

Present: Rev. Jan Chandler, Moderator; Rev. Susan Presley, Elder Tim Beattie, Rev. David Jones, Elder Sandi Garber, and Elder Ron Barkby; Rev. Jim Camp; Elder Marion Pierson

Excused: Rev. Joel Stevenor

The Rev. Jan Chandler opened the meeting in prayer.

The committee met for our regular meeting on Friday March 2, 2018 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in DeKalb, IL at 10:00 AM.

- We opened our timing catching up and discussing the agenda for today.
- Rev. Jan Chandler opened our time with Frank Shepherd in prayer. We spent time introducing ourselves to Frank and then Frank introduced himself to us. As it was his annual consultation Frank updated the committee up on what has been transpiring over the last year with his work as a Student Pastor as well as his schooling at UDS. He is a second-year student pastor at a rural church in Cascade, IA as well as leading worship at an assisted care facility. These opportunities have given Frank the ability to try new things in leading worship and is helping him to learn time-management as he is also a full-time student at UDS with a family. After listening to his report and reading his pre-consultation report, the committee discussed what Frank needs to work on for further development in his journey to ordination. They are as follows: In the area of education, he is to take the Bible Content Exam in September; in the area of spiritual development, Frank needs to contact Beth or Susan at UDS regarding spiritual discipline; in the interpersonal area, Frank already meets with a ministerial group in the community where he serves as Student Pastor and we recommended that he continue to meet with them when-ever he can; in the area of personal growth, we urged him to move forward with planning worship and schoolwork, but we have also stressed that he pursue his psych evaluation; in his professional development, we encouraged him to keep pursuing worship changes and work in the church. The committee agreed to continue Frank's Inquirer status until he passes his Bible Content Exam and finishes his psych evaluation. Rev. Jan Chandler closed with prayer.
- Elder Ron Barkby opened our time with Alex Regets in prayer. We began with introductions and moved into the interview process as Alex expressed his wish to be enrolled an Inquirer. Alex is presently enrolled at Western Theological Seminary and is on track to graduate in May of 2019. He is serving as a student pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Peotone, IL. The committee asked about his sense of call into ministry and he shared that he has felt a strong pull into ministry. The committee discussed Alex's growth objectives and asked him to take his Bible Content Exam in September as well as to continue in his studies and to continue to move forward in this phase. It was moved by Jim Camp, seconded by David Jones and passed by the committee to approve Alex's application to become an Inquirer. Elder Ron Barkby was assigned as Alex's liaison and closed with prayer.
- Elder Marion Pierson opened our time with Jerald (JD) Buchenau with prayer. This meeting was JD's annual consultation with the committee. Introductions were made at the beginning, and JD updated the committee on his classwork and church activities as he continues to work toward completing the process towards becoming a CRE. JD continues to take his classes and has passed all the classes he has taken. The committee then discussed what JD needs to focus on until his next meeting with the committee. The committee has asked JD to contact a mentor, and if he cannot find someone to help him, Rev. Chandler will help him through the process, he was given the information to schedule his psych evaluation with LeaderWise, and to focus on his spiritual disciplines. The committee agreed that JD should continue to take his classes and focus on completing his classes with the goal of January 2019. JD volunteered to close the meeting with prayer and did an excellent job.

The next meeting of CPM is scheduled for Friday May 4, 2018, at Westminster DeKalb, 10:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev. Janet M. Chandler, Moderator CPM Presbytery of Blackhawk

Action Items for Presbytery: Approval of Alexander Regets to enroll in the process of Inquirer