

## **Presbytery of Missouri River Valley**

### **DIGEST OF ACTIONS: 2018**

Compiled by Stated Clerk Patricia Shipley from Presbytery minutes

*Date in parentheses cites minutes of meeting*

#### **I. Teaching Elder Members Added to the Roll**

- A. Rev. James Goodenberger received from Homestead Presbytery. (5/8)
- B. Rev. Matthew Johnstone received from Boston Presbytery as Member-at-Large. (10/25)

#### **II. Teaching Elder Members Removed from the Roll**

- A. Rev. Nancy Profit dismissed to Des Moines Presbytery. (2/10)
- B. Rev. Geoffrey Brown dismissed to Northwest Coast Presbytery. (5/8)
- C. Rev. Lynda Dinsdale (HR) dismissed to Grace Presbytery. (8/17)
- D. Rev. Derek Richman dismissed to Presbytery of the Cascades. (8/17)
- E. Rev. Sara Dingman dismissed to Whitewater Valley Presbytery. (10/25)
- F. Rev. William Alan Jones dismissed to another denomination. (10/25)
- G. Rev. Gale Prentice reported deceased. (10/25)

#### **III. Other Actions with Respect to Inquirers, Candidates, and Teaching Elder Members**

- A. Approved dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Rev. Deena Candler and West Hills Church to accept the interim pastoral relationship with West Hills Church effective December 31, 2017. (2/10)
- B. Approved temporary pastoral relationship (interim pastor) between Rev. Deena Candler and West Hills Church effective January 1-December 31, 2018. (2/10)
- C. Approved retirement of Rev. Portia Iverson effective November 1, 2017. (2/10)
- D. Approved the renewal of the temporary pastoral relationship (interim pastor) between Rev. Sunjin Park and the Korean Presbyterian Church through December 31, 2018. (2/10)
- E. Approved Carolyn Grice as Candidate for Ministry of Word and Sacrament under the care of CPM and PMRV. (2/10)
- F. Approved temporary pastoral relationship between Rev. Gary Eller and Gethsemane, Council Bluffs, March 1-December 31, 2018. (5/8)
- G. Renewed the temporary pastoral relationship between Rev. Dwight Williams and New Life, Omaha through January 1-December 31, 2018. (5/8)
- H. Renewed temporary pastoral relationship between Marcia Cline, CLP and Trinity Presbyterian, Clarinda, January 1-December 31, 2018. (5/8)
- I. Renewed temporary pastoral relationship between Rev. Nancy Ross-Hullinger and Bethany, Council Bluffs, January 1-December 31, 2018. (5/8)
- J. Renewed the temporary pastoral relationship between Rev. Suzanne Gorhau and Oakland Sharon/Carson, January 1-December 31, 2018. (5/8)
- K. Approved temporary pastoral relationship between Robert Sieck, CLP and Avoca United Church, January 1-December 31, 2018. (5/8)
- L. Approved temporary pastoral relationship between Rev. Portia Iverson and Hamburg United Church, Hamburg, January 1-December 31, 2018. (5/8)
- M. Renewed temporary pastoral relationship between Rev. Jim Crapson and College Springs Presbyterian, January 1-December 31, 2018. (5/8)

- N. Renewed temporary pastoral relationship between Rev. Lynda Dinsdale (HR) and Presbyterian Church of the Cross, January 1-December 31, 2018. (5/8)
- O. Approved the Rev. Dr. Richard Meyer (HR) serve Westminster, Omaha as Bridge Pastor from May 1-September 23, 2018. (5/8)
- P. Appointed Rev. Mary Newbern-Williams as Session Moderator at Westminster/Omaha for March and April 2018. (5/8)
- Q. Approved Installation Commission for Lori Robinson, Faith/LaVista comprised of Rev. Sarah Dickinson, Rev. Sally Carlson, Rev. Portia Iverson, Elder Joe Sheda, Elder Pat Tooles, PMRV Moderator. Installation to be held at Faith/LaVista on March 18, 2018. (5/8)
- R. Approved Installation Commission for Matt Coplen, First Presbyterian Church, Plattsmouth, NE comprised of Sarah Dickinson, Mary Newbern Williams, Bill McConnell, Elder Marlene Wehrbein, Elder Pat Tooles, Elder Pat Shipley. Installation to be held June 24, 2018. (8/17)
- S. Approved Michael Geller as Candidate for Ministry under care of CPM and PMRV. (8/17)
- T. Approved Temporary Pastoral Relationship (interim pastor) between Rev. Jim Goodenberger and United Faith, Sidney, IA, July 1-December 31, 2018. (10/25)
- U. Approved retirement of Rev. James Goodenberger effective Nov. 1, 2018. (10/25)
- V. Appointed Rev. Sally Carlson, Moderator for Westminster, Omaha Session beginning October 1, 2018-December 31, 2018. (10/25)
- W. Approved Installation Commission for Rev. Sunjin park at Korean Presbyterian Church, Omaha comprised of Elder Pat Tooles, Rev. Becky A.B. Balestri, Elder Georgia Bulger, Elder Bonnie Brown, Elder Mike O'Bradovich, Rev. David Matsumura, Rev. Richard Sleyster, Elder Rudy Wang, Rev. Chang Whan Park, and Rev. Paul Williams to be held October 28, 2018. (10/25)

