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Commission on Ministry Report to Presbytery

Presbytery of Northeast New Jersey

September 16, 2023

A. Actions Taken by the Transitions Team (Convener Joan Davis)

June 1, 2023 Meeting

Central Presbyterian Church, Montclair APPROVED the Mission Study

APPROVED a motion to permit the congregation to elect a PNC

First Presbyterian Church – Carlstadt APPROVED the Discernment Report

APPROVED to permit the congregation to elect a PNC.

First Presbyterian Church – Wallington APPROVED the covenant relationship with Debbie Gargiulo to serve as a Certified Lay Pastor with permission to perform the sacraments and moderate the Session.

September 7, 2023 Meeting

Memorial West Presbyterian Church Approved Valencia Norman as Moderator

South Presbyterian Church Approved the Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP)

South Presbyterian Church Approved to extend the interim contract for Rev. Osy Nüesch at the current terms through November 2023.

United Presbyterian Church in Paterson Approved the updated Mission Study and gave permission for their PNC to conduct a designated search with one pastor.

Westfield Presbyterian Church Approved a request from Sara Benedetti, that her call as Associate Pastor be dissolved.

B. Actions taken by the Administrative Team

June 1, 2023 Meeting (Convener Rev. Michael Capron)

Approved the ministry of Rev. Joseph Yoon at a non-PCUSA church.

September 7, 2023 Meeting (Rev. Shelley Gardner, Convener)

Property Transfer Task Force has asked the Administrative Team of COM to review, comment, and consider recommending to Presbytery their work on a “Community Ministry and Mission Assessment.”

Approved The Administrative Team of the COM recommends the adoption of the assessment tool with Presbytery approval. The Team would like for this assessment tool to come before the Presbytery, if appropriate, at the September 16th meeting.

Approved: **Recommendation** that the presbytery raises the minimum compensation for pastors, effective salary, 3% for 2024. Rational: Consumer Price Index currently 3.2% and Cost of Living Calculation (COLA) is expected to be announced in October at 3%.

C. Actions Taken by the Membership Team (Convener Rev. Susan Friedl)

June 1, 2023

Willow Grove Presbyterian Church Approved to receive KPCA Rev. Se Hyuk Park into PNENJ temporary membership to serve as Interim Pastor t. Rev. Park was referred to CPM to complete PCUSA ordination requirements, if the way be clear. Rev. Park is not allowed to moderate Session or serve communion in his role as Interim Pastor.

September 7, 2023

Prospect Presbyterian Church, Maplewood Approved to receive Rev. Jessica Dixon-Ebner into PNENJ membership to serve as Interim Pastor at. The Terms of Call were unanimously approved by consensus and also referred back to the search committee with the request for transfer of the Interim Pastor Covenant Agreement onto the existing PNENJ document.

Approved to grant Rev. Osy Neusch the status Honorably Retired following the completion of his covenant extension at South Church, Bergenfield, with gratitude for his service.

D. General

There was no regular meeting of COM in August, due to the specially called Presbytery meeting.

June 1, 2023 Meeting

The COM APPROVED the Administrative Commission to ordain Michelle Wildritch on June 11th at 4:00 PM

The Commission includes:

RE Doris Peterson

RE Ruth Arriaza
RE Kirk Woodward
RE Elizabeth Lorenzo
TE Deborah Huggins
TE Jeremy Campbell
TE Jennis Lee Salach
TE Sarai Mendez

The COM next meeting is Thursday, October 5, 2023, 7:00 p.m.