

Commission on Ministry Report to Presbytery

June 2, 2020

ITEM FOR PRESBYTERY ACTION:

Commission Gretchen Hammeke to continue to serve as Commissioned Pastor to Rockford Westminster, effective January 1, 2020. Responsibilities include Pastoral Care, Leadership with Deacons/Caring Ministries, visitations, teaching, preaching (when appropriate), officiating weddings and funerals as requested, administers the sacraments as appropriate.

Contract Terms:

- Salary of \$2387/ month
- 4 Weeks of vacation, including Sundays
- 2 Weeks of Continuing Education, including Sundays
- Mileage Reimbursement at IRS rate
- Ministry Expenses reimbursed

(Commissioning service to be held in September)

Appoint Gary Panetta to serve as Moderator for Shannon Prairie Dell.

REPORTING ON ACTIONS TAKEN by COM:

The yoked congregations of Kewanee First and Elmira United affirmed the call of Art Blegen (previously approved by Presbytery) with a start date of June 15, 2020, delaying his ordination and installation service until state guidelines allow for safe gathering.

Received the notification of the retirement of Chrystal Abbott, commissioned pastor of Manteno Community beginning June 30, 2020, with official effective date of Dec. 31, 2020. We express gratitude for her service to the Manteno church since 2009 and to the Presbytery where she served as Presbytery Moderator.

Approved the transfer of membership of Dale Ambler, honorably retired, to the Presbytery of St. Augustine.

Received notification of the departure of Glen Reichelderfer, serving as Interim Pastor to Caledonia Willow Creek effective June 22, 2020. Approved his transfer to Milwaukee Presbytery pending their request.

Small churches who are finding it difficult to hold session meetings due to internet accessibility are encouraged to try a conference call (e.g. <https://www.freeconferencecall.com/>).

Several churches are actively working on MIFs and Mission studies even in these trying times. Please keep all our congregations, especially those in transition, in prayer.

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