

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
REPORT to Presbytery
May 21, 2024

Exams

Allman, Robert – Sustained the preliminary examination of Rev. Robert Allman on May 8, 2023 and COM Coordinating Commission approved the three recommendations of the Exam Team for Rev. Robert Allman [Preliminary Exam 5/8/23, CC 05/16/23]:

1. Referred Rev. Robert Allman to the Committee on Preparation for Ministry for the administration of the standard psychological examination.
2. Advised the Committee on Preparation for Ministry of your recommendation that the ordination exams be waived, subject to the required approval by a 2/3 vote of the presbytery.
3. Further advised the Committee on Preparation for Ministry of the need to verify Rev. Allman's successful completion of a course in PCUSA polity before approving his final assessment.

Allman, Robert – Coordinating Commission **recommended** on behalf of the Commission on Ministry that the Rev. Robert Allman, a minister holding membership in the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), be granted an exemption from the ordination examinations, in accordance with Book of Order G-2.0505(a)2, so that he may be received as a PCUSA minister, and a member of National Capital Presbytery laboring in a validated ministry; and

received Rev. Robert Allman as a minister member of NCP, contingent upon (1) the approval of his examination for membership, (2) the approval of the exemption by the presbytery, and (3) validation of his ministry by the COM. [CC 4/16/24]

Cadwallader, JC – Sustained the examination of Rev. JC Cadwallader on February 26, 2024 and recommend she be received as a minister member of National Capital Presbytery. [Exam 2/26/24, eVote 2/27/24, CC 3/21/24]

Harasty, Shelby – COM approved CTC's request to grant an exception for the Rev. Shelby Harasty to the requirement that NCP ministers seeking a new installed position in the presbytery be re-examined, if they were received more than 10 years ago. [eVote 2/13/24, CC 3/21/24]

Lee, Sung – Sustained the examination of Rev. Sung Lee on March 5, 2024 and recommend he be received as a minister member of National Capital Presbytery pending validation of his specialized ministry. [Exam 3/5/24, eVote 3/6/24, CC 3/21/24]

Lundeen, Allison Jones – Sustained the examination of Rev. Dr. Allison Jones Lundeen on May 1, 2024 and recommend she be received as an at large minister member of National Capital Presbytery. [Exam 5/1/24, eVote 5/1/24, CC 5/14/24]

CRE Nichols, Katherine - If the way be clear, COM sustained the examination of Katherine Nichols and recommend that she be received as a Commissioned Ruling Elder of National Capital Presbytery to serve Trinity Presbyterian Church, Arlington. [Exam 5/7/24, eVote 5/10/24, CC 5/14/24]

Phillips, Paul – Sustained the examination of Rev. Paul Phillips on April 3, 2024 and recommend he be received as a minister member of National Capital Presbytery. [Exam 4/3/24, eVote 4/12/24, CC 4/16/24]

Rathje, Kenneth – Sustained the examination of Candidate Kenneth Rathje on March 20, 2024 and recommend he be received as a minister member of National Capital Presbytery pending ordination.

The Exam Team further recommends the COM assign a mentor to Mr. Rathje as he begins his service. [Exam 3/20/24, eVote 3/21/24, CC 4/16/24, Ordained April 28, 2024]

Walker, Elizabeth - Sustained the examination of Rev. Elizabeth Walker on April 16, 2024 and recommend she be received as a member eligible to receive a call and serve our congregations.[Exam 4/16/24, eVote 4/17/24, CC 5/14/24]

Contracts/Terms of Call

Adelphi/Fields – Approved the Transitional Pastor contract between the session of Adelphi Presbyterian Church and Rev. Jeri Fields dated October 1, 2023 and is renewable every 6 months with consent of the pastor, session and presbytery. [eVote 2/27/24, CC 3/21/24]

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 2/16/24, CC 3/21/24]

Calvary/Rathje (approved after revision) - This eVote is to approve the part time stated supply contract between the session of Calvary Presbyterian Church and Certified Ready to Receive a Call Candidate, Kenneth Rathje, effective April 1, 2024 for one year pending examination and ordination. [eVote 2/29/24, CC 3/21/24]

