

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

**JANUARY 12, 2008**

### **I. ACTION ITEMS**

**MOTION:** To recommend that Muskingum Valley Presbytery commission Elder Timothy D. Thomas as Lay Pastor for Warsaw Church and authorize him to perform all the functions of G-14.0801c.

**MOTION:** To recommend that Muskingum Valley Presbytery commission Elder Catherine Joyce Peck as Lay Pastor for Barlow Church and authorize her to perform all the functions of G-14.0801c.

### **II. INFORMATION**

#### **A. Pastors, Terms of Call, AAEEEO**

#### **B. Stated, Temporary Supplies / Parish Associates**

**MOTION:** To approve the temporary pastoral relationship between the Rev. David Krankovich and Carrollton United and Scroggsfield, effective November 15, 2007. Approved 11/13 A contract will follow.

**MOTION:** To approved the covenant for temporary pastoral between Elder Anthony Lorenz and Fredericksburg at 60% time, effective July 1, 2007 for a time frame of two to six months at the following terms: salary \$18,120; housing \$3,360 and utilities \$1,320 (provided with a house in Fredericksburg); mileage at 48.5% per mile, including one round trip home per week. Approved 12/11

**MOTION:** To approve the covenant of stated supply between the Rev. Ellen Thomas and Duncan Falls and New Concord Westminster Churches, effective January 1, 2008, through December 31, 2008. Service will be for 85% of full time, each church providing equally the following terms: salary \$12,530; housing and utilities \$4,104; social security \$1,175; pension \$5000 (approximate); continuing ed. \$263 (vouchered) and two weeks; vacation four weeks; auto (vouchered) \$1445. Approved 12/11

#### **C. Interim Pastors**

#### **D. Dissolution of Pastoral Relationships, Resignations**

**MOTION:** To approve the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Rev. David Krankovich and Fresno Church, effective November 15, 2007. The congregational meeting was held November 11, 2007, to approve his request. Approved 11/13

### **E. Credentials**

**MOTION:** To transfer the credentials of the Rev. K. Dean Myers to the Presbytery of Maumee Valley upon the request of that presbytery. He has been hired as Interim Pastor at Firelands Presbyterian Church in Port Clinton, Ohio. Approved 11/13

**MOTION:** To enroll the Rev. Leah Mason Hauser, who was ordained at Bellville Church October 21, 2007, as a member of Presbytery and to transfer her credentials to Minnesota Valleys Presbytery, so she may assume a call as Associate Pastor of Fergus Federated Church in Fergus Falls, MN. Approved 12/11

### **F. Installation / Ordination Commissions**

**MOTION:** To approve an Administrative Commission to install the Rev. Matthew Skolnik as pastor of North Canton Northminster on December 2, 2007, at 4 p.m. at the church. The Commission will consist of ministers: Debbie Rundlett, Darrell Holmes, and Bill Sadler, moderator; elders: Scot Dowell, Northminster; and Jim Van Etten, Reedurban. Approved 11/13.

**MOTION:** To approve the Administration Commission to install the Rev. Susan Ellen Skinner as pastor of Zanesville Brighton on Sunday, January 13, 2008, at 3:00 p.m. The Commission consists of ministers: Deborah Rundlett, Diana Circelli, and Bob Millspaugh; and elders Sally Goins, Zanesville Brighton; and Bill Johnson, Cambridge First, moderator. Approved 12/11

### **G. Student Pastors, Commissioned Lay Pastors**

**MOTION:** To approve Joyce Peck as CLP for Barlow with the request that she transfer her membership to Barlow Church and work with a coach to be appointed by Area 4. The terms include: salary \$10,000; housing and utilities \$5,200; auto (vouchered) \$2,500; continuing ed. (vouchered) \$300 and two weeks, vacation four weeks; retirement 12%. Approved 12/11

### **H. Specialized Ministries**

**MOTION:** To validate the ministry of Sue Dickson as Associate Professor of Practical Ministry at Ashland University. Approved 12/11

### **I. Moderators and Mentors**

**MOTION:** To approve the Rev. Robert Millspaugh as moderator of Cambridge Unity. Approved 12/11

### **J. Pastor Nominating Committees / Church Information Forms**

**MOTION:** To approve the Church Information Form for Cambridge Unity. Apvd 11/13

## **K. Miscellaneous**

**MOTION:** To approve a \$300 scholarship from the Superlite Fund for Tim Thomas to attend Healthy Congregations and scholarships of \$200 each from the same fund for the attendance of Donna Robertson and Merlin Wentworth. An additional \$100 for each will come from the COM account, since there is a \$500 limit per person per year, which has been met. Approved 11/13

**MOTION:** To concur with the request of Warsaw First to opt out of the vacant pulpit dues from the Board of Pensions on the grounds that they are not searching for a full time installed pastor, but instead are using the services of a lay supply pastor, who will be commissioned as a part time Lay Pastor at the January 12, 2008, Presbytery meeting. Session took action on November 28, 2007, asking that this be retroactive to October 15, 2007, the date the termination with the former installed pastor became effective. Approved 12/11

Session Visits Subcommittee Chair Joan Brode shared a written report about her visit with Area 3 in view of the fact that there are no Session Visits members in Area 3. The COM members are assuming the responsibility of visiting each of their churches. (Clerk's comment: Might this serve as a model for other areas to follow? Some churches claim they have never had a triennial visit, yet it is doubtful that they have not been visited by their COM contact in some way. If COM contacts have not visited their respective churches, at least to meet the session, are they fulfilling their duties?)

