

Present: Rev. Ryan Pixton Moderator, Rev. Susan Presley, Elder Tim Beattie, Elder Marian Pierson, Rev. David Jones, Elder Sandi Garber, and Elder Ron Barkby

Excused: Rev. Jan Chandler and Rev. Jim Camp

The Rev. Ryan Pixton opened the meeting in prayer.

The committee met for our regular meeting on Friday May 5th at Westminster Presbyterian Church in DeKalb, IL at 10:00 AM.

- We opened our timing catching up and discussing the agenda for today.
- Rev. Ryan Pixton opened our time with Mike Engle in prayer. We spent time introducing ourselves to Mike and then Mike introduced himself to us. We learned about his background with church and how he got to Harvard. He shared his love of the committee work he has done at church. He also shared about how he feels Gods spirit present while he is leading aspects of worship. After hearing about his history and experiences we approved Mike to start the CRE Training process. Then we decided on some recommendations to help him on this process. We told him he needs to sign up for a Psych Evaluation and contact Dubuque Seminary about getting enrolled in the online courses. We suggested he take Preaching as a first class so that he could get on the pulpit supply list soon. Lastly we suggested attending the Presbytery meetings so that he could get use to the Presbytery level of things. Rev. David Jones was assigned as the liaison and he closed our time in prayer.
- We were scheduled to meet with Teresa Green but she needed to back out of the meeting. We will be rescheduling with her so that she can meet with us for her annual review. Before going to lunch we spent time giving updates about the people for whom we are liaisons. We figured out with there were people we need to check on and were able to identify a few people. After this we spent time talking about Leader Wise the new organization instead of Midwest counseling and we realized that we need more information from John Rickard about what the process is that we are telling people under care of the Blackhawk CPM. Lastly we checked on how we are operating and will continue to see if we are doing anything different than our CPM manual outlines. We looked at what the Book of Order requires in terms of instruction for Teaching Elders at seminary and realized the only required classes are Greek, Hebrew, Old Testament Exegesis and New Testament Exegesis.
- Elder Sandi Graber opened our time in prayer with Kathy Linn. She filled us in on what she had already done in the last two months since we last meet with her about starting the teaching elder process. We talked about how she has most of the process complete towards becoming a CRE. We decided she needs to finish her psychological evaluation and complete the oral examination, along with handing in a statement of faith and giving a sermon to the committee. We decided her MDIV more than covers the course work required for CRE candidates. Rev. Ryan Pixton closed our time in prayer.

The next meeting of CPM is scheduled for Friday June 2th 2017, at Westminster DeKalb, 10:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev. Ryan Pixton, Moderator CPM Presbytery of Blackhawk

Action Items for Presbytery:

- No Action items but note that Mike Engle and Kathy Linn both have started the CRE process.