

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT
to Presbytery
September 26, 2023

Exams

Collins, Blake - Sustained the examination of Rev. Blake Collins on May 22, 2023 and recommend he be received as a minister member of National Capital Presbytery pending ordination and approval at the congregational meeting on June 11, 2023. [eVote 5/23/23, CC 6/20/23]

Fitzgibbon, Laura – Sustained the examination of Rev. Laura Fitzgibbon on July 25, 2023 and recommend she be received as a minister member of National Capital Presbytery pending approval at Manassas Presbyterian Church's congregational meeting on August 27, 2023. [CC 9/19/23]

Thompson, Casey - Sustained the examination of Rev. Casey Thompson on August 15, 2023 and recommend he be received as a minister member of National Capital Presbytery. [Exam 8/15/23, eVote 8/16/23, CC 9/26/23*]

Turner/Southminster - If the way be clear, COM moved to sustain the examination of Le Quan Turner and recommends that she be received as a Commissioned Ruling Elder of National Capital Presbytery to serve Southminster Presbyterian Church. [Exam 9/15/23, eVote 9/16/23, CC 9/26/23*]

VLC/Mizo - If the way be clear, COM moved to sustain the examination of Vanlalhriatrenga Vanlal Chhangte (VLC) and recommends that he be received as a Commissioned Ruling Elder of National Capital Presbytery to serve Mizo Presbyterian Church. [Exam 9/11/23, eVote 9/11/23, CC 9/26/23*]

Kekung, Cynthia - Sustained the examination of Rev. Cynthia Kekung on September 19, 2023 and recommend she be received as a minister member of National Capital Presbytery to serve as organizing pastor at Emmanuel Indonesian Presbyterian Church. [Exam 9/19/23, eVote 9/20/23, CC 9/26/23*]

Contracts/Terms of Call

Austell/Vienna - Approved the proposed Terms of Call Form B between Vienna Presbyterian Church and Rev. Robert Austell to serve as Associate Pastor effective August 14, 2023. [eVote 8/17/23, CTC 9/7/23]

Collins, Blake/Darnestown - Approved the proposed Terms of Call between Darnestown Presbyterian Church and Blake Collins, Certified Ready to Receive a Call Candidate, to serve as Associate Pastor effective June 11, 2023. [eVote 5/22/23, CTC 6/1/23]

Counihan/Church of the Pilgrims - Approved the Terms of Call between The Church of the Pilgrims and Rev. Erin Counihan to serve as Installed Pastor effective June 21, 2023. [eVote

7/3/23, CTC 7/6/23, CC 7/18/23]

Fields/Adelphi - Approved the extension of the original Transitional Pastor contract between the session of Adelphi Presbyterian Church and Rev. Jeri Fields dated October 1, 2022. The extension to the contract is from April 1, 2023, to September 31, 2023. [eVote 8/9/23, CTC 9/7/23, CC 9/18/23]

Fitzgibbon/Manassas - Approved the proposed Terms of Call Form A between Manassas Presbyterian Church and Rev. Laura Rayne Fitzgibbon to serve as Installed Pastor effective September 17, 2023. [eVote 7/11/23, CTC 8/7/23, CC 7/18/23]

Fitzgibbon/Manassas - Approved the Terms of Call Form B between Manassas Presbyterian Church and Rev. Laura Fitzgibbon to serve as Pastor effective September 17, 2023. [eVote 8/30/23, CTC 9/7/23]

Hackett/Kirkwood - Approved the updated Terms of Call between Kirkwood Presbyterian Church and Rev. Campbell Hackett effective August 28, 2023. [eVote 9/18/23, CC 9/26/23*]

Jhee/Korean Presbyterian Church of Rockville - Approved the contract between Rev. Sun Mook Jhee and the Session of Korean Presbyterian Church of Rockville, for the position of part time Interim Pastor effective July 16, 2023, through July 16, 2024, that can be extended, renewed or modified upon written agreement of both parties. [eVote 6/20/23, CTC 7/6/23]

Kenkeremath/Manassas – Approved the contract extension between the session of Manassas PC and Rev. Lisa Kenkeremath to serve as Gap Pastor through January 31, 2024. [eVote 7/20/23, CTC 8/7/23]

McDonald, Dean/Western – Approved the Temporary Supply Pastor contract between the session of Western Presbyterian Church and Rev. Dean McDonald effective May 28 - June 21, 2023, and July 6 - August 20, 2023. [eVote 5/18/23, CTC 6/1/23]

McAuley, Dan/Patuxent - Approved the proposed Terms of Call between Patuxent Presbyterian Church and Rev. Dan McAuley to serve as Associate Pastor effective TBD. [eVote 5/11/23, CTC 6/1/23, candidate withdrew name from consideration] – [eVote 5/11/23, CTC 6/1/23, candidate withdrew from consideration]

