

PRESBYTERY REPORTS—JUNE 2018

From the Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk reports that she:

- Dismissed the Rev. Kendra Grams to the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area effective March 13, 2018.
- Appointed the Rev. Diane Hutchins to moderate the June 24, 2018 congregational meeting of Kirkwood Presbyterian Church.

The Stated Clerk reports the following resignations from committees/commissions:

- Rev. Anita Hendrix - Committee on Ministry, Congregational Transitions Commission

From the Leadership Council

NCP LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 6, 2018

Leadership Council: Charles Barber, David McClung, Lee Bishop, Laura Cunningham, Therese Taylor-Stinson, Bill Plitt, Beth Goss, Denise Anderson, Cameron Byrd, Pat Futato

Excused: Quinn Fox, Elise Reid

Absent: Rudy Cohen

NCP Staff: Wilson Gunn, Todd McCreight, Sara Coe, Karen Chamis, Jan Moody

Guest: Elder Mark Eakin, Warner Memorial PC, Chair MCC

Meeting began at 12:30 with prayer led by Pat Futato.

Charles Barber called the meeting to order.

- **Report from MCC**

Chair of MCC, Elder Mark Eakin, presented the annual MCC report. There was a robust discussion of various mission activities of NCP, and suggestions on how to highlight the activities and spur greater support.

Motion: that the Leadership Council receive with gratitude the annual report from MCC.

Approved

- **Executive Session**

LC, Wilson Gunn, Karen Chamis, and Mark Eakin went into Executive Session and approved the following:

Motion:

to eliminate the NCP staff position of Mission Specialist.

Approved

Note:

This elimination is due to a projected \$50,000 decrease in Mission Fund giving in 2019 and the fact that giving projections in 2018 are trending on the lean side at the present time.

The LC accepted the Personnel Committee recommendation that Mike McNamara's last day at work will be July 28, providing for the three weeks of notice specified in the Personnel Policies in the event of a "Reduction in Force". Additionally, he will receive six weeks of pay (through August 9, 2018) which is three times that specified by Personnel Policy.

The Leadership Council expresses its regret that this action needs to be taken so soon after the creation of this position. The Mission Committee and Karen Chamis, Director of Congregational Development and Mission will work with Mike over the coming weeks about how to continue the work begun especially in the area of relationship and network building.

- **Report from the Financial Plan Task Force (FPTF)**

Beth Goss

The Financial Plan Task Force, called into being last year by the Leadership Council, and comprised of members Beth Goss, Rocky Laha, Tressie Muldrow, Nancy Bea and Don Humphries, has met three times to consider how best to equip the Presbytery with the financial resources needed to carry out the NCP's missions in the years ahead.

At its most recent meeting on May 21, the task force agreed on two recommendations to be brought to Leadership Council for consideration. It was the sense of the Leadership Council that the FPTF bring to the September LC meeting its proposed mission and timeline for accomplishment of that mission.

Motion:

1. Wilson Lane manse sale.

Motion: That the net sales proceeds from the sale of the Wilson Lane manse be added to the Office Fund.

Background: Once the manse of the former Trinity Church in Bethesda has been subdivided as a separate, salable property from the UKPC church property this summer, a residential real estate broker will be hired to sell the manse.

NCP's Financial Policies require that the proceeds from the sale any NCP property be placed in the Resurrection Fund, after:

- (1) Reimbursing the General Directors funds for any expenses paid out of those funds for property maintenance, repairs, utilities, etc. before the property was sold, which currently totals \$14,800;
- (2) Topping up the Property Management Fund, adding approximately \$27,000 to reach its policy balance of \$350,000; and
- (3) reimbursing the General Directors funds for "other obligations", which in this case includes approximately \$35,000 of legal and engineering fees to win

county approval for the subdivision, and \$10,000 to pay for sidewalk widening at an indeterminate time in the future as a condition of county approval.