Christian Community - Approved the creation of a part-time Stated Supply Associate Pastor for Young Adults & Mission position at Christian Community Presbyterian Church. [eVote 4/29/24, CC 5/14/24]

Christian Community/Thompson, Keith – Approved the part-time stated supply associate pastor for young adults & mission contract between the session of Christian Community Presbyterian Church and Rev. Keith Thompson effective April 28, 2024 through December 31, 2024. [eVote 4/29/24, CC 5/14/24]

Clarendon/Tewell, Alice - Approved the contract between Rev. Alice Tewell and the Session of the Clarendon Presbyterian Church, for the position of supply pastor effective January 1, 2024 through December 21, 2025. (Two year contract) [eVote 2/7/24, CC 3/21/24]

Immanuel/Moorhead – Approved the Stated Supply Associate Pastor contract between Rev. Blair Moorhead and the session of Immanuel Presbyterian Church effective May 1, 2024 and ending April 30, 2025. [in meeting vote 3/7/24, CC 3/21/24]

National/Larsen, Lisa - Approved the contract between Rev. Lisa Larsen and the session of National Presbyterian Church, for the position of Stated Supply Associate Pastor for Care, effective February 27, 2024 through February 26, 2025. [eVote 2/12/24, CC 3/21/24]

Northeastern/Greiner – Approved the contract between Rev. Mark Greiner and the session of Northeastern Presbyterian Church, for the position of Transformative Stated Supply Pastor, effective January 2, 2024 and ending January 1, 2025. [eVote 2/23/24, CC 3/21/24]

OPMH/Sledge, James - Approved the "First Amendment" to the existing contract between Rev. James Sledge and the session of Old Presbyterian Meeting House, for the position of Transitional Pastor and Head of Staff for the term of the Agreement is hereby extended to a date (the “Expiration Date”) not later than the earlier of the new installed pastor’s start date or May 15, 2024.[eVote 2/12/24, CC 3/21/24]

OPMH/Wood, Shelly - Approved the proposed Terms of Call Form A between Old Presbyterian Meeting House and Rev. Dr. Shelly Wood to serve as Pastor- Head of Staff effective April 22, 2024. [eVote 2/12/24, CC 3/21/24]

Poolesville/Williams, David - Approved the part-time stated supply covenant between the session of Poolesville Presbyterian Church and Rev. David Williams effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.[eVote 4/26/24, CTC 5/2/24, CC 5/14/24]

Trinity Arlington/Nichols – Approved the CRE agreement between CRE candidate Katherine Nichols and Trinity Prebyterian Church, Arlington. [CTC 5/2/24, CC 5/14/24]

United Parish of Bowie/Wilson - Approved the contract between Rev. Caroline Wilson and the Parish Board of the United Parish of Bowie, for the position of Interim Pastor and is effective January 15, 2024 through January 14, 2025. [eVote 2/21/24, CC 3/21/24]

Appointment of the following moderators:

Rev. Brian McCollum (Presbytery of the Coastlands), for the special meeting of the congregation of Sargent Memorial Presbyterian Church, on April 2, 2024. [CC 5/14/24]

Rev. Tara Spuhler-McCabe, for the special meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, on June 9, 2024. [CC 5/14/24]

Rev. Eric Forsyth, as the moderator of the session of Taiwanese Presbyterian Church, effective June 3. (The pastor, Rev. Chien-Di Hung, is retiring.) [CC 5/14/24]

Rev. Carla Gorrell, as the moderator of the session of Church of the Covenant on May 11, 2024. [CC 5/14/24]

PNCs

Western – Approved the congregation’s designation of the Session as the PNC. [CC 3/21/24]

Validated Ministry

Allman, Robert – Validated the ministry of Rev. Robert Allman as a US Army Chaplain. [TEC eVote 4/8/24, CC 5/14/24]

Lee, Sung – Validated the ministry of Rev. Sung Lee as the Assistant to the Director of the New Wilmington Mission Conference. [TEC eVote 03/14/24, CC 3/21/24]

Dissolutions

Church of the Covenant/ Glenn Zuber – Approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Rev. Glenn Zuber and the Church of the Covenant effective April 28, 2024. [CTC 5/2/24, CC 5/14/24]

