

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

OCTOBER 20, 2007

I. ACTION ITEMS

MOTION: To grant the status of Honorably Retired to James Collier, effective December 31, 2007.

MOTION: To grant the status of Honorably Retired to William J. Yoder, effective December 31, 2007.

MOTION: To grant the status of Honorably Retired to Virginia Rila Birks, effective December 31, 2007.

MOTION: To grant the status of Honorably Retired to Robert Hauser, effective January 27, 2008.

MOTION: To recommend that the minimum terms of call for 2008 be an across-the-board increase of 3% for cost of living for a total of \$53,482. The breakdown is \$39,140 for salary and housing; \$11,458 Board of Pensions; \$2266 for auto; and \$618 continuing ed.

II. INFORMATION

A. Pastors, Terms of Call, AAEEEO

MOTION: To approve the call of Matthew Skolnik as Pastor of North Canton Northminster at the following terms: salary \$25,000; housing \$19,000; Board of Pensions \$12,734; and the following voucherable expenses: auto \$2,500; professional \$500; medical insurance \$280, study leave \$1200 and two weeks; electronic communications and Company of Pastors \$1220; and four weeks vacation. Starting date is October 21, 2007. Approved 9/11 The congregation elected him on August 26, he was examined for ordination by Washington Presbytery on September 11 and ordained by his Presbytery of care October 14. AAEEEO terms were fulfilled.

MOTION: To approve the call of Susan Ellen Skinner as Pastor of Zanesville Brighton, which occurred September 9 and is effective November 1, 2007, at the following terms: salary \$22,000; housing and utilities \$16,000; pension \$11,125; auto \$2,200; continuing ed. \$600 and two weeks, which may accumulate to six weeks and \$1800; professional \$250; vacation four weeks. Approved 10/9 The congregation elected her September 9 and she will be ordained by Shenandoah Presbytery, her Presbytery of care November 4.

B. Stated, Temporary Supplies / Parish Associates

MOTION: To approve the contract between the Rev. Lawrence Jack and East Union and Norwich Churches at the following terms: salary \$1,200; housing \$12,000;

continuing ed. \$225 (vouchered) and two weeks; auto (vouchered) \$3,725; vacation 4 weeks. Service will be seventeen hours a week at 42% full time with each church receiving 50% of the time. Approved 9/11

MOTION: To extend the service of the Rev. Robert Millspaugh as Parish Associate at Coshocton from September 1, 2007, to September 1, 2008. Approved 9/11

C. Interim Pastors

D. Dissolution of Pastoral Relationships, Resignations

MOTION: To dissolve the pastoral relationship between Wallace Wilson and Cambridge Unity, effective October 31, 2007. The congregational meeting was held October 7. Approved 10/9

MOTION: To dissolve the pastoral relationship between James Collier and Wooster First due to his retirement, effective December 31, 2007. The congregational meeting to approve this action was held September 23, 2007. Approved 10/9

E. Credentials

MOTION: To transfer Wallace Wilson to the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley. He has been hired as Interim Pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Portland, Indiana, effective October 16, 2007. Approved 10/9

MOTION: That Allen Brown, a layman who assists at Canton Westminster, not be approved for the Carroll County churches which he was seeking to serve. Apprd 9/11

F. Installation / Ordination Commissions

MOTION: To approve the Administrative Commission to install Ryan Hale as pastor of Carrollton First on Sunday, October 7, at 4:00 p.m. The Commission consists of ministers: Moderator Bill Sadler, Doug Patton, John Lane; and elders: Stanton Thomas, New Harrisburg; Tom Allmon, Hanoverton; Maggie Sadler, Canton Calvary. Approved 9/11

MOTION: To approve an Administrative Commission to ordain Leah Mason Hauser as Minister of Word and Sacrament, which will occur October 21, 2007 at Bellville Church at 3 p.m. The Commission will consist of ministers: Bob Hauser and Bill Sadler, Moderator; and elders: Maggie Sadler, Canton Calvary; Gloria Yarger, Bellville; and Donna Robertson, Rittman Milton. Leah's uncle, the Rev. Dr. Bruce Levine, Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery is a corresponding member. Approved 10/9 She has received a call as Associate Pastor at Federated Church in Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

G. Student Pastors, Commissioned Lay Pastors

H. Specialized Ministries

I. Moderators and Mentors

J. Pastor Nominating Committees / Church Information Forms

MOTION: To concur with Mansfield First's decision to eliminate the position of Associate Pastor, effective September 1, 2007. Approved 9/11

MOTION: To approve the dissolution of the Woodview Presbyterian Parish, effective October 15, 2007. The Parish was made up of Warsaw and Fresno Presbyterian Churches. Approved 9/11

MOTION: To concur with Cambridge Unity's request to go the route of Designated Pastor. Approved 10/9

K. Miscellaneous

MOTION: To grant David Binau \$300 from the Superlite Fund to attend a CLP workshop at Montreat. Approved 10/9

MOTION: To reimburse Elders Donna Robertson, Merlin Wentworth, and Barbara Morgan, who attended the National Elders Conference in August at \$500 each, money to come from Superlite. Approved 10/9

Session Visits: Donna Robertson with her team has visited the following sessions and submitted written reports: Orrville First, Loudonville First, Hopewell, Savannah, and Perrysville First. Area 3 COM members have been conducting their own visits. All but two churches in that area have been visited.

The August meeting of the Committee on Ministry was an all-day training session for the full COM. The Rev. Emlyn Ott of Trinity Lutheran Seminary and Healthy Congregations explained the role that families of origin play in the lives of our churches and ministers.

The November COM meeting will be a quarterly training for the entire COM on the various benefits programs the Board of Pensions administers. The presenter will be the Rev. Steven Fleming, an Education Specialist with the Board.

Augusta Stillfork will celebrate its 175th anniversary November 11.

Lexington Presbyterian Church celebrated its 175th anniversary October 7, 2007.

