

# REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON MINISTRY TO PRESBYTERY

## November 28, 2023 Meeting

The committee met on November 28, 2023. 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)	Community PC of Ben Avon, Pittsburgh
Interim Pastor (FT)	Presbyterian Church of Coraopolis, Coraopolis
Interim Pastor (FT)	The Riverdale Presbyterian Church, Moon Twp.
Associate Pastor (FT)	Westminster Presbyterian Church, Upper St. Clair
Covenant Pastor (PT) (16-18 hrs)	Amity Presbyterian Church, Dravosburg
Temporary Pastor (PT)	Universal United Presbyterian Church, Penn Hills

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

The completion of the contract between **Rev. Doug Gebhard** and Union Presbyterian Church, effective November 30, 2023.

The completion of the contract between Commissioned Pastor **Becky Boyer** and Southwood Psychiatric Facility, Bridgeville, effective November 20, 2023.

### Items for Action

#### 1. Consent Motions

The Commission recommends that the following recommendations be adopted by consent: **#'s 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11**

#### \*2. Moderators

The appointment of the **Rev. Ernest Gardner** as moderator of First Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh effective October 1, 2023.

The appointment of the **Rev. Dr. Jon Nelson** as moderator of Union Presbyterian Church, Robinson Twp. effective December 1, 2023.

The appointment of the **Rev. Dr. Larry Ruby** as moderator of The Presbyterian Church, Coraopolis effective December 7, 2023.

The appointment of the **Rev. Dr. Karen Claassen** as moderator of Concord Presbyterian Church effective January 1, 2024.

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The appointment of the **Rev. Jin Kyung Ko** as moderator of Crafton United Presbyterian Church effective October 15, 2023.

The appointment of the **Rev. Jason Freyer** as moderator of The Presbyterian Church of Plum Creek effective January 1, 2024.

The appointment of the **Rev. Dr. Steve Wilson** as moderator of Linway Presbyterian Church effective February 1, 2024.

The appointment of the **Rev. Peter Bower** as moderator of Baldwin United Presbyterian Church effective January 1, 2024.

The appointment of the **Rev. Doug Gebhard** as moderator of Open Door United Presbyterian Church effective December 1, 2023.

The appointment of the **Rev. Dr. Doug Marshall** as moderator of Southminster Presbyterian Church effective January 1, 2024.

### **\*3. Temporary/Covenant/Interim Pastors**

The request of the First Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh for the services of **Rev. Ernest Gardner** as Interim Pastor effective October 1, 2023 for one year.

The request of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church for the renewal of the services of **Rev. Kendra Buckwalter Smith** as Covenant Pastor effective September 1, 2023 for one year.

The request of the Baldwin Presbyterian Church for the services of **Rev. Dr. Peter Bower** as Temporary Pastor effective January 1, 2024 for one year.

The request of the Open Door Presbyterian Church for the services of **Rev. Doug Gebhard** as Interim Pastor effective December 1, 2023 for one year.

The request of the Bethany Presbyterian Church for the renewal of the services of **Rev. Ellen Dawson** as Covenant Associate Pastor effective January 1, 2024 for one year.

The request of the McKeesport Presbyterian Church for the renewal of the services of **Rev. Michael Stanton** as Covenant Pastor effective October 1, 2023 for one year.

The request of the Southminster Presbyterian Church for the services of **Rev. Dr. Douglas Marshall** as Interim Pastor effective January 1, 2024 for one year.

### **\*4. Letters of Reception**

**The Rev. Dr. Jon Nelson** from Beaver-Butler Presbytery effective December 1, 2023.

**The Rev. Ernest Gardner** from Charlotte Presbytery effective September 28, 2023.

**The Rev. Katherine Campbell** from Abingdon Presbytery effective June 25, 2023.

**The Rev. Dr. Doug Marshall** from Redstone Presbytery effective January 1, 2024.

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**\*5. Letters of Dissolution**

The request of the **Rev. Eric Dennis** to dissolve the call at Linway Presbyterian Church effective January 31, 2024.

The request of the **Rev. Karie Charlton** to dissolve the call at Third Presbyterian Church effective July 31, 2023.

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

The request of the **Rev. Karie Charlton** to be enrolled as a member at large of Pittsburgh Presbytery effective August 1, 2023.

**\*7. Enrollment in Temporary Membership**

**The Rev. Jin Kyung Ko**, member of The Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, effective October 15, 2023.

**\*8. Permission to Labor Within Bounds**

Request of the **Rev. Dr. Peter Bower**, a member of Kiskimenitas Presbytery, as Temporary Pastor at Baldwin United Presbyterian Church effective January 1, 2024.

**\*9. Calls**

The call of the Crafton United Presbyterian Church for the services of **Rev. Jin Kyung Ko** as Pastor effective October 15, 2023. Annual terms of call are Salary \$21,474.00 and Housing \$9,245.00; Social Security Offset \$2,526.00; Continuing Education \$2,000.00; Moving Expenses \$1,250.00; Professional Expenses \$550.00; 4 weeks of vacation and 2 weeks study leave. This is a full-time shared position with St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Crafton. Rev. Ko is participating in the ELCA benefits plan.

The call of the Union Presbyterian Church for the services of **Rev. Dr. Jon Nelson** as Pastor effective December 1, 2023. Annual terms of call are Salary \$46,000.00 and Housing \$34,000.00; Full Board of Pensions Pastor’s Participation Plan; Medical Deductible Reimbursement \$1,600.00, Social Security Offset \$6,120.00; Continuing Education \$2,000.00; Expense Allowance \$3,000.00; 5 weeks of vacation, including 4 Sundays and 2 weeks study leave, including 2 Sundays.

**EEO Reports**

Data	Women				Ethnic/Minorities				Disabled				TOT
	PIF	INT	POS	REF	PIF	INT	POS	REF	PIF	INT	POS	REF	
Crafton United	2	1	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Union	6	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	125

**PIF** – Number of Personal Information Forms received

**INT** – Number interviewed

**REF** – Number refused position

**POS** – Number offered position

**TOT**– All PIFs considered

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## **\*10. Commissioned Pastors**

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, 2024 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.

The request of Valley Presbyterian Church for the renewal of the services of **Elder Nancy Kay Stanny** as Commissioned Pastor for one-year effective January 1, 2024 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).
- 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 Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church for the renewal of the services of **Elder Louise Schoppe** as Commissioned Pastor for one-year effective January 1, 2024 and authorized to perform the following functions at Ken Mawr United 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.

## **\*11. Retirement**

The request of the **Rev. Eric Dennis** for retirement effective January 31, 2024.

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