Patterson/Westminster Alexandria - Approved the contract between Rev. Olivia Patterson and the session of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Alexandria, for the position of Stated Supply Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adults effective August 1, 2023, through July 31, 2024. [eVote 6/22/23, CTC 7/6/23]

Rodgers/Providence - Approved the contract between Rev. Mary Rodgers and the session of Providence Presbyterian Church, for the position of Stated Supply Pastor effective July 1,

2023 until termination on the earlier of December 31, 2023 or the commencement of the contract for a Called Pastor and Head of Staff. [eVote 6/27/23, CTC 7/6/23]

Spuhler McCabe/Fifteenth Street - Approved the agreement sets forth the basis for a working relationship between Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe, as Gap Pastor – Temporary Pastoral Leadership for Transformation, and the Session of Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church of Washington, DC. Rev. McCabe, who serves as the Transitional Director of Congregational Development and Mission for the National Capital Presbytery (NCP), is on loan from the NCP to serve and provide pastoral leadership for transformation as a Temporary Gap Pastor for Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church for a period of a set amount of time, providing consistent preaching and theological leadership in a time of transformation. This arrangement shall be for the stated period of July, August, September and October 2023. It may be extended if all parties agree. [eVote 9/8/23, CC 9/26/23*]

Strednak Singer/Leesburg – Approved the Terms of Call between Leesburg Presbyterian Church and Rev. Katie Strednak Singer to serve as Installed Pastor pending approval at the congregational meeting on September 10, 2023. [eVote 8/10/23, CTC 9/7/23, CC 9/18/23]

Thompson, Casey/Idylwood - This eVote is to approve the contract between Rev. Casey Thompson and the session of Idylwood Presbyterian Church, for the position of Part time Stated Supply Pastor effective August 1, 2023, through July 31, 2024. [eVote 7/11/23, CTC 9/7/23, CC 9/18/23]

Thompson, Casey/Knox - This eVote is to approve the contract between Rev. Casey Thompson and the session of Knox Presbyterian Church, for the position of Part time Stated Supply Pastor effective August 1, 2023, through July 31, 2024. [eVote 7/11/23, CTC 9/7/23, CC 9/18/23]

Turner/Southminster - Approved the CRE agreement between CRE candidate, Le Quan Turner, and the session of Southminster Presbyterian Church, for the position of Commissioned Ruling Elder, if the way be clear. [eVote 9/3/23, CC 9/26/23*]

Turner/Southminster – Approved the Final CRE agreement between CRE candidate, Le Quan Turner, and the session of Southminster Presbyterian Church, for the position of Commissioned Ruling Elder. [eVote 9/18/23, CC 9/26/23*]

Vaagenes/Capitol Hill - Approved the contract between Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church and Rev. Rachel Vaagenes to serve as Stated Supply Pastor for the period beginning January 1, 2023, through January 1, 2024. [eVote 8/24/23, CTC 9/7/23]

VLC/Mizo - Approved the CRE agreement between CRE candidate, Vanlalhriatrenga Vanlal Chhange, and the session of Mizo Presbyterian Church, for the position of Commissioned Ruling Elder, if the way be clear. [eVote 8/23/23, CC 9/26/23*]

PNCs

Approved a PNC for St. Andrew Presbyterian Church [CTC 3/1/23]

Dissolutions

Providence/Burns - Approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Rev. Dr. Michael Burns and Providence Presbyterian Church effective June 30, 2023. [CC 6/20/23]

Oaklands/Hodges – Approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Rev. LeAnn Hodges and Oaklands Presbyterian Church effective June 25, 2023. [CC 9/26/23*]

Hale/Knox – Approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Rev. William Hale and Knox Presbyterian Church effective July 1, 2023. [CC 9/26/23*]

COM Motions

Howard - Approved a stipend for Rev. Roy Howard for service during period of conflict. [CC 6/20/23]

Sutton - Approved a request to amend the 2023 housing allowance request of Rev. Todd Sutton to \$70,000.00. [SMT eVote 6/14/23, CC 6/20/23]

Neal – Appointed Rev. Nancy Neal as MRT co-chair through the end of her term in 2024.

Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) – Approved a 4/4% COLA increase and approved the 2024 Pastor Compensation Policy. [CTC 8/7/23, CC 7/18/23]

Ministry Crisis Fund - MRT approved to use the Ministry Crisis Fund to cover the expenses for a pastor's psychological evaluation, inventories, and travel expenses. [MRT 9/14/23, CC 9/26/23]

Jordan-Haas/Vienna - Approved the request from Vienna Presbyterian Church for an exception to call Connie Jordan-Haas (currently stated supply) as AP for Care and Fellowship. [CTC 9/7/23]

Ebenezer Presbyterian Church – Approved the request from Ebenezer to establish a new Associate Pastor position pending approval by the congregation if the way be clear. [CTC 9/7/23]

Sabbatical Request

Cunningham/Western - Approved the sabbatical request submitted by Rev. Laura Cunningham effective May 29, 2023 through August 20, 2023. [eVote 5/18/23, CC 6/15/23]

Fulp-Eickstaedt, Judith/Trinity Arlington - Approved the 2023 Sabbatical Proposal for Rev. Judith Fulp-Eickstaedt, “An American Pilgrimage: All Who Wander are Not Lost” from May 29, 2023 to August 28, 2023. [eVote 2/20/23, CC 2/21/23]

Ramsey, Scott/Lewinsville - Approved the 2023 Sabbatical request submitted by Rev. Scott Ramsey effective May 29, 2023 to August 20, 2023. [eVote 5/18/23, CC 6/15/23]

TRANSITIONS

to At-Large

Ellestad - Approved to move Rev. Anne Ellestad, from validated ministry to at-large, following the end of her position as a chaplain at Ingleside at King Farm in Rockville, effective July 1, 2023. [CC 7/18/23]

to Honorably Retired

Hale – Approved the status of Rev. Bill Hale to honorably retired effective July 1, 2023. [CC 6/20/23]

Wilson – Approve the status of Rev. Scott Wilson to honorably retired effective November 1, 2022. [CC 6/20/23]

Everhart – Approved the status of Rev. Ruth Everhart to honorably retired effective June 1, 2023 [CC 7/18/23]

to Labor Outside Our Bounds

Fornel - GRANT PERMISSION to the Rev. Lucas Fornel, a temporary member of NCP, to LABOR OUTSIDE OUR BOUNDS and within the bounds of Cherokee Presbytery, as the Pastor of Brazilian Christian Church in Marietta, Georgia, for a period of one-year, effective June 3, 2023. [CC 7/18/23]

Handy - GRANT PERMISSION to the Rev. Chauncey Handy, a member of NCP, to LABOR OUTSIDE OUR BOUNDS, and within the bounds of the Presbytery of the Cascades, as a Visiting Assistant Professor at Reed College in Portland, Oregon, teaching Bible and Race/Ethnicity, for a period of one-year, effective August 7, 2023. [CC 7/18/23]

Winnette - GRANT PERMISSION to the Rev. Scott Winnette (Specialized) to LABOR OUTSIDE OUR BOUNDS, and within the bounds of the Presbytery of Baltimore, for a period of one year, as the Pastor of Zion Reformed United Church of Christ in Hagerstown, Maryland. [CC 6/20/23]

Park, Yeon-Ik - GRANT PERMISSION to the Rev. Yeon-Ik Park to LABOR OUTSIDE OUR BOUNDS, and within the bounds of the Presbytery of Carlisle for a period of three months, as a Sabbatical Leave Pastor at Harrisburg Korean Presbyterian Church in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, subject to the approval of the Presbytery of Carlisle. [CC 6/20/23]

to Labor Within Our Bounds

Breyer - GRANT PERMISSION for the Rev. Rachel Breyer (Presbytery of Greater Atlanta) to LABOR WITHIN OUR BOUNDS, as a Mission Integration Fellow at Holy Cross Health in Silver Spring, Maryland, effective June 12, 2023, for up to one year. [CC 6/20/23]

Dismissals

Walters - Dismissed the Rev. Laura Walters (At Large) to Grace Presbytery, at their request. [CC 6/20/23]

Marsh - Dismissed the Rev. Donna Marsh to the Chicago Presbytery effective August 27, 2023 [CC 9/19/23]

Austin – Dismissed the Rev. Mary Austin to the Presbytery of Lake Michigan, effective June 13, 2023, at their request. [CC 7/18/23]

Approved to Pulpit Supply List

Rathje, Kenneth – Approved Kenneth Rathje, a Candidate Certified Ready to Receive a Call, to the Pulpit Supply List. [CTC 7/6/23]

Slayter, Michael – Approved CRE Michael Slayter to the Pulpit Supply List. [CTC 7/6/23]

Tilley, Carolyn (HR) – Approved Carolyn Tilley (HR), to the Pulpit Supply List. [CTC 9/7/23]

Parish Associate

Lee, Jong Mi – Approved the parish associate relationship between Rev. Jong Mi Lee and Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church effective June 13, 2023. [SMT eVote 7/14/23, CC 7/18/23]

2022 Specialized and At Large Annual Reports Received

Rev. Larry Golemon

*Expected to be ratified at the September 26, 2023 Coordinating Commission Meeting. If any items are not ratified, an announcement will be made at the stated meeting.