

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

Excused: Rev. Joel Stevenor, Rev. David Jones, Elder Sandi Graber

The Rev. Jan Chandler opened the meeting in prayer.

The committee met for our regular meeting on Friday May 4, 2018 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in DeKalb, IL at 9:55 AM.

- We opened our time catching up and discussing the agenda for today.
- Rev. Jan Chandler opened our time with Michael Engle for his annual consultation. Michael shared that he is still working full-time as well as taking his courses at UDTs. He is enjoying his classes and is completing the program at his own pace. He plans on completing the program in May 2019. His concerns are finding the time to produce sermons. It was suggested that he put his name on the pulpit supply list to help in his sermon preparation. He enjoys spending time with his family as this is a priority for him and it is a fine balance to be able to work, take classes, and spend time with his family. Michael shared that one thing he enjoys doing is finding Christ in his daily life. He has been focusing in his prayer life and is seeking to find the time for more daily Bible study. Michael was asked to excuse himself as the committee discussed his objectives for the year. The committee then called him back in and asked him to do the following: Education: To continue at the pace he is taking his classes; Spiritual development: To continue to develop his prayer life; Interpersonal Relations: To reach out to others not related to ministry and his classmates; Professional: To find a mentor and to sign up for pulpit supply in order to get experience in sermon preparation and preaching. We also recommended that he ask someone to give him feedback on his sermons. Rev. Jim Camp closed with prayer.
- The committee had a discussion regarding The Fund for Candidates for Ordination Scholarships and Education Debt Relief for Pastors...and found that this is an excellent way to use the funds that are available in helping the placement of pastors, especially in the smaller congregations. It was moved by Rev. Jim Camp and seconded by Rev. Susan Presley that the Committee on Preparation for Ministry recommend the passing of this program.
- The committee went through the list of Candidates, Inquirers, and CREs and updated their records.
- Candidate Elizabeth Stites has completed seminary and is in the process of taking her ordination exams. The committee would like to recommend that Elizabeth be certified ready for examination, pending a call when she passes all of her ordination examinations. Elizabeth has met all the other requirements in her readiness for ordination.
- Upon the completion of her classes, CRE Jeanne Ohms has met all the requirements to be commissioned as a lay pastor. The committee recommends that Jeanne Ohms be found ready for commissioning.

The next meeting of CPM is scheduled for Friday June 1, 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 the adoption of "The Fund for Candidates for Ordination Scholarships and Education Debt..."

Approval for the certification for readiness for examination pending a call for Elizabeth Stites.

Approval for the commissioning of Jeanne Ohms