

**Presbytery of Missouri River Valley**  
**COMMISSION ON MINISTRY**  
**Report to Presbytery: August 14, 2021**

*The Commission took the following actions on behalf of the Presbytery at meetings held on August 24, September 28, and October 26, 2021.*

**A-1.** Approved Temporary Pastoral Relationship between Rev. Ed Steinmetz and Gethsemane Presbyterian Church, Council Bluffs, Iowa beginning September 1, 2021-December 31, 2021. Terms: part-time position consisting of 12-15 hours/week. Cash salary--\$2,800; Housing \$7,200; Effective Salary \$10,000. Travel at \$.56/mile; Preach 4 Sundays/month; do pastoral calling, officiate at weddings and funerals as requested; moderate Session and congregational meetings; work with boards and committees to assist in carrying out their duties; train newly elected in ordered ministry, perform other administrative duties as requested by the Session; teach and/or provide resources for Confirmation Class. Paid vacation leave of four weeks annually (including Sundays). Paid continuing education leave of two weeks annually (including Sundays).

**A-2.** Approved Pastoral Call between Michael Geiler and Hope Presbyterian Church, Omaha, Nebraska beginning August 23, 2021. Terms: Full-time pastor. Cash Salary \$57,000; Housing and/or utility allowance \$8,000; Effective Salary \$65,000. Full medical, pension, disability and death benefits coverage (\$24,050); family dental (\$1400); Supplemental life Insurance, individual and spouse (\$300). Cell phone allowance, \$900. Travel expense at \$.56/mile up to \$1,500/year; Continuing Education reimbursement \$1,500/year, Professional Expenses \$500/year. Paid vacation leave of four weeks annually, which includes four Sundays. Paid continuing education leave of two weeks annually, which includes two Sundays (cumulative up to six weeks. Ministers of Word and Sacrament and Commissioned Lay Pastors who participate in a professional development event offered by the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation shall receive the time and registration cost of one (1) event above and beyond the Minimum Terms for Professional Development. Those Teaching Elders, however, who elect not to participate in an OPSF event shall not receive additional time and funds.

**A-3.** Approved the Administrative Commission for Ordination/Installation of Michael Geiler: Rev. Suzanne Gorhau, Rev. Andy Hamer, Rev. Marshall Zieman, Elder Beth Anderson, West Hills Church, and Elder Brian Claus, Hope Presbyterian Church.

**A-4.** Approved Ordination/Installation to be held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, September 26, 2021, Hope Presbyterian Church, Omaha.

**A-5.** Approved Faith Presbyterian Church, LaVista, Nebraska MIF for posting on Clergy Leadership Connection.

**A-6.** Approved Pastor/CLP Minimum Compensation for 2022.

**A-7.** Approved Michael Geiler for membership in Presbytery Missouri River Valley if called to an installed position in the Presbytery.

**A-8.** Approved Rev. David Matsumura as Moderator of Mt. View Presbyterian Church/Omaha.

**A-9.** Approved dismissal of Rev. Samuel Sunwook Park to Presbytery of Northeast New Jersey.

**A-10.** Approved Rev. Janice Desterhaft for membership in PMRV should the way be clear and issued a call within the Presbytery.

**A-11.** Approved dissemination of Pastor installation anniversaries commemorating years ending in zero and five would be twice monthly email notification.

**A-12.** Approved Rev. Greg Carlson as Moderator of Underwood Hills Presbyterian, Omaha, congregational meeting on October 10, 2021 and until the new minister is in place.

**A-13.** Approved dismissal of Rev. Sara Tonje to Homestead Presbytery pending her request.

**A-14.** Appointed Rev. Gary Eller as a mentor for Rev. Michael Geiler.

**A-15.** Approved Temporary Pastoral Relationship between Rev. Paul Williams and Anderson Grove Presbyterian Church. Terms: Part-time: 15 hours/week. Cash Salary designated as Housing Allowance; \$34,800. Professional Development Allowance (per year accumulating to 3 years) \$1,242. Travel at IRS recommended rate (\$.56/mile) \$2000. Professional Development Leave 2 weeks per year. Vacation: 6 weeks per year to be taken in increments of 4 consecutive weeks or less. Vacation requests for more than 4 consecutive weeks will be considered by session on a case-by-case basis. The agreement may be terminated by either party upon 60 days written notice. This agreement may be extended in one-to-12-month periods, upon written notice to, and approval of the Presbytery. It is understood that the pastor will participate in any training/discussions sponsored and/or requested by the Presbytery and will participate in an exit interview conducted by Presbytery.

**A-16.** Approved the Terms of Call between Rev. Janice Desterhaft and Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church commencing on or about November 21, 2021 pending receipt of the Call Form. Terms: Full-time. Effective Salary \$50,000. Full Board of Pensions. \$750 Professional Expenses. \$1000 Continuing Education (backup with receipts). 2 weeks study leave, 4 weeks' vacation leave. Moving expenses from Carlsbad, New Mexico to Omaha.

**A-17.** Approved the dismissal of Rev. Jay Won Yu to New Covenant Presbytery.

**A-18.** Authorized Presbyterian Church of the Master Session to create an interim pastor search Mission Information Form.

**A-19.** Authorized Rev. Paul Masters as moderator for the Session of Missouri Valley Presbyterian Church.