

Whitewater Valley Presbytery Assembly May 1, 2019

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Statement of Faith

I believe in the living triune God, God the Creator, God the Christ, and God the Holy Spirit. The three in one, relational within God's-self, manifesting all power, love, and beauty; drawing each one of us to be in relationship with God's very self.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the sustainer of all that exists, binding life and death, providing wisdom and light to every corner of the human condition, advocating for a communal experience where we all come as one to share good news to the ends of the earth while reminding us that we are not alone, but the triune God is always *with* us and *for* us.

I believe in God Creator of every living and non-living subject in the universe - the same today, yesterday, and tomorrow who resides with authority beyond time and space. The only one who transforms void into beauty, who brings light into darkness, and who manifests God's self in the things seen and unseen.

I believe in God's only son begotten from eternity, our Lord Jesus Christ who was conceived by the Holy Spirit in accord with God Creator of all things through the Virgin Mary. Jesus Christ walked among us as fully human and fully God, indivisible in nature, who performed miracles defying the impossible and proclaiming a universal abounding love at the expense of his own life. He was not bounded by "proper" religious practices; but rather reestablished what it means to serve others in ministry - to be with the people regardless of who they are or what they have or where they are. He was *with* the people and *for* the people.

For our sake, Jesus Christ was rejected, beaten, and crucified under those who did not believe him. Upon crucifixion, he died and descended into hell to set the captive free for all eternity from the dominion of sin. After three days of darkness and pain, he resurrected, bringing forth life eternal to whoever believes that he is the way towards a better future, the truth that changes the present, and the spark of life that abides within every one of us. I believe in a God that does not abandon God's own child, but a Parent who suffers with their very child. I believe in Jesus Christ, the One who suffered *for* us and suffers *with* us; he meets us in our pains and joys along with God and the Holy Spirit. I believe in the resurrection of every living thing; everything that the Creator has made with so much detail, creativity, and love will be once again united with God. I believe in a God of justice whose ultimate judgement for us is an abundant grace.

I believe in the power of Baptism as a symbol of belonging and as an introduction to a life that can never be too far from God's grace. I believe in water that heals our wounds and restores our pains; water that sets the captive free; water that nurtures the earth with blessings and sustenance. I believe in the power of the Table where the Lord Jesus Christ had his last meal with his friends breaking bread and sharing wine together, the Table that represents the most sublime sacrifice of love, the Table where we encounter the Other face to face offering nothing but love and grace.

I believe in the perfectly unperfected institution that is the Church, a place where all are welcome and treated equally and with respect despite color, race, gender, legal status, or economic situation; the place where we are called to be one with each other serving the world. I believe in the Word of God, which comes to us through the Scriptures, through Preaching and story-telling, and through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Scriptures are inspired by God and remain relevant throughout time and space since they provide us with revelations about God and about what God requires of us. The Word of God brings hope; it gives me hope when the days are darker than usual, when there is no consolation, when the unknown brings me fear and doubts. It reminds me that as far the east is from the west; God's love for each one of us remains unmoved, unchanged, but always finding us where we are in every time and in every place.

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Consent Agenda - Reported Actions of the Commission on Ministry,

January 30, 2019 Commission on Ministry APPROVED actions related to ministers and congregations	
Ewing, Rev. Lyle, Bluffton-First Designated Pastor	Effective March 3, 2019 for a period of five years Salary \$37,543 Housing \$19,457 Full BOP \$21,090 Prof. Development \$2,000 Books/Journals \$2,000 Vacation five weeks to include five Sundays Prof. Dev Leave two weeks to include two Sundays
Olson, Rev. Kim, Indianapolis-First Meridian Heights Pastor/Head of Staff	Effective February 18, 2019 Salary \$30,800 Housing \$30,000 Deferred Income \$1,200 Full BOP \$22,940 Business Expenses \$1,200 Books/Journals \$250 Taxable Soc Sec offset \$4,743 Vacation 5 weeks to include 5 Sundays Prof Development \$1,500 Prof Dev Leave 2 weeks to include 2 Sundays
Smith, Rev. Pat, Muncie-First Interim Pastor Contract Renewal	Effective January 1, 2019 for a period of one year Salary & Housing \$87,822 Full BOP \$38,762 Auto Allowance all business vouchers @ IRS rate Prof Devel \$1,500 Social Security Offset \$6,718 Other cell phone expenses Vacation five weeks to include two Sundays Study Leave one week
Steible, Rev. Greg, Rushville-First	Request to labor out of bounds for wedding March 30, 2019 - Fort Worth TX
February 27, 2019 Commission on Ministry APPROVED actions related to ministers and congregations	
SMITH, Rod CRE New Castle-First Revised Contract Terms	Effective January 1-Dec. 31, 2019 Salary \$29,400 Housing/Utilities \$22,200 BOP Pension Medical \$19,092 Auto Allowance \$2,808 /(vouchered @ IRS rate) Prof. Dev. Allow \$1,500 Other \$3,947.50 SECA allowance 7.65% of Salary & Housing Vacation One month including Sundays Study Leave Two weeks including Sundays – may use study leave and vacation to continue teaching for YWAM and other such organizations
OLSON, Rev. Kim Indianapolis-First Meridian Heights Approve Installation Commission and grant the moderator permission to dismiss the commission following the service	March 24, 2019 4:00 p.m. Moderator Ruling Elder Sandra Reid Ruling Elders Bruce White, Indianapolis-First Mer Heights Ginny Sheets Avon-White-Lick Ministers Rev. Gretchen Schneider Rev. Daren Hofmann Ecumenical Rep Pastor Willie Sparks, Harvest Christian Fellowship Other Participant/Corresponding Member Rev. Gray Marshall, Scioto Valley Presbytery

