

**Commission on Ministry (COM)  
Report to Presbytery  
February 22, 2020**

The Commission on Ministry will be requesting that a Special Presbytery Meeting be called in order to recommend that the Presbytery of Carlisle appoint an Administrative Commission to work, on its behalf, with the Session and Congregation to establish the legacy path of the Perry Valley Presbyterian Church, Millerstown, PA. **The date of the meeting will be announced once the Commission on Ministry has enlisted people to serve on the Administrative Commission.**

In the meantime, below is the tentative authority and work that the Commission on Ministry has approved. COM hopes you will study the items below in preparation for the Special Meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Interim Executive Presbyter, Rev. Cheryl Galan ([cheryl.galan@carlislepby.org](mailto:cheryl.galan@carlislepby.org)) or COM Chairperson, Rev. Ellen Crawford True-ellen@christchurchcamphill.org

***Proposal for Administrative Commission***

**Meet with the Session to assess the options that remain for the Perry Valley Church, given the congregation's current struggles to remain sustainable and vital.**

**Meet with the Session and Treasurer to ascertain the financial status and outstanding financial obligations of the congregation.**

**Equip the Session to meet with the congregation in discernment of how the church's remaining assets could be directed to the needs of something else in the community that reflects the values and mission of the people of the Perry Valley congregation.**

**Discern options for the current members of Perry Valley to transfer/re-locate their memberships, if discernment leads to dissolution of the existing congregation.**

The Administrative Commission is authorized to assume original jurisdiction, if it deems necessary.

**If dissolution is recommended, the Administrative Commission is authorized to:**

Arrange for the pastoral care and option for re-location of the members.

Secure the Session records, legal rights to all property (real or personal) held by or for the benefit of the congregation.

Dispose of the moveable personal property of the congregation.

Secure the building and property; Attend to matters of insurance.

Dispose of the building and grounds or convey the building and grounds to the “The Presbytery of Carlisle of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)”

Having discerned, with the congregation, its legacy intentions, recommend to the Presbytery the use of the remaining assets of the congregation, after all costs related to the work of Administrative Commission have been reimbursed to the Presbytery.

Plan and conduct a Service of Witness

The Administrative Commission may secure the assistance of other individuals, as appropriate, to assist with its work, and generally to do such things and take such actions, for, in the name of, and on behalf of the Presbytery of Carlisle as shall be reasonably necessary to accomplish the general purpose of this resolution.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ITEMS**

COM approved the renewal of the Covenant of Agreement for 2020 between the Revs. Roger and Suzanne Uittenbogaard and the Session of Duncannon Presbyterian Church.

COM approved the renewal of the Covenant of Agreement for 2020 between the Rev. Jack Sproat and the Session of Dickinson Presbyterian Church.

COM voted to validate the ministry of Rev. Rachel Swab for 2020. She is the part time Associate Pastor at the First United Church of Christ in Carlisle, PA.

COM voted to appoint Rev. Tom Sweet to be the COM liaison for Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church.

COM voted to approve Rev Katy Yates Brungraber to be the Moderator of Presbyterian Church of the Upper Conococheague’s Session.

COM approved Rev. Dr. Robert Cook to be the Moderator of the Greencastle Presbyterian Church and also approved the revised Covenant of Agreement granting him permission to moderate the Session.

The COM approved the Covenant of Agreement between Rev. Candace Veon- Nyiri and the Session of the Great Conewago Presbyterian Church. Candace will serve as the church’s part time Stated Supply Pastor through May 31, 2020...

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COM voted to validate for 2020 Rev. Kent Carter's new ministry as a Chaplain at Asana Hospice and Palliative Care.

COM voted to validate for 2020 Rev. Arlene Dunn's new ministry as a Chaplain at Asana Hospice and Palliative Care.

COM voted to ask Rev. John Barlow, the Pastor at Christ Church in Lebanon, PA to invite Rev. Charlie Best or Rev. Kristal Smith to moderate the January 19, 2020 congregational meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on the 2020 Terms of Call for Rev. Barlow.

COM appointed COM member Nancy Reinert to represent COM at the January 19, 2020 Congregational meeting at Christ Presbyterian Church in Lebanon.

COM approved the transfer of Rev. Andromeda Fox to the Presbytery of the Plains and Peaks.

COM voted to request the Presbytery of Carlisle to form an Administrative Commission to be assigned to the Christ Presbyterian Church in Lebanon, PA.

COM appointed Jim Richwine to moderate a Congregational Meeting at The Presbyterian Church of Falling Spring on January 26, 2020 and appointed Gary Hollinger to represent COM at the meeting.

COM voted to concur with the action of the congregation of The Presbyterian Church of Falling Spring to dissolve the pastoral relationship between Rev. Laura Hart and the congregation effective January 31, 2020. The required Gracious Partings form was signed and provided to the COM.

COM voted to assign Rev. Laura Hart as a Member at Large of the Presbytery of Carlisle. Stated Clerk Jim Speedy will report this action to the Office of the General Assembly.