

## COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT

November 17, 2020

### Honorably Retired

Status of Honorably Retired was granted for Walter Green [eVote 11/4/20]

### Examinations

1. **Robert Zemke** - Sustained the examination of Rev. Robert Zemke incoming Pastor of Ashburn Presbyterian Church and recommend he be received as a minister member in National Capital Presbytery [Exam 9/10/20]
2. **David Jeltema** – Sustained the preliminary and full examination of Rev. David Jeltema a Chaplin in the Navy. [Exam 10/20/20]
3. **Matthew Pooley** - Sustained the examination of **Rev. Matthew Pooley** incoming Pastor of **Patuxent Presbyterian Church** and approved he be received as a minister member in National Capital Presbytery. [Exam 10/27/20]
4. **Ill Jong Park** – Sustained the examination of **Rev. Ill Jong Park** as a temporary member of National Capital Presbytery serving the **Virginia Korean Presbyterian Church** as per approved guidelines for Securing Pastoral Leadership for Immigrant Worshiping Communities [Exam 10/28/20]
5. **Ya-Tang Chuang** – Sustained the examination of **Rev. Ya-Tang Chuang** as a temporary member of National Capital Presbytery serving the **Chesterbrook Taiwanese Presbyterian Church** as per approved guidelines for Securing Pastoral Leadership for Immigrant Worshiping Communities. [Exam 10/30/20]

### Contract and Terms of Call Approval

1. Approved the **Transitional Pastor** contract between the session of **Christian Community Presbyterian Church** and **Rev. Susan Graceson** beginning **September 1, 2020**. [eVote 8/12/20, CC 9/15/20]
2. Approved the **Interim Associate** contract between the session of **Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church** and **Rev. Eunice Yang** beginning **September 15, 2020**. [eVote 8/12/20, CC 9/15/20]
3. Approved the renewed **Interim** contract between the session of **Takoma Presbyterian Church** and **Rev. James Reisner** beginning **October 1, 2020** [8/18/20, CC 9/15/20]

4. Approved of the **Bridge Pastor** contract (attached) between the session of **The Church of the Pilgrims** and **Rev. Lucy Bowerman** beginning **November 22, 2020**. [9/14/20, CC 9/15/20]
5. Approved the installation of the **Rev. Katie Francis** as Associate Pastor for Care of **National Presbyterian Church** upon her election by the congregation in accord with the terms of call as presented. [eVote 9/15/20, CC 9/15/20]
6. Approved the reception of the **Rev. Robert Zemke** as a ministerial member of the **National Capital Presbytery** and his installation as Pastor of **Ashburn Presbyterian Church** upon his election by the congregation in accord with the terms of call as presented. [eVote 9/15/20, CC 9/15/20]
7. Approved the **Transitional Pastor** contract between the session of **New York Avenue Presbyterian Church** and **Rev. Heather Shortlidge** renewal beginning **September 17, 2020**. [CTC 10/1/20]
8. Approved the **Short-Term Stated Supply** contract between the session of **Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church** and **Rev. Mark Greiner** amendments beginning **September 21, 2020**. [CTC 10/1/20]
9. Approved the reception of **Rev. David Jeltema** as a minister member of National Capital Presbytery serving as a Navy Chaplain. [CC 10/20/20]
10. Approved the adjusted **Stated Supply** contract between the session of **Clarendon Presbyterian Church** and **Rev. Alice Tewell** beginning **September 1, 2020**. [eVote 10/24/20, CTC 11/5/20]
11. Approved the **Short Term Stated Supply** contract between the session of **Ashburn Presbyterian Church** and **Rev. Jeri Fields** beginning **October 19, 2020**. [eVote 10/24/20, CTC 11/5/20]
12. Approved the reception of **Rev. Matthew Pooley** as a minister member of National Capital Presbytery and his installation as pastor of **Patuxent Presbyterian Church** upon his election by the congregation in accord with the terms of call effective **January 1, 2021** pending a congregational meeting vote. [eVote 11/4/20, CTC 11/5/20]
13. Approved of the reception of **Rev. Ill Jong Park** as a temporary member of National Capital Presbytery serving the **Virginia Korean Presbyterian Church** as per approved guidelines for Securing Pastoral Leadership for Immigrant Worshiping Communities and approval of the terms of call. [eVote 11/4/20, CTC 11/5/20]
14. Approved of the reception of **Rev. YaTang Chuang** as a temporary member of National Capital Presbytery serving the **Chesterbrook Taiwanese Presbyterian**

**Church** as per approved guidelines for Securing Pastoral Leadership for Immigrant Worshiping Communities and approval of the contract. [eVote 11/4/20, CTC 11/5/20]

### **Dissolution of Pastoral Relationship/Honorably Retired Status**

Approved the **Dissolution** of the pastoral relationship between **Rev. Susan Graceson** and the congregation of **Immanuel Presbyterian Church** effective **August 31, 2020**. This action is taken at the request of Rev. Graceson and with the concurrence of the congregation at Immanuel Presbyterian Church as determined at a duly called congregational meeting held on August 30, 2020. [CTC 10/1/20]

### **Policy**

Approved the **2021 Compensation Guidelines** to be posted on the website.

The COM Coordinating Commission of National Capital Presbytery voted to strongly encourage sessions and congregations of our presbytery to allow pastors, if they desire to do so, **to carry over unused continuing education time and allowances from 2020 into 2021**. We offer this advice in light of how the pandemic resulted in the cancelling of continuing education events, discouraged travel, and made it difficult to get away for those who had family members (children or older adults) to care for, and increased pastoral responsibilities that made taking time off challenging. The COM stands ready to assist sessions and congregations in making the use of continuing education more accessible to pastors as we all deal with the challenges presented by COVID-19.