

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
REPORT to Presbytery
November 14, 2023

Exams

Baker - Sustained the examination of Rev. Matt Baker on September 13, 2023 and recommends he be received as a minister member of National Capital Presbytery. [Exam 9/13/23, eVote 9/14/23, CC 9/26/23]

D’Orazio/Patuxent - Sustained the examination of Candidate Robbie D’Orazio on September 27, 2023 and recommend he be received as a minister member of National Capital Presbytery (pending ordination) to serve as associate pastor at Patuxent Presbyterian Church. [Exam, 9/27/23, eVote 9/27/23, CC 10/17/23]

Contracts/Terms of Call

Berwyn/Ulmer - Approved the contract between Rev. Holly Ulmer and the session of Berwyn Presbyterian Church, for the position of Stated Supply Pastor, effective February 28, 2023 through February 27, 2024. [eVote 10/27/23, CTC 11/2/23]

Capitol Hill/Vaagenes - Approved the Terms of Call between the congregation of Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church and Rev. Rachel Landers Vaagenes to serve as Installed Pastor beginning January 1, 2024. [eVote 10/26/23, CTC 11/2/23]

Georgetown/Tate - Approved the half time contract between the session of Georgetown Presbyterian Church and Rev. Jessica Tate to serve as Associate Stated Supply Pastor for the period beginning September 9, 2023 through December 31, 2024. [eVote 9/28/23, CTC 10/5/23]

AMENDED Georgetown/Tate - COM amended the approval to: Approved the half time contract between the session of Georgetown Presbyterian Church and Rev. Jessica Tate under the condition that they move from 8 to 12 weeks paid family medical leave. [CTC 11/2/23]

Immanuel/Horn– Approved the contract between Rev. Emma Horn and the Session of Immanuel Presbyterian Church for the position of Stated Supply Associate Pastor for Children and Youth Ministry effective November 15, 2023 through November 14, 2024. [eVote 11/1/23, CTC 11/2/23]

Northminster/Morse - Approved the contract between Rev. Dr. Sterling Morse and the Session of Northminster Presbyterian Church, for the position of Stated Supply Pastor and is effective September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024. [eVote 10/10/23, CTC 11/2/23]

Patuxent/D'Orazio - Approved the Terms of Call Form A between Patuxent Presbyterian Church and Candidate Robbie D'Orazio effective November 13, 2023. [eVote 9/28/23, CTC 10/5/23]

Patuxent/D'Orazio - Approved the Final Terms of Call Form B between the congregation of Patuxent Presbyterian Church and Candidate Robbie D'Orazio beginning November 27, 2023. [eVote 10/23/23, 11/2/23]

Providence/Baker - Approved the Final Terms of Call Form B between Providence Presbyterian Church and Rev. Matt Baker to serve as Pastor/Head of Staff as approved at the congregational meeting on September 17, 2023. [eVote 9/18/23, CC 9/26/23]

Redeemer/Morse – Approved the contract between Rev. Dr. Sterling Morse and the Session of Redeemer Presbyterian Church, for the position of Stated Supply Pastor and is effective September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024. [eVote 10/10/23, CTC 11/2/23]

APNC/PNCs

Burke - Approved the election of an APNC at Burke Presbyterian Church when requested. [CTC 11/2/23]

Dismissals

Fincher - Dismissed the Rev. Michelle Fincher to the Presbytery of Denver, effective August 19, 2023, at their request. [CC 9/26/23]

Garris – Dismissed the Rev. Benjamin Garris to the Presbytery of East Tennessee at their request, effective May 15, 2023. [CC 9/26/23]

Poole - Dismissed the Rev. Charles Allan Poole to the Presbytery of New Hope, effective July 11, 2023, at their request. [CC 9/26/23]

Smith - Dismissed the Rev. Maggie Taylor Smith to the Presbytery of Donegal, effective August 14, 2023, at their request. [CC 9/26/23]

Dissolutions

Oaklands/Hodges - Approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Rev. LeAnn Hodges Oaklands Presbyterian Church and Rev. LeAnn Hodges effective June 25, 2023. Moved, seconded, and approved. [CC 09/26/23]

Knox/Hale - Approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Knox Presbyterian Church and Rev. William Hale effective July 1, 2023. [CC 09/26/23]

COM Motions

Granted Patuxent Presbyterian Church a waiver from the EEO/AA Policy so they can their next pastor. [CC 09/26/23]

Granted Ebenezer permission to call a part-time Designated Associate Pastor; and granted the Session of Ebenezer PC permission to constitute themselves as a Designated Associate Pastor Nominating Committee for the purpose of calling a specific identified person to an installed pastor position at the church. [CTC 11/2/23]

Approved to end the medical leave, effective immediately, and permit a pastor to resume work. [eVote 10/6/23, CC 10/17/23]

Authorized the co-chairs of COM, the Stated Clerk, and the General Presbyter to consult with a pastor about LeaderWise's recommendations, and to offer proposals for the presbytery's support in their implementation as needed. [eVote 10/6/23, CC 10/17/23]

TRANSITIONS

to Labor Outside Our Bounds

GRANT PERMISSION to the Rev. Y. Eunice Yang, to labor within the bounds of Cherokee Presbytery, subject to their approval, for a period of one year, beginning November 6, 2023. [CC 10/17/23]

GRANT PERMISSION to the Rev. Matthew Hackworth to labor within the bounds of the Presbytery of St. Andrew, for a period of one year, beginning October 17, 2023. [CC 10/17/23]

to Honorably Retired

Staebler - Approved to move Rev. Jo Ann Staebler from a member at large to honorably retired on September 18, 2023. [E-vote 9/14/2023, CC 9/26/23]