

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY REPORT

November 14, 2017

ITEMS FOR PRESBYTERY ACTION:

Approve honorable retirement status for Rev. Hope Sibson as of December 1, 2017. Her request was approved at a congregational meeting at Plainfield Wheatland on November 5, 2017.

Approve the call of Deb J. Swets as pastor at Plainfield Wheatland effective December 1, 2017, pending successful examination before Presbytery leading to her ordination.

Approve Rev. Sam Young Kim of Midwest Korean American Presbytery as interim pastor for Rockford Korean pending receipt of the terms of call.

Approve the call of Rev. Tom Allen of the Christian and Missionary Alliance as interim pastor at Harvard First effective January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

Extend the commission of CRE Claire Brennecka to administer sacraments at Harvard First for the year 2018.

Commission CRE Laurie Walker to preach and administer sacraments at Yorkville Au Sable Grove starting November 14, 2017 for one year.

Commission CRE Donna Gericke to lead worship and serve communion the first Sunday of each month during 2018 at Shannon Prairie Dell.

Permit Rev. Blake Severson to labor outside the bounds of the presbytery.

Rev. Sue Krummel is leaving her interim position at Princeton First to become Executive Presbyter of Chicago Presbytery. Her last day at Princeton will be December 31, 2017. Approve transfer to Chicago Presbytery pending their request.

Transfer Rev. Cathy Allen to the Great Rivers Presbytery as of May 23, 2017.

Transfer Rev. Jack Lilly to Mission Presbytery as of October 2, 2017.

Transfer Rev. Ryan Pixton to Pittsburgh Presbytery as of October 15, 2017.

Transfer Rev. Brian Hall to the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy pending their request.

Dismiss with thanks the Administration Commission created for the installation of Rev. Joel Stevenor on September 16, 2017.

REPORTING ON ACTIONS TAKEN by COM:

Terms of Call:

Deb Swets to serve as pastor at Plainfield Wheatland.

Salary	\$25,700.00
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Housing allowance	\$14,300.00
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Professional Expenses	\$4,100.00
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SECA Supplement	\$2,500.00
Continuing Education	\$1,500.00
Medical reimbursement	\$2,550.00
Vacation/study leave	Four weeks vacation/two weeks study leave
Grand Total	\$50,650.00

Rev. Tom Allen to serve as interim pastor at Harvard First.	
Salary+Travel+Books+Study Leave	\$64,047.50
Housing allowance	\$15,000.00
Travel reimbursement	\$2,500.00
Vacation/study leave	Four weeks vacation/two weeks study leave
Vacation/study leave	Five weeks vacation/ three weeks study leave
Grand Total	\$81,547.50

Miscellaneous

Fox Valley Geneva would like to pose a question to the presbytery: Is permissible to ordain someone to an interim position? Some presbyteries permit this; others do not. It's not clear what the stance of Blackhawk Presbytery is on this question, so the Commission on Ministry moves that we authorize interim ministry as a validated call.

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