

## **Commission on Ministry (COM) Report to Presbytery – September 24, 2020**

### **Action Item**

**COM moves the adoption of the Minimum Terms of Call for 2020 for Ministers of Word and Sacrament and Certified and Associate Certified Christian Educators as noted below:**

2019 Minimum Effective Salary for Full Time Pastors: **\$53,410**

2019 Minimum Effective Salary for Full Time Certified Christian Educators: **\$43,035**

2019 Minimum Effective Salary for Full Time Associate Certified Christian Educators **\$39,160**

***Rationale:*** After reviewing the cost of living in the area covered by Carlisle Presbytery, the Commission on Ministry (COM) determined that a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) was appropriate resulting in a recommendation of an increase of 1.5% to the Minimum Effective Salary.

The Board of Pensions announced that **there will be no increase** in Board of Pension dues in 2020 for pastors in full time “called and installed” positions. This is the second year in a row that the Board has not increased dues.

### **Information Items**

COM voted to approve the extension of Allison Spooner’s Call as Designated Pastor at Hope United Presbyterian Church and Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church for two more years effective July 30, 2019.

COM voted to endorse Rev. Drew Stockstill to serve as a Chaplain in the United States Navy Reserves.

COM voted to approve the renewal of the Covenant of Agreement between the Session of Camp Hill Presbyterian Church and Rev. Craig Miller to continue as their Interim Pastor.

COM voted to appoint Rev. Jane Anabe as Moderator of Centre Presbyterian Church while their current Moderator, Rev. Graham Fowler, is on sabbatical from June 24 through July 28, 2019.

COM voted to approve the 2019 Terms of Call for Rev. Nancy McClure. Nancy is pastor of the Juniata Valley Shared Ministry that consists of three churches, Perry Valley, Westminster and Highland United. Kristal reported that Stated Clerk Jim Speedy had reviewed the three Terms of Call documents and found them to be in order.

COM voted to grant Rev. Myrtle McCall the status of Honorably Retired effective May 27, 2019

Jim Speedy reported that the Camp Hill Presbyterian Church had a celebration of Rev. Myrtle McCall’s retirement on June 2, 2019. Jim attended the luncheon and spoke on behalf of the Presbytery.

COM voted to validate Joaquin Anabe Lopez's ministry as a CPE Resident at Hershey Medical Center, **pending** his ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. COM also voted to request the Moderator of the Presbytery, Rev. Graham Fowler, to call a Special Presbytery meeting, the purpose of which would be to examine Joaquin Anabe Lopez for Ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament.

COM voted to approve Rev. Dr. Nancy Conklin to be a member of Carlisle Presbytery and the Pastor/Head of Staff of Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, along with her Terms of Call. This action is pending her election by the congregation of the Camp Hill Presbyterian Church.

COM voted to authorize the Session of the Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, to call a Congregational meeting for August 25, 2019. The purpose of the meeting will be to vote on calling Rev. Dr. Nancy Conklin as the church's Pastor and to approve her Terms of Call. Mondie Cunningham was asked to pray after the actions above were taken.

COM reported to Stated Clerk Jim Speedy, that the congregation of the Camp Hill Presbyterian Church had elected Rev. Dr. Nancy Conklin to be their Pastor on August 25, 2019. Jim will report this action to the Office of the General Assembly and will seek her transfer from New Castle Presbytery.

COM voted to approve Rev. Anne Myers to be the Part Time Temporary Associate Pastor, along with her Covenant of Agreement, at the Camp Hill Presbyterian Church

COM voted to approve the transfer Rev. Rosie Magee to the Church of Scotland, effective immediately.

Jim Speedy reported that Peter Dietz a member of Carlisle Presbytery, serving as a Navy Chaplain, will be promoted to the rank of Commander on September 2, 2019. His promotion ceremony will take place on the flight deck of the USS Midway.

COM voted to approve Rev. Dr. Robert Cook, a minister in the United Methodist Church, along with the Covenant of Agreement between him and the Session, to be the Interim Pastor of the Greencastle Presbyterian Church. COM also gave him permission to officiate at the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and Baptisms at the Greencastle Presbyterian Church only. The COM did not approve Rev. Cook to be the Moderator at this time. He is taking a Presbyterian Polity course and if passed he will come before the COM in January in hopes he will be approved to be Greencastle's Moderator.

COM approved the Ministry Information Form (MIF) submitted by Centre Presbyterian Church's Session regarding a search for an Interim Pastor. Ellen will provide the "codes" to the PNC allowing them to upload the MIF to the Church Leadership Connection. (CLC)

COM voted to concur, with gratitude for his faithful work, with Rev. Bill Beck's request to step down as the Part Time Temporary Pastor of the St. James Presbyterian Church effective October 1, 2019.

COM approved the renewal of the Covenant of Agreement between the Session of the Camp Hill Presbyterian Church and Rev. Don Potter to be their part time Supply Pastor for Visitation for six months effective September 26, 2019.

COM voted to appoint Rev. Jane Anabe as Moderator of the Session of St. James Presbyterian Church effective October 1, 2019.

COM voted to extend Rev. Ron Martin-Minnich's service as Moderator of the Greencastle Presbyterian Church.

COM voted to grant the status of Honorably Retired to Rev. Doug Beltzner effective August 1, 2019.

COM approved a proposal stating that all members of the Presbytery and those Inquirers, Candidates and CRE trainees under care of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) are expected to participate in Boundary Training every three years. The COM will provide this training annually.