

Presbytery of Missouri River Valley

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY Report to Presbytery

For November 3, 2022 Stated Meeting

The Commission took the following actions on behalf of the Presbytery at meetings held on August 23 and September 27, and October 25, 2022:

- A-1.** Approved Temporary Pastoral Relationship between Rev. Dr. Gary Eller and Presbyterian Church of the Master, Omaha, NE beginning August 1, 2022-December 31, 2022. Terms: Full-time. Cash salary--\$11,250; Housing Allowance--\$20,000; Effective Salary \$31,250. Full pension benefit at 12% or \$3,750 benefit coverage. SECA offset \$2,500. Travel at IRS rate/mile up to \$833. Continuing Education \$625. Professional allowance \$625. Paid vacation leave of four weeks (including Sunday). Paid continuing education leave of two weeks annually (including Sundays). \$500.00 estimated moving expenses.
- A-2.** Approved Temporary Pastoral Relationship between Rev. Martha Slocombe and Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, NE beginning September 8, 2022-December 31, 2022. Terms: Part-time (20 hrs/week). Preaching 3 or 4 Sundays per month. Cash salary--\$15,032; Housing Allowance--\$6,800; Effective Salary \$21,832. Full medical, pension, disability, and death benefit coverage or \$3,082 cost. Travel at IRS rate/mile. Paid vacation leave of four weeks (including Sunday). Paid continuing education leave of two weeks annually (including Sundays). Vacation will be prorated.
- A-3.** Approved Rev. Mary Ann Calta as Moderator for Mount View Presbyterian Church, Omaha.
- A-4.** Approved Rev. Scott Christiansen, retired RCA pastor, for Pulpit Supply as needed in the Presbytery.
- A-5.** Approved Neola Presbyterian Church expenditure of \$1300 for an in-person consultation.
- A-6.** Approved Rev. Jon Sloan as Moderator for Peace Presbyterian Church, Elkhorn, NE.
- A-7.** Approved PMRV Minimum Terms of Call for 2023.
- A-8.** Approved installation of Rev. Becky Balestri as full-time minister at Faith Presbyterian Church, LaVista, NE. Installation will be held on Sunday, November 13, 2022 at 4 p.m. Members of the Installation Commission are Rev Marshall Zieman, Commissioned Pastor Marcia Cline, Moderator of Presbytery, Rev. Dwight Williams, Elder Lynda Shafer, Faith Presbyterian, LaVista, NE, and Rev. Martha Slocombe.
- A-9.** Approved the request of Peace Presbyterian Church to elect and form a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).
- A-10.** Approved Temporary Pastoral Relationship between Rev. Nancy Ross-Hullinger and Gethsemane Presbyterian Church, Council Bluffs beginning November 1-December 31, 2022. Terms: Part-time (12-15 hours/week). Preaching 3 or 4 Sundays per month. Cash salary--\$5000; Effective Salary \$5500. Travel at IRS rate/mile.
- A-11.** Received a final report regarding the dissolution of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Omaha, NE. The report will be transmitted and shared with Presbytery at its Stated Meeting on Thursday, November 3, 2022. Individuals working with Westminster Presbyterian Church Omaha through the process were Rev. Sally Carlson, COM Moderator, Rev. Dwight Williams, COM Care Team member, Rev. Gregg Miller, Stewardship of Resources Chair, Rev. Portia Iverson, Moderator of Session, and Elder Michael O'Bradovich, PMRV attorney. All business necessary for completion of the denominational dissolution of Westminster Presbyterian Church and corporate dissolution in Nebraska will be completed shortly after January 1, 2023. COM expressed appreciation on behalf of Presbytery of Missouri River Valley to the Session, Officers, and members of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Omaha, and those who assisted them for their faithful work to fulfill the ministry of Westminster Presbyterian Church and its missions in Omaha for 135 years.
- A-12.** Approved Rev. Michael Harvey as Moderator of Session if the way be clear.