

## Commission on Ministry (COM) Report to Presbytery- May 28, 2019

### Action Item #1

**The Committee on Ministry moves the adoption of a revised “Definitions of Pastoral Definitions” policy as presented. (*The proposed revised document is attached.*) This document would be part of the Carlisle Presbytery’s Leadership Handbook.**

### Rationale

In addition to some updates of language, (*i.e. Committee changed to Commission*) the COM policy on making exceptions in calling a pastor has been added to the document. COM approved the “exceptions policy” as an internal document in November 2016 and it was reported to the presbytery as an “information item” at its December 6, 2016 meeting. COM now believes that in light of the Book of Order’s permitting presbyteries to allow exceptions to the prohibition to calling an Associate Pastor, Temporary Pastor, Interim/Transitional Pastors and Supply pastors to become the next “called and installed Pastor or Associate Pastor, Carlisle Presbytery needs to set up a policy and procedure for when a church seeks such an exception. If approved, the policy would become part of Carlisle Presbytery’s Leadership Handbook and apply to all churches in the presbytery. In an effort to make it easier for presbyters and presbytery commissioners to understand the revised policy before it is voted on, there are “line numbers” and the changes/additions are shown in **RED**.

### Information Items

COM voted to approve the Ministry Information Form submitted by the Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, related to their search for a new Pastor.

COM voted to approve Rev. Katy Brungraber as a member of Carlisle Presbytery with the status of Member at Large. Rev. Brungraber is being transferred from Redstone Presbytery. Her family has recently moved to the area

COM appointed Beth Fine as COM liaison to the Greencastle Presbyterian Church.

COM voted to appoint Rev. Graham Fowler as the Moderator of the Centre Presbyterian Church and to appoint Bill McHenry as COM liaison to Centre Presbyterian Church.

COM voted to approve the Ministry Information Form presented by Waynesboro Presbyterian Church’s PNC related to their search for a new Pastor.

COM voted to approve a renewal of the Covenant of Agreement (COA) between the Session of Waynesboro Presbyterian Church and Rev. Ruth Ward to be the church’s Part Time Temporary Pastor. The COA is for one year and is effective May 31, 2019.

COM voted to approve the 2019 Terms of Call for the following Pastors in Called and Installed positions: Mark Allio, Jane Anabe, Edward Blank, Graham Fowler, Vernon Gauthier, Jeff Gibelius, John Green, Andrew Hart, Laura Hart, Kathryn Johnston, Inho Kang, Anthony Lorenz, Emily McCachren, Robin Morgan, Christian Neubaum, Louis Nyiri, John Park, Allison Spooner, Russell Sullivan, Tom Sweet, Janice Tiedeck, Ellen Crawford True, Kimberley Wadlington, Don Wahlig, Stephen McKinney-Whitaker, Kelly Wiant and David Wright.

Copies of the respective Terms of Call are on file in the Stated Clerk’s Office.

COM voted to grant Rev. Bertha van der Bent Hamel membership in Carlisle Presbytery as an Honorably Retired member. Stated Clerk Jim Speedy will initiate her transfer from New York City Presbytery.

COM voted to give permission to Centre Presbyterian Church to form a Pastor Nominating Committee, PENDING the approval by the Session of Centre Presbyterian Church of the mission statement presented to COM on May 9, 2019.. Additionally, the Clerk of Session of Centre Presbyterian Church is to send a letter or e-mail to COM through the Stated Clerk informing COM that the Session had approved the mission statement.

Since Rev. Anne Myers is no longer serving as a Presbytery Regional Associate, COM voted to make her a Member at Large in the Presbytery of Carlisle.

COM voted to concur with a vote by the Congregation of Christ Presbyterian Church, Lebanon, PA to change the 2019 Terms of Call of their Pastor, Rev. John Barlow to Part Time (20hr per week) and the resulting decrease in financial compensation. John's position remains as a Called and Installed position so he is entitled to Full Board of Pensions benefits (Pastor Participation )

Stated Clerk Jim Speedy reported that Rev. Rosie Magee, a member of Carlisle Presbytery, has completed all the steps needed to become a pastor in the Church of Scotland. She is waiting for an assignment and once that happens, Jim hopes to receive a request from the Church of Scotland to transfer her to their membership.