

Whitewater Valley Presbytery Assembly – February 8, 2020

Consent Agenda - Reported Actions of the Commission on Ministry

<b>October 30, 2019 Commission on Ministry APPROVED actions related to ministers and congregations</b>	
Benham, Rev. Chelsea – Indianapolis-Irvington Associate Pastor	dissolution of relationship with congregation October 20; dismissal to Mid-Kentucky October 31, 2019
Hofmann, Rev. Daren – Avon White Lick	dissolution of relationship effective Nov. 17, 2019 (accepted position Muncie-First, previously reported)
Schneider, Rev. Gretchen – Indianapolis-St. Andrew	dissolution of relationship effective Oct. 31, 2019 (accepted position McCordsville-Christ, previously reported)
Johnston, Rev. Kirk	examined and received as member-at-large effective Oct 30, 2019
Wilson, Rev. Wally - Greensburg-First Interim	renewal of Interim Pastor Contract Effective Dec. 1, 2019 Salary \$25,000 Housing \$10,000 SECA Offset \$2,677.50 Commuting Offset \$6,082 Travel Reimburse Voucher \$1,960 Prof. Expense Reimburse \$250 Vacation five weeks to include five Sundays Study Leave two weeks to include two Sundays Prof. Dev. \$1,500 Books/Jrnl \$100
Zinn, Rev. Pete – Greenwood-Presbyterian Church	request to transition from Designated Pastor to installed pastor relationship Effective Feb. 1, 2020 Salary \$33,793 Housing \$16,644 Full Board of Pensions Auto Expenses vouchered \$2,500 Prof. Dev. Allow \$1,200 Books/Jrnl \$300 Medical Supp \$2,000 Prof Development two weeks to include two Sundays Vacation five weeks to include five Sundays
Validated Ministries approved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rev. Glenn McDonald</li> <li>• Rev, Debbie Mansell</li> </ul>	Validated Ministry for a period of one year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rev. Debbie Mansell, Director of Spiritual Care and Chaplain Services, IU Health West, Avon</li> <li>• Rev. Glenn McDonald, Director of Mission Integration, Ascension Health, Indianapolis</li> </ul>
Indianapolis-Witherspoon Session request	a waiver of the limitation on Terms of Service for the Session according to BOO G.2.0404
Beaver-Butler Presbytery request to concur with General Assembly overture to amend BOO G-3.0303(c)	recommendation to Presbytery Assembly, Feb. 8, 2020 to concur with this request
Boundary Training Event attendees Sponsored by the Synod of Lincoln Trails, led by LeaderWise, partnered with Wabash Valley and Ohio Valley presbyteries	September 19, 2019 @ Indiana-Bloomington First <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rev. Lyle Ewing, Bluffton-First</li> <li>• Rev. Michael Samson, Indianapolis-Orchard Park Associate</li> <li>• CRE Rod Smith, New Castle-First</li> </ul> September 20, 2019 @ Crawfordsville-First <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rev. Greg Steible, Rushville-First</li> <li>• Rev. Terry Epling, Fort Wayne Trinity</li> <li>• Rev. Karel Hanhart, Connersville-First Designated Pastor</li> <li>• Rev. Kate Johnston, Validated Ministry-Chaplain, Muncie</li> </ul>

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December 4, 2019 Retreat (combined Nov/Dec meetings) <b>Commission on Ministry APPROVED actions related to ministers and congregations.</b>																			
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Payne, Ms. Grace Hellweg Indianapolis-Second Lake Fellow Validated Ministry	<p>Ordination Commission – approved and grant ed Moderator permission to dismiss at conclusion of service</p> <p>January 5, 2020 2:30 p.m.</p> <p>Moderator Rev. Gretchen Schneider</p> <p>Ruling Elders Schadreck Kamwendo, Indianapolis Lisa Schnepf, Indianapolis-Southminster</p> <p>Ministers of Word and Sacrament Rev. Chris Henry, Rev. Winterbourne Harrison-Jones</p> <p>Ecumenical Representative Rev. Dan Devadan, United Methodist Church, Warren OH</p> <p>Other Participants Rev. Jay McKell, Heartland Presbytery, Pastor Emeritus Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church; Rev. Jeff Gibelius, Second Presbyterian Church, Heartland Presbyterian Church; Rev. Sara Hayden, PC(USA) 1001 New Worshiping Communities, Greater Atlanta Presbytery; Ruling Elder Shelly Raker, Second Presbyterian Church, Carlisle Presbytery</p>																		
Clayton-First and Plainfield-Hope United	the Covenant Agreement for Shared Pastoral Leadership																		

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**RECOMMENDATION FROM THE COMMISSION ON MINISTRY**  
**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT AN ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISSOLVING**  
**EBENEZER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, LEWISVILLE, INDIANA**

**INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND**

The Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, Lewisville, Indiana, its Session, and the congregation, have been in discernment and conversation for several months regarding the future of the congregation. The Session and congregational representatives have met with Commission on Ministry representatives, the Executive Presbyter, and consulted with the Stated Clerk during their discernment.

