

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY – PART II
REPORT TO THE PRESBYTERY OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE
MAY 19, 2022**

INFORMATION

- The COM meets on the second Tuesday of each month. The COM is currently meeting via Zoom.
- The COM receives monthly reports from the Co-Executive Presbyters and the Stated Clerk.
- The COM held a retreat on February 12, 2022. Items discussed included consensus decisions versus Robert's Rules of Order; continuity of membership on COM; alternative methods of conflict resolution; continuing relationships with pastors and churches.
- The Pastoral Care Team is planning several events for pastors in the upcoming year, including an Advent workshop led by Donovan Drake, scheduled for October, and a workshop for women pastors, scheduled for August.
- Debra Van Derveer led the COM in a workshop on listening styles.

ADMIT TO RECORD

4. COM members Erin Angel, Beth McCaw, John Smith, Leslie Traylor, and Debra Van Derveer are to attend the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center mediation training.
5. The COM has appointed a task force composed of Amy Busse Stoker, Sally Hughes, Beth McCaw, and John Smith to plan a boundary / sexual misconduct training.
6. Gary Kelly and Frank Wade will co-chair the Pastoral Care Team.
7. The COM approved the Ministry Information Form for First Presbyterian Church, Columbia.
8. The COM approved the discernment process for East Brentwood Presbyterian Church.
9. The COM received a report from the New Hope Administrative Commission. There will be a celebration of the ministry of the church on April 24, 2022, 4 PM.
10. The COM reports that the following persons are in training to become commissioned pastors: Scott Hanna (First, Lynnville); Rick Robinson (Milldale, Springfield) and Beau Carr (Christ, Alpine). Laura Purtle (First Spring Hill) has completed training, and is scheduled for commissioning to service.
11. The COM was informed that Sally Ann McKinsey Sisk will end her service as Tenn. Tech UKIRK Campus Minister effective May 15, 2022. Rev. McKinsey Sisk has accepted a call to serve as editor of Call to Worship, effective May 14, 2022.
12. The COM placed Evelyn Graham on the pulpit supply list and the approved interim list.
13. The COM approved the following persons to serve as session moderators as indicated:
 - a. Walt Tennyson – Buffalo Valley
 - b. Jeannie Hunter – Oak Grove
 - c. Bill Patterson – Northminster
 - d. Michael Davis – First Gallatin

14. The COM approved the change of call between Heidi Hudnut-Beumler and Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville, from designated associate pastor to associate pastor.
15. The COM approved the renewal of the commission of Anne Keener at First Presbyterian Church, Franklin, for the following terms: Salary \$51,000, \$5,000 toward retirement plan, four weeks vacation, two weeks continuing education.
16. The COM approved the validation of the ministry of Meredith Cox as chaplain at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.
17. The COM approved Warner Durnell to serve as temporary pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Tullahoma, while pastor Stephen Yates is on sabbatical, May 1st, 2022 through July 1st, 2022. This arrangement and terms were approved prior to pandemic, and was updated to the current dates.
18. The COM examined Rev. Tim Dunn, a minister member of the Presbytery of Cherokee, who serves Antioch Partners, an organization that encourages those in business that the marketplace is the mission field. The COM approved the reception of Rev. Dunn as a member of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, and validated his ministry with Antioch Partners.
19. The COM examined Rev. Cindy Stahler, a minister member of the United Church of Christ, and approved the contract of Rev. Stahler to serve as part time temporary supply (25 hours / week) at Calvary Presbyterian Church, Crossville, effective March 9, 2022 – March 9, 2023. Erin Angel will continue as session moderator and will serve as Rev. Stahler's mentor.
20. The COM approved the renewal of the designated pastor contract between Jule Nyhuis and Hillwood Presbyterian Church, Nashville, for the period 6/11/2022 through 12/31/2024.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The COM examined Claire Harris Kramer, a candidate under care of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, who is serving as a counselor at the Nashville Collaborative Counseling Center. The COM validated this ministry and recommends that Claire Harris Kramer be examined for ordination by the Presbytery. A copy of her statement of faith and biographical statement is attached.
2. The COM examined Laura Purtle, an elder at First Presbyterian Church, Spring Hill, who has completed the commissioned pastor training at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. The COM recommends that Ms. Purtle be commissioned to service at First Presbyterian Church, Spring Hill, with the following responsibilities: administer the Lord's Supper; administer the sacrament of Baptism; moderate the session when invited by the session moderator; perform a service of Christian marriage when invited by the session or other responsible committee; have a voice and vote at Presbytery meetings (counted as a ruling elder for parity). Chris Adams will serve as mentor.