Rather than having the net sales proceeds, roughly estimated at \$700,000, be added to the Resurrection Fund, the task force is recommending that they be allocated to the Office Fund, which, along with per capita payments, funds the entire NCP operating budget. Similar allocations of property proceeds to the Office Fund have been made in the past from church sales, and have significantly reduced the growth of NCP's per capita rate.

At its current rate of expenditure to fund NCP operations, the Office Fund will be exhausted in three years, with no other source of re-funding currently in sight. With this addition, the Office Fund should last until 2025. **Approved**

2. Neelsville dismissal amount.

Motion: That the \$960,027 retention amount to be received from Neelsville Church prior to its dismissal from the PCUSA not be allocated to any purpose for a period of six months starting July 1, 2018, to provide the Financial Plan Task Force adequate time to assess and recommend to the Leadership Council appropriate uses of these funds.

Approved

Background: Since the Neelsville Church dismissal does not involve a property sale, the \$960,027 retention amount approved by Presbytery on May 22 will be available for any use approved by the Presbytery.

- **Church Updates**

Karen Chamis reported that she is continuing to recruit members for the CDC team that will be working with the Garden Memorial PC Session to review and help to develop financial planning, strategic planning, Presbyterian polity, and leadership development.

Todd McCreight reported on Centreville's progress in completing steps for disaffiliation from NCP to ECO.

Bill Plitt, representing NCP, will worship with Neelsville PC and a representative from ECO to symbolize the transition of Neelsville from the PC(USA) to ECO.

- **Nominating Report**

Wilson Gunn presented the following recommendations for NCP Committee Chairs:

Motion: To approve the following recommendations from the Nominating Committee:

AC Congregational Property – Richard Riegel, RE, Chevy Chase PC, Class of 2020

Bills & Overtures – Quinn Fox, TE, National PC, Class of 2020

Budget & Finance – Mark Stunder, RE, Boyds, Class of 2020
Church Development – Mary Rogers, TE, Providence PC, Class of 2020
Investment – Karl Hoffman, Layman, NY Avenue PC, Class of 2021
Leadership Council – To be determined by Council
Ministry – Stephen Smith-Cobbs, TE, Trinity Herndon, Class of 2019
Mission Coordination – Mark Eakin, RE, Warner Memorial, Class of 2020
Nominating – Rachel Vaagenes, TE, Georgetown PC, Class of 2019
Personnel – Ann Herlin, TE, OPMH, Class of 2021
Preparation for Ministry – Charles Van Gorder, TE, At Large, Class of 2021
Representation – Committee not yet filled
Session Records – Daniel Stokes, RE, NY Avenue PC, Class of 2019
Stewardship – Karl Mattison, RE, Georgetown PC, Class of 2021 (Already approved by NCP)

Approved

Motion:

To accept Charles Barber, class of 2019, as Chair of Leadership Council, and David McClung, Class of 2019, as Vice Chair.

Approved

The LC expressed its desire, to be communicated to the Nominating Committee, to continue and enhance their efforts in identify diverse candidates for the various leadership positions.

- **Request from Commission on Preparation for Ministry**

Motion: to accept request from Commission on Preparation for Ministry for the following distribution of Scholarship Funds:

Matthew Hackworth - \$15,000.00

Linda Kurtz - \$15,000.00

Beatrice Laryea - \$10,000 Pending her enrollment as Inquirer under CPM Care

Approved

- **Leadership Council Retreat August 24-25**

Wilson discussed asking Teresa Kloster to serve as retreat leader.

- **Worship and Theology Report**

Bill and Therese gave updates on upcoming presbytery meetings.
Meeting closed with prayer at 2:45.

From the Commission on Preparation for Ministry

2018 Ordination Exam Readers:

TE Charles Van Gorder

TE Glen Zuber

TE Larry Greenslit

TE Linda Lanam

RE Melissa Kirkpatrick

RE Laura Cassidy

RE Alan Wisdom

RE Carole Johnson Tukes

CPM approved Catherine Taylor as Candidate.

CPM moved to remove Kirsten Melone, at her request, from the Inquirer process.