The congregation approved, during a special called congregational meeting December 15, 2019 an action to move forward with the dissolution. The Commission on Ministry concurred with the congregation's action January 29, 2020 and approved moving forward with the appointment of an Administrative Commission to dissolve the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, Lewisville, Indiana.

**AUTHORITY**

The responsibility and power to dissolve a congregation is granted to Presbytery by the Book of Order and G-4.0205 and to appoint an Administrative Commission by Presbytery Standing Rules (14 Commissions for Special Service).

The COM believes the procedural dissolution of a congregation is best accomplished through an Administrative Commission. In matters of dissolving a congregation, the attitude of the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley, from beginning to end, shall always be pastoral.

Therefore, the Commission on Ministry, in consultation with the Executive Presbyter, Stated Clerk, Moderator, and Vice Moderator of the Presbytery, recommends approval of the following resolution:

**RESOLVED:** For the purpose of dissolving the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, Lewisville, Indiana, the Whitewater Valley Presbytery appoints an Administrative Commission to act on Presbytery's behalf, effective February 8, 2020 with the following powers and functions for the purpose of dissolving the congregation in a timeframe required to complete the work:

- meet and consult with the Session to facilitate the work of the Commission;
- to arrange for the pastoral care of the members;
- to publicize the dissolution of the congregation;
- to ascertain the financial status and outstanding financial obligations of the congregation, secure the Session records and, as determined by the commission, secure the legal rights to all property (real or personal) held by or for the benefit of the congregation;
- to dispose of the moveable personal property of the congregation, secure the building and property, attend to matters of insurance, dispose of the building and grounds, or convey the building and grounds to the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley, Inc.;
- to recommend to the Presbytery the use of the assets of the congregation;
- to assure that a Service of Witness is conducted and to participate in that service and to determine the date of dissolution;
- to secure the assistance of other individuals as appropriate to assist with its work, and generally to do such things and take such actions in the name of and on behalf of Whitewater Valley Presbytery, as shall be reasonably necessary to accomplish the general purpose of this resolution;
- all other business and actions related to the dissolution of the congregation;
- at the conclusion of its work, a written report and actions of the Administrative Commission will be presented to the Presbytery Assembly and the Administrative Commission will be dismissed.

**MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION.**

- Ruling Elder Dan Riley, First Presbyterian Church, New Castle
- Ruling Elder Linda Rinker, Second Presbyterian of Indianapolis (Coordinating Council Commission member)
- Ruling Elder Bill Wheeler, Christ Presbyterian Church, McCordsville
- Teaching Elder Dena Vittorio, Honorably Retired (Board of Directors member)
- Teaching Elder Shelly Wood, Orchard Park Presbyterian of Carmel (Commission on Ministry member)

**FUNDING**

The funding related to the duties and functions of the Administrative Commission will be from the Presbytery's Corporate Funds.

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**INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND**

The First Presbyterian Church, Greenfield, Indiana, its Session, and the congregation, have been in discernment and conversation for several months regarding the future of the congregation. The Session and congregational representatives have met with Commission on Ministry representatives, the Executive Presbyter, and consulted with the Stated Clerk during their discernment.

The Session acted to recommend the dissolution of the congregation November 3, 2019 and, at a congregational meeting December 8, 2019 the congregation approved an action to move forward with the dissolution. The Commission on Ministry concurred with the congregation's action January 29, 2020 and approved moving forward with the appointment of an Administrative Commission to dissolve the First Presbyterian Church, Greenfield, Indiana.

**AUTHORITY**

The responsibility and power to dissolve a congregation is granted to Presbytery by the Book of Order and G-4.0205 and to appoint an Administrative Commission by Presbytery Standing Rules (14 Commissions for Special Service).

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Therefore, the Commission on Ministry, in consultation with the Executive Presbyter, Stated Clerk, Moderator, and Vice Moderator of the Presbytery, recommend approval of the following resolution:

**RESOLVED:** For the purpose of dissolving the First Presbyterian Church, Greenfield, Indiana, the Whitewater Valley Presbytery appoints an Administrative Commission to act on Presbytery's behalf, effective February 8, 2020 with the following powers and functions for the purpose of dissolving the congregation in a timeframe required to complete the work:

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