

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY  
REPORT TO THE PRESBYTERY OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE  
OCTOBER 19, 2021**

**INFORMATION**

1. The Committee on Ministry accepted with regret the resignation of Steve Musick and Nolan Huizenga.

**ADMIT TO RECORD**

1. The COM elected Elder Debra Van DerVeer as Vice Chair.
2. The COM appointed Leslie Traylor as the liaison for Spring Creek, Lebanon.
3. The COM added Warner Durnell, Teddy Chuquimia, and Joseph Cejka to the pulpit supply list.
4. Rev. Lindsey Groves dissolution as campus minister of UKIRK Nashville was effective September 15, 2021. Rev. Groves' status was changed to member-at-large.
5. Rev. David Eisenmenger was appointed Moderator at Buffalo Valley Presbyterian Church.
6. The COM approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Rev. Joel Kelly and Calvary Presbyterian Church of Big Lick in Crossville, effective 8/31/2021, with severance through 9/30/2021. Rev. Kelly's status was changed to member-at-large. Rev. Erin Howton-Angel was appointed Moderator of the session.
7. Rev. Chris Adams was approved as part time installed pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Spring Hill. The COM also approved the following terms of call: annual salary \$17,227; Board of Pensions, \$14,500; mileage, up to \$2,000 paid at \$0.54 per mile; 6 weeks of vacation, including Sundays and study leave; one Sunday off a month, and 20 hours per week, not to exceed 29 hours per week.
8. The COM approved the dissolution of the associate pastoral relationship between Rev. Nolan Huizenga and Second Presbyterian, Nashville, effective 8/31/2021. Rev. Huizenga's status was changed to member-at-large effective 9/1/2021.
9. The COM approved the temporary pastoral relationship between Rev. Mark David Calvert-Rosenberger, a member of the United Church of Christ, and First Presbyterian Church, Springfield.
10. The COM approved the temporary associate pastor supply contract between Second Presbyterian, Nashville, and the Rev. Mike Wilson. The terms of the contract, effective 10/1/2021 through 9/30/2022, include annual salary and housing, \$65,069; Board of Pensions and insurance, \$6,506; Social Security supplement, \$4,978; mileage and development, \$1,000; continuing education, \$2,000; 4 weeks of vacation; and 2 weeks paid study leave.
11. The COM approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Rev. Beth McCaw and the New Worshipping Community (Telos), pending congregational approval, effective 10/3/2021. The COM approved her call as the installed pastor at Southminster Presbyterian, Nashville, pending congregational approval, effective 10/4/2021. The COM approved the terms of call between Rev. McCaw and Southminster Presbyterian as follows: salary, \$28,770; housing, \$30,000; professional expenses, \$2,600; SECA supplement, \$4,496; 4 weeks of vacation; and 2 weeks of paid study leave. The commission to install will be provided at the Presbytery meeting.
12. The COM received a report on Central Presbyterian Church, Culleoka. The membership has dwindled, and the contract with Rev. Dwight Liles, the supply pastor, was terminated June 30. The COM will recommend that an Administrative Commission be established to close the church.
13. The COM received a report on New Hope Presbyterian Church, Franklin. The COM will recommend an Administrative Commission be established to close the church.

14. The COM examined Aaron Stauffer, a candidate under care of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee. Dr. Stauffer's ministry as the Louisville Institute Post-Doctoral Fellow at Vanderbilt Divinity School was validated, and the COM approved his ordination, pending his successful examination at the Presbytery meeting.
15. The COM approved the following commission to install for Rev. Scott Huie as designated pastor at Bellevue Presbyterian Church, Nashville: Sunday, October 17, 2021, 10:30AM; Ministers - Bill Bryant (Honorably Retired); Warner Durnell (Honorably Retired); Fred Page (Member-at-Large); Ray Thomas (Co-Executive Presbyter); Elders – Beth Derrick (Bellevue); Robin Thomas (Co-Executive Presbyter); Elizabeth Todd (Emmanuel); David Wood (First Nashville).
16. The COM approved a motion that temporary supply means no more than two times per quarter for temporary pulpit supply, and any request that exceeds this must be approved by the Committee on Ministry, at the sole discretion of the Committee on Ministry.
17. The COM examined Rev. Walt Tennyson, a member of the Presbytery of the Mid-South, and approved his transfer to the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, and validated his ministry as a chaplain at Alive Hospice and CPE student at St. Thomas Hospital. A copy of Rev. Tennyson's statement of faith and autobiographical statement is attached.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. The COM recommends approval of the attached charge and membership for an administrative commission for Central Presbyterian Church, Culleoka.
2. The COM recommends approval of the attached charge and membership for an administrative commission for New Hope Presbyterian Church, Franklin.
3. The COM recommends that Dr. Aaron Stauffer, a candidate under care of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, be examined for ordination. The COM approved the validation of Dr. Stauffer's ministry as the Louisville Institute Post-Doctoral Fellow at Vanderbilt Divinity School. A copy of Dr. Stauffer's statement of faith and autobiographical statement is attached.