nominating Committee. (PNC). Mondie Cunningham and Gary Hollinger were appointed as COM’s Co-Liaisons to the Camp Hill Presbyterian Church’s Pastor Nominating Committee.

COM voted to approve the renewal of the Covenant of Agreement between the Session of Duncannon Presbytery Church and Suzanne and Roger Uittenbogaard to be their Temporary Pastors for 2019.

It was announced that Rev. Ron Gilmer has left his call at St. James Presbyterian Church to take a Call in Abingdon Presbytery in Virginia.

COM voted to appoint Rev. Bill Beck to serve as Moderator of the St. James Presbyterian Church’s Session.

COM appointed Rev. Doug Beltzner to serve as Moderator of the Session of the Presbyterian Church of the Upper West Conococheague, in Mercersburg, PA. Doug will also serve as COM liaison to the church.

COM voted to appoint Rev. Ron-Martin-Minnich as Moderator of the Greencastle Presbyterian Church for three months.

COM voted to grant the status of Honorably Retired to the Rev. Ron Martin-Minnich, effective December 1, 2018.

COM voted to validate the ministry of Rev. Rachel Schwab as visitation pastor at First United Church of Christ in Carlisle, PA and to renew Rev. Candace Nyiri as a Member at Large in Carlisle Presbytery.

COM voted to approve the Installation Service and the Installation Commissioners listed below for Rev. Donna Christopher as Associate Pastor at Second Presbyterian Church, Carlisle PA. The service will be on Sunday January 13, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

Ruling Elder Greg Harris, Moderator (Derry)  
Ruling Elder Debbie Madden (1st Carlisle)  
Rev. Jeff Gibelius  
Ruling Elder Amy Kappeler (2nd Carlisle)  
Rev. Dale Bowne

COM voted to grant Rev. Bill Hambright the status of Honorably Retired, effective January 1, 2019.

COM voted to transfer the membership of Rev. Ron Gilmer to Abingdon Presbytery.

COM voted to grant Rev. Cheryl Galan membership in Carlisle Presbytery. Jim Speedy will seek transfer of her membership from Milwaukee Presbytery.

Troy Morgan was appointed to be COM liaison to St. James Presbyterian Church.

COM voted to appoint Bill McHenry as COM liaison to Centre Presbyterian Church.

COM voted to appoint Rev. Graham Fowler as Moderator of the Session at Centre Presbyterian Church.

COM voted to approve the renewal of the Covenant of Agreement for 2019 between the Session of Great Conewago Presbyterian Church and Rev. Candace Veon-Nyiri to be their temporary part time Pastor.

Jim Speedy reported he had received the Report of the Commission to Ordain and Install Rev. Emily McCachren as pastor of the McConnellsburg United Presbyterian Church. All the constitutional questions were answered in the affirmative.

Jim Speedy reported he had received the Report of the Commission to install Rev. Donna Christopher as Associate Pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, Carlisle. All the constitutional questions were answered in the affirmative.

COM voted to approve the Covenant of Agreement between Rev. Bill Beck and the Session of St. James Presbyterian Church to be their part time Temporary Pastor.

COM voted to give permission to the Session of the Christ Presbyterian Church in Lebanon, PA to proceed with a conversation, with the help and oversight of the Commission on Ministry, to possibly form a "Shared Ministry" with the Grace United Church of Christ in Lebanon, PA.

COM voted to approve the renewal of the Covenant of Agreement between the Session of Wells Valley Presbyterian Church and Commissioned Ruling Elder Beckie Drove for another year. Rev. Ed Blank will be Beckie's mentor.