

Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM)

Report to Carlisle Presbytery- September 24, 2019

Information Items

Enrollment of Inquirer

At its March 7, 2019 meeting the CPM met with and approved the enrollment of **Rebekah Anderson** as an Inquirer. Rebekah is a member of the Market Square Presbyterian Church.

Annual CPM Retreat

The CPM retreat was held on Friday evening August 23 through 12 Noon August 24, 2019.

On Friday evening the committee members and enrolled Inquirers and Candidates for Ministry shared dinner and worship with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper being officiated by Rev Kim Wadlington and Rev. Ron Martin-Minnich, As part of the worship, each Inquirer and Candidate presented a five minute mini sermon. They had a choice of five different scripture passages to choose from as the basis for the sermon. After each Sermon the members of the Committee and Candidates critiqued the sermon with suggestions being made.

On Saturday morning, each Inquirer or Candidate met separately with sub-groups of the CPM to talk about their experience over the previous year. Following are the results of the interviews:

Gracie Hellweg Payne (Second Carlisle)

The committee reviewed Grace's Annual Consultation and the committee discussed the issues brought forward. The committee voted to continue Grace Hellweg as a Candidate. Form 4 was signed and will be distributed accordingly. She will meet with the CPM on October 3, seeking to be "certified ready, pending the receipt of a Call, to be examined for Ordination." **Please note:** If she is certified by CPM, she will be examined for Ordination by Whitewater Valley Presbytery and ordained by them. She has received a Call at the Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Rebekah Nolt (Market Square)

The committee reviewed Rebekah's Annual Consultation and the committee discussed the issues brought forward. The committee voted to continue Rebekah as a Candidate. Form 4 was signed and will be distributed accordingly.

Rebecca Lister (St. Andrews)

The committee reviewed Rebecca's Annual Consultation and the committee discussed the issues brought forward. The committee voted to continue Rebecca as an Inquirer. Form 4 was signed and will be distributed accordingly.

Rebekah Anderson (Market Square)

The committee reviewed Rebecca's Annual Consultation and the committee discussed the issues brought forward. The committee voted to continue Rebecca as an Inquirer. Form 4 was signed and will be distributed accordingly.

David Black (Market Square)

The CPM met with David Black, a Candidate under Carlisle Presbytery's care. He preached a full length sermon after which he was examined by the committee regarding his sermon and Statement of Faith. The Committee also reviewed his Personal Information Form. The committee made several suggestions on the PIF. **Action:** The Committee approved David Black as "certified ready, pending the receipt of a Call, to be examined for ordination."

GOOD NEWS!

Chris Houtz, a Candidate under Care of Carlisle Presbytery has received a Call to be the Pastor at Iselin Presbyterian Church in Iselin, New Jersey.