

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY REPORT

April 10, 2018

ITEMS FOR PRESBYTERY ACTION:

Per the request of the Rockford Korean church, C.O.M. recommends that the congregation be granted an exemption from the minimum terms of call for pastors since their membership numbers and finances do not allow them to meet the minimums. They understand that the Board of Pensions minimums for pension and medical will not be exempt and that the church will be billed according to those minimums.

Expand the commission of CRE Laurie Walker to permit her to officiate at weddings for the AuSable Grove congregation.

Approve dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Rev. Mike Brazelle and Gibson City effective April 2, 2018. Move Mike Brazelle's status to member at large.

Approve dissolution of the interim pastoral relationship between Rev. Winn Alley and Wilmington First effective March 4, 2018.

Approve dissolution of the interim pastoral relationship between Rev. Tom Allen and Harvard effective April 22.

Princeton is working on an interim pastoral contract with Rev. John Cole. The terms will be announced when they are available.

REPORTING ON ACTIONS TAKEN by COM:

Terms of Call:

CRE Dale Tolly for Braidwood from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

Cash Salary	\$15,729.00
Housing Allowance	\$11,831.00
Medical	\$5,027.00
SECA	\$1,569.00
Retirement Savings 403(b)	\$2,000.00
Medical Reimbursement	\$1,000.00
Professional reimbursement	\$6,329.00
Study Leave Allowance	\$1,250.00
Grand Total	\$44,735.00

Vacation: 4 weeks, Continuing education: 2 weeks

Extended Sick Leave: Twelve weeks unused vacation time from prior years banked as extended sick time and/or payable at termination of contract.

Terms of Dissolution:

Rev. Mike Brazelle and Gibson City, effective April 2, 2018.

Severance pay — six months of salary	\$17,000
Use of Manse	\$5,250
Board of Pensions	\$10,323

Terms of Dissolution:

Rev. Tom Allen and Harvard, effective April 22, 2018.

Severance pay — one month of salary \$6,795.62

Appoint Moderators

Rev. Kathleen Luke at Dakota starting in May.

Rev. Roy Backus at Gibson City.

Rev. Roy Backus at Wilmington First.

Miscellaneous

Approved transfer of Rev. Blake Severson to Great River Presbytery.

Rev. Duane McDonough has resigned from his stated supply position in Dakota.

Received with thanks the report of the Administrative Commission to install Rev. Deb Swets as pastor of Wheatland Presbyterian Church in Plainfield.

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