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<p>Jepsen, Rev. Kelley Indianapolis-Second Lake Fellow Validated Ministry <i>It was she had been granted permission to begin service on the field at the beginning of their term in August of 2018.</i></p>	<p>membership and validated ministry with her term of service as a Lake Fellow effective August 20, 2018 through August 14, 2020</p>
<p>Hernandez, Mr. (Ibhar) Jasiel Indianapolis-Second Lake Fellow Validated Ministry <i>It was she had been granted permission to begin service on the field at the beginning of their term in August of 2018.</i></p>	<p>membership and validated ministry with his term of service as a Lake Fellow effective August 20, 2018 through August 14, 2020 and pending a sustained ordination examination by the Presbytery Assembly May 1, 2019 and a service of ordination with the date to be determined</p>
<p>March 27, 2019 Commission on Ministry APPROVED actions related to ministers and congregations</p>	
<p>Espiritu, Rev. Rex – Winchester-First Temp. Supply Contract</p>	<p>January 1, 2019 Effective period of one year Salary \$32,067.75 (30 hours) Housing \$6,000 Pension \$14,085.07 Auto Allow \$2,800 (vouchered at IRS rate) Prof Devel \$1,500 HRA \$1,650 Vacation four weeks to include four Sundays Study Leave two weeks to include two Sundays</p>
<p>Johnson, Rev. Kate Ester, Resource Chaplain IU Health East Central at Ball State Memorial, Muncie</p>	<p>membership and validated ministry</p>
<p>Lane, Rev. William, Associate Pastor Fort Wayne-First</p>	<p>dissolution and terms of severance agreement effective February 28, 2019</p>
<p>Noland, Rev. Ann – Greenfield-First Stated Supply Contract renewal</p>	<p>Effective Jan. 1, 2019- Dec. 31, 2019 – 19 hours per week Salary/Housing \$24,700 Prof. Dev \$1,500 Automobile Mileage \$2,800 vouchered IRS rate Vacation Four weeks to include four Sundays Study Leave Two weeks to include two Sundays</p>

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SESSION RECORDS REVIEW 2018
for inclusion with Consent Agenda

The Session Records Review Committee met with clerks of Whitewater Valley Presbytery for the purpose of reviewing 2018 minutes and records and new Clerk of Session Training. If you have questions about the report, please contact Stated Clerk Kristy Quinn.

We express gratitude to our host churches:

- March 23 Greenwood- Greenwood Presbyterian Church
- March 30 Rushville-First
- April 3 Indianapolis-Tabernacle
- April 13 Fort Wayne-Trinity

CHURCH	Approved or Other
1. Anderson-First	Pending
2. Avon-White Lick	approved
3. Bluffton-Frist	approved
4. Boggstown-PC	approved
5. Brookville-Mt. Carmel	approved
6. Clayton-PC	approved
7. Connersville-First	approved
8. Edinburgh-PC	approved
9. Elwood-First	Pending
10. Fishers-New Hope	approved
11. Fort-Wayne First	approved
12. Fort Wayne-Grace	approved
13. Fort Wayne-Trinity	approved
14. Fort Wayne-United Faith	approved
15. Franklin-First	approved
16. Greenfield-First	approved
17. Greensburg-First	approved
18. Greensburg-Kingston	approved
19. Greensburg-Springhill	approved
20. Greenwood-PC	approved
21. Hartford City-First	approved
22. Indianapolis-Fairview	pending
23. Indianapolis-Faith	approved
24. Indianapolis-First Meridian Heights	approved
25. Indianapolis-Immanuel	Pending
26. Indianapolis-Irvington	approved
27. Indianapolis-John Knox	approved
28. Indianapolis-Korean	Pending
29. Indianapolis-Northminster	approved
30. Indianapolis-Orchard Park	Pending
31. Indianapolis-Saint Andrew	pending
32. Indianapolis-Second	approved

CHURCH	Approved or Other
33. Indianapolis-Southminster	approved
34. Indianapolis Tabernacle	approved
35. Indianapolis-Witherspoon	approved
36. Jonesboro-First PC Grant Cnty	approved
37. Knightstown-Bethel	approved
38. Lewisville-Ebenezer	approved
39. Lewisville-First	approved
40. Liberty-First	Pending
41. McCordsville-Christ	approved
42. Muncie-First	approved
43. Muncie-St. Andrew	approved
44. New-Castle First	approved
45. Noblesville-First	approved
46. Plainfield-Hope	<i>Pending</i>
47. Portland-First	approved
48. Richmond-First	approved
49. Richmond-Reid Memorial	review not required – AC dissolution
50. Rushville-First	approved
51. Rushville-Trinity	approved
52. Shelbyville-First	Pending
53. Tipton-First	Pending
54. Westfield-CrossRoads	approved
55. Winchester-First	Pending
56. Zionsville-Presbyterian Church	approved