COM Motions

Riverside/Clark, Brian - Dissolved the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Brian Clark and Riverside Presbyterian Church, contingent upon the concurrence of the congregation, and to authorize the COM co-chairs, the General Presbyter, and the Stated Clerk to develop a modified Covenant of Closure suitable for the requirements of his new ministry position with NCP. [CC 4/16/24]

Riverside/Clark, Brian – Approved the Covenant of Closure between Rev. Brian Clark and Riverside Presbyterian Church as amended. [CTC 5/2/24, CC 5/14/24]

Ministry Crisis Fund – MRT approved a grant request to be drawn from the Ministry Crisis Fund in the amount of \$2,823.85. [MRT 3/21/24, CC 3/21/24]

Ministry Crisis Fund – MRT approved a grant request to be drawn from the Ministry Crisis Fund in the amount of \$4,041.91. [MRT 5/9/24, CC 5/14/24]

COM budget request - MRT approved a request from Rev. Henry Briton and the colleague group in the amount of \$500.00. [MRT 5/9/24, CC 5/14/24]

NY Avenue/Pacheco, Rachel – COM approved to recommend that the presbytery grant an exception to allow Rev. Rachel Pacheco, who is currently serving as a stated supply pastor at NY Avenue, to be eligible to be called and installed as pastor. [CTC 5/2/24, CC 5/14/24]

TRANSITIONS

to Retired

Anderson, Alice – Approved the status of Rev. Alice Anderson to retired effective June 1, 2024. [CC 5/14/24]

Ensign – Approved the status of Rev. Davis Ensign to retired effective April 30, 2024 [TEC eVote 3/14/24, CC 3/21/24]

Kenkeremath – Approved the status of Rev. Lisa Kenkeremath to retired effective February 1, 2024 [TEC eVote 3/14/24, CC 3/21/24]

Erickson – Approved the status of Rev. Rob Erickson to retired effective July 31, 2024. [TEC eVote 4/8/24, CC 5/14/24]

Morgan – Approved the status of Rev. Neill Morgan to retired effective April 1, 2024 [TEC eVote 4/10/24, CC 4/16/24]

Parker – Approved the status of Rev. Michael Parker to retired effective March 2, 2022 [TEC eVote 4/10/24, CC 4/16/24]

Sledge – Approved the status of Rev. James Sledge to retired effective May 1, 2024 [TEC eVote 3/18/24, CC 3/21/24]

Schacht – Approved the status of Rev. Amy Ruth Schacht to retired effective May 31, 2024 [TEC eVote 4/10/24, CC 4/16/24]

Wurst – Approved the status of Rev. Richard Wurst to retired effective March 27, 2024 [TEC eVote 3/14/24, CC 3/21/24]

to other Presbyteries

Hankins – Approved the request from Rev. Ron Hankins to transfer membership to the Presbytery of Baltimore [CC 5/14/24]

Parish Associate

Bethesda/Jackson – Approved the Parish Associate relationship between Rev. J. Patrick Jackson and Bethesda Presbyterian Church. [MRT eVote 3/14/24, CC 3/21/24]

Vienna/Lee, Sung – Approved the Parish Associate relationship between Rev. Sung Lee and Vienna Presbyterian Church. [MRT eVote 3/14/24, CC 3/21/24]

Mt. Vernon/Fauntleroy – Approved the Parish Associate relationship between Rev. Whitney Fauntleroy and Mt. Vernon Presbyterian Church [TEC 4/10/24, CC 4/16/24]

National/Stoltzfus – Approved the Parish Associate relationship between Rev. Kerry Stoltzfus and National Presbyterian Church. [MRT eVote 3/18/24, CC 3/21/24]

National/Fox – Approved the Parish Associate relationship between Rev. Nancy Fox and National Presbyterian Church. [MRT eVote 3/18/24, CC 3/21/24]

Sabbatical Requests

Grace Springfield/Trawick – Approved the sabbatical request by Rev. Ben Trawick [CC 5/14/24]

2023 Specialized and At Large Annual Reports Received

Van Gorder, Charles

Yang, Y. Eunice

2024 Housing Allowance Requests Approved:

Yang, Y. Eunice - \$12,000