#### IV. Actions with Respect to Congregations

- A. Authorized the sale of the Essex Manse located in Page County, Iowa described as follows: Lot 788; and Parcel A of Lot 787 and easement for ingress and egress (all as more fully shown in amended Plat of Survey) dated October 27, 2017. Purchase price shall be \$41,500, to Timothy Hall. Closing shall occur approximately 90 days after approval of offer by Church congregation and approval of Presbytery in accordance with church rules and regulations. (2/10)
- B. Approved the Final Report of Glendale Commission: Gratitude was extended to Pastor Bob Sieck, CRE who served the Glendale congregation, Greg Carlson, Moderator and Pam Otto, Vice Moderator. The Commission was officially dissolved with thanks. (2/10)
- C. Approved redress imbalance of representation between teaching elder members and ruling elder members and commissioners by requesting the following sessions to commission two ruling elders to presbytery, rather than one: Church of the Cross, Church of the Master, Dundee, First Omaha, Hope, West Hills. (5/8)
- D. Board of Pension notified that West Hills Church, Omaha abolished the position of associate pastor. (5/8)
- E. Approved request that Sudanese Fellowship establish a relationship with Discovery Presbyterian, Omaha as a worship location. (8/17)
- F. Approved request of Presbyterian Church of the Cross to form an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. (8/17)
- G. Approved recommendation of Korean Presbyterian Church, Omaha Administrative Commission: a. that Rev. Sunjin Park be called as full-time pastor for KPCO; b. upon

approval of the terms of call and installation, the Administrative Commission was dissolved and discharged of further duties. (8/17)

- H. Approved request of West Hills Church to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee. (10/25)
- I. Approved Minimum Presbytery Compensation for 2019 (10/25)
- J. Approved Carson/Oakland/Sharon (Riverside Parish) Ministry Information Form.
- K. In accordance with G-3.0301(c), approved transfer of Ken, Lynne, Connor, and Nathan Eckley, members of the dissolved Glendale congregation, to Bethany Presbyterian Church, Council Bluffs.

#### V. Policy Decisions

- A. Approved a revision of Manual of Administrative Operations. (5/8)
- B. Approved creating a policy to provide Boundaries Training every other year. Completion will be tracked by COM to insure compliance by all Ministers of Word and Sacrament and CLPs who actively labor within the bounds of PMRV. (8/17)
- C. Approved policy addition for Boundaries and Child protection: Any pastor in active ministry, including contract ministry after retirement, needs to have both boundaries workshop and child protection training every two years. (10/25)
- D. Adopted a budget for 2019 (10/25)

#### VI. Other

- A. Concurrence with the following Overtures to the 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly:
  - Overture 006 Directing the Board of Pensions and The Presbyterian Church(USA) Foundation to Divest from Fossil Fuel and Actively Invest in Securities that Focus on Renewable Energy—Presbytery of Hudson River
  - Overture 010 Responding to the Current Syrian Crisis—From Presbytery of the Cascades
  - Overture 013—Calling for an Immediate Moratorium on All Executions—From Presbytery of Greater Atlanta
  - Overture 014—Engagement with the Issue of Climate Change—From the Presbytery of New Covenant
  - Overture 020—Opposition to Congressional and State Anti-BDS Legislation—From Synod of the Covenant
  - Overture 018—Calling for appointment of a team to review the current per capita based system of funding the ministry of Councils higher than the Session—From Presbytery of Newton. (2/10)
- B. Elected the following as readers for ordination examinations: the Rev. Dan Graham (HR) and Ruling Elder Pam Otto, and elected the Rev. Mary Newbern-Williams as alternate reader. (8/17)
- C. Other elections to office in the Presbytery were made at the August 17 and October 25 meetings.