

Actions Taken Since the February 9, 2023 Meeting of the Presbytery
Includes Actions Taken through May 5, 2023

As a standing commission of the presbytery, COM acts with the authority of the presbytery. Any action of a commission may be rescinded or amended at a regular or called special meeting. Since regular meetings occur only three times a year, the actions of COM taken between meetings are compiled in this report which will be submitted to the next regular meeting. If a presbytery member desires that any of the actions below be reviewed before the next regular meeting, they may invoke the process for calling a special meeting as provided in the bylaws. This report, compiled by the Stated Clerk, is offered in a spirit of transparency and as an expression of the principles of Presbyterian polity

Delegated Actions Reported to the Presbytery

Pastoral Relationships & Transitions

by congregation

Cottage Lake/Kelly – The temporary contract between Rev. Jonathon Kelly and the session was extended through May 31st. A temporary relationship between the session of Cottage Lake and the Rev. Sandy Hackett, commencing on June 1, 2023 for one year, was approved on May 4th.

Craig & Klawock/Nollette – A temporary relationship between Rev. Kevin Nollette and the session for a ten week period of service, including moderating the session and the congregation, was approved Feb. 8th. The session is working on a MIF for a temporary pastor.

K unéix Hídi Northern Light/UMC Candidate – An exam for both fit and temporary membership was completed 1/31 for the UMC candidate who will be appointed beginning July 1st. (not yet public). It is recommended that he or she be enrolled as a temporary member for a period of service (G-2.0506).

Lake Forest Park/Sonnanburg – A temporary relationship as interim pastor between Janet Sonnanburg and the session was approved Feb. 8th.

Lake Forest Park/Chamount – The associate pastor relationship between Rev. Andrea Chaumont and the congregation was dissolved on March 30th by the presbytery as requested by the congregation by its vote March 5th.

Lord of Glory/Kim – Pastor Kim has resigned/retired as of Feb. 28th. The session has requested that he be allowed to continue .25 FTE for one year. Rev. Byeung Kyu Kim was granted Honorable Retired status and a temporary relationship between him and the session was approved for one year, serving as a volunteer; he was appointed moderator of the session and the congregation. COM is requesting a waiver from the Board of Pensions to allow a small stipend to be provided.

North Creek/Helmcki – Rev. Kurt Helmcke is serving as a designated pastor on the exception clause since he an associate pastor who succeeded the former pastor. The presbytery is requiring a full search of which Rev. Helmcke may be a candidate; the PNC to be elected one year from the end of the designated term (April 1, 2023). The congregation has approved a plan for the size, representation and election of a PNC on March 26. The required mission study has been completed.

The congregation also voted to end the associate pastor search and dissolved the APNC.

Anthony – The temporary relationship with Rev. Scott Anthony was extended through June 30th.

Quilcene/McLaughlin – The temporary pastoral relationship between Rev. Coral McLaughlin and the Quilcene 1st session was renewed for one year as of Feb. 8th.

Sunnyside – A final candidate declined to accept a call in January; the PNC has resumed its search. The temporary relationship with Rev. Nick Valadez will end May 31. CRE Bob Merriman was appointed as the moderator of the session.

Minister Members, Commission Pastors *by member*

Peterson/Christ Lutheran – Member-at-large Rev. Chris Peterson was granted permission on Mar. 30 to enter into service outside the jurisdiction of the PC(USA) in the validated ministry of pastor of Christ Lutheran Church of Yakima, WA

Kraus – Rev. Laura Kraus, whose pastoral relationship with Kunéix Hídi Northern Light ends June 30, was granted permission to continue working with the congregation's Native Alaskans reparations work as the Presbytery's representative.

Annual Status Review of Members-at-large G2.0503b – The following were reviewed and renewed for one year: David Casson, Andrea Chaumant, Amy Delaney (anticipated that she will be transferring to Cascades Presbytery), Tracey Hackel (has moved permanently to Colorado and is encouraged to transfer to Denver Presbytery within one year), Faith McClellan, Catherine Tobey.

Review with further action needed – Thomas Adams, Kyle Anderson, Koon Kim, Christina Gregory, Heather Mikelson, Sooil Shim.

Did not report and will be determined as “No longer engaged” per G-2.0508 without voice or vote in meetings of the presbytery – Bruce Cook, Rebecca Dix, Larry Emery,

Validated Ministers Received and Reviewed – Mark Cook, Gracey Ekblad, Robert Ekblad, Heidi Greider, Rob Hagen, Laurie Jackson, Jinsuk Kim, Yo Sub Kim, Mike Neelley, Christopher Peterson, David Ro, Esther Sanders, Dean Strong, Laura Terasaki, Adam Tobey, Jane VanAntwerp, Doug Waltar,

Validated Ministers who did not report – Denise Easter, Cindy Harris, Diana Kunce.

Congregations

Calvin – Inquired whether vacation and study leave still applied during a sabbatical year. It was affirmed that terms of call (vacation and study leave) remain enforce during a sabbatical year.

Clallam Bay – At the request of the session, COM recommended to the Executive Board that the current administrative commissioned be empowered to dissolve the congregation, transfer property title to the presbytery and execute a fellowship covenant with any interested members; the Board approved the request March 30th.

Community Church of Seattle/Satellite Campuses. A formal communication has been sent to Seattle Presbytery stating that the pastors of satellite campuses in Bellevue and the University District of Seattle are under the jurisdiction of NWCP until those campuses charter as congregations at which time they would be transferred to Seattle Presbytery.

Ketchikan – Is exploring a building tenant to help financially and a merger with the Ketchikan UMC congregation.

Kennewick –MIF has been approved for an Associate Pastor position.

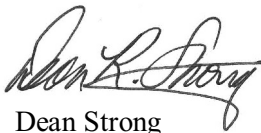
Petersburg – Congregation voted to form a PNC to call a part-time pastor. Congregation is financially stable and has investment resources. The MIF was approved.

Yakutat – Pastor Cort, who was there last summer, has indicate a willingness to return this summer.

Information

COM Administration, Strategy, Policies, & Procedures

The costs for the required psychological evaluations for students in the Commissioned Pastor program be borne equally among COM, the sponsoring congregation, and the student," as is consistent with CPM's policy for those in the Preparation for Ministry process



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