

# REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON MINISTRY TO PRESBYTERY

## November 29, 2022 Meeting

The committee met on November 29, 2022 at the presbytery center. A quorum was present.

### Part I - Items for Information

- 1. Positions Available** For the information of members of the Presbytery, the Commission lists the following positions within the Presbytery that are thought to be available.

Pastor	(PT) Bull Creek United Presbyterian Church, Tarentum
Pastor	(FT) Unity United Presbyterian Church, Plum
Pastor	(FT) Sewickley Presbyterian Church, Sewickley
Pastor	(PT) Southside Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh
Associate Pastor	(FT) Shadyside Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh
Interim Pastor	(FT) East Liberty Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh
Covenant Pastor	(PT) Heritage United Presbyterian Church, Franklin Park
Covenant Pastor	(FT) Shared-Mt. Hope PC & UPC Universal, Pittsburgh
Designated Pastor	(FT-share) Crafton United Presbyterian Church, Crafton
Temporary Pastor	(PT) Covenant Community Presbyterian Church, Greentree

### 2. Completion of Temporary/Interim/Covenant Contracts

The completion of the contract between **Rev. Kellie Weekly Mills** and Covenant Community Presbyterian Church effective October 31, 2022.

### 3. Parish Associate

The **Rev. Elizabeth Michael Ross** is serving as Parish Associate at Shadyside Presbyterian Church effective September 26, 2022.

### Items for Action

#### 1. Consent Motions

The Commission recommends that the following recommendations be adopted by consent: **#'s 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10**

#### \*2. Temporary/Covenant/Interim Pastors

The request of the Swissvale Presbyterian Church for the services of **Rev. Deb Warren** as Covenant Pastor effective November 1, 2022 for one year. (Swissvale and Second UP have signed a shared pastor agreement as Rev. Warren will continue to serve as installed pastor at Second UP. Rev. Warren will serve half time at each church and they will split her compensation equally).

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The request of the McKeesport Presbyterian Church for the renewal of the services of **Rev. Michael Stanton** as Covenant Pastor effective October 1, 2022 for one year.

The request of the Southminster Presbyterian Church for the renewal of the services of **Rev. Dr. Don Ewing** as Interim Pastor effective January 6, 2023 for one year.

**\*3 Letters of Reception**

The **Rev. Jason Freyer** from Washington Presbytery effective November 1, 2022.

**\*4. Letters of Dismissal**

The request of the **Rev. Dennis Molnar** to be dismissed to Beaver-Butler Presbytery, effective September 27, 2022.

**\*5. Letters of Dissolution**

The request of the **Rev. Dr. Donna Giver-Johnson** to be dissolve the call at Community Presbyterian Church of Ben Avon effective January 9, 2023.

**\*6. Members At-Large**

The request of the **Rev. Kellie Weekly Mills** to be enrolled as a member at large of Pittsburgh Presbytery effective October 31, 2022.

The request of the **Rev. Dr. Donna Giver-Johnson** to be enrolled as a member at large of Pittsburgh Presbytery effective January 9, 2023.

**\*7. Validated Ministry**

**Jane Larson's** position as Program and Enrollment Coordinator for the Doctor of Ministry program and the Center for Adaptive and Innovative Ministry (AIM) at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary will be considered a validated ministry.

**\*8. Commissioned Pastors**

The request of Valley Presbyterian Church for the renewal of the services of **Elder Nancy Stanny** as Commissioned Pastor for one-year effective January 1, 2023 and authorized to perform the following functions at Valley Presbyterian Church:

- Administer the Lord's Supper.
- Administer the Sacrament of Baptism.
- Moderate the session.
- Have a voice in meetings of the Presbytery
- Have a vote in meetings of the Presbytery (such vote to be counted as an elder commissioner for purposes of parity).

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- Perform a service of Christian marriage when invited by the session and permitted by state law.
- Perform a service of Christian burial when invited by the session.

The request of Hawthorne Avenue Presbyterian Church for the renewal of the services of **Elder Paul Nigra** as Commissioned Pastor for one-year effective January 1, 2023 and authorized to perform the following functions at Hawthorne Avenue Presbyterian Church:

- Administer the Lord's Supper.
- Administer the Sacrament of Baptism.
- Moderate the session.
- Have a voice in meetings of the Presbytery
- Have a vote in meetings of the Presbytery (such vote to be counted as an elder commissioner for purposes of parity).
- Perform a service of Christian marriage when invited by the session and permitted by state law.
- Perform a service of Christian burial when invited by the session.

**\*9. Administrative Commissions to Install**

The election of the following ministers and elders of Pittsburgh Presbytery to serve as an Administrative Commission to install the **Rev. Jason Freyer** as Pastor of Beulah Presbyterian Church on February 5, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. **The first named minister after the moderator to be clerk of the commission.** Moderator Elder Louise Schoppe or her designee to moderate. Ministers Ryan Pixton and Laura Bentley Nusser. Elders Phyllis Rinsma of Beulah United Presbyterian Church and Luke Walker of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

**\*10. Honorable Retirement**

The request of the **Rev. Dr. Craig Barnes** for honorable retirement effective January 1, 2023.

The request of the **Rev. Dr. Sheldon Sorge** for honorable retirement effective January 1, 2023.

<b>Those Who Have Entered the Church Triumphant</b>	
The Rev. Dr. Richard Szeremany	October 14, 2022
The Rev. Sarah Heppenstall	October 15, 2022
The Rev. Dr. Robert Downs	November 1, 2022
The Rev. Dr. James Donnell	November 28, 2022