

Present: Rev. Jan Chandler, Moderator; Elder Tim Beattie, Rev. Jeff Borgerson, Elder Ron Barkby, Rev. Susan Presley
Excused: Rev. Dale Ambler, Rev. Joel Stevenor

The Rev. Jan Chandler opened the meeting in prayer.

The committee met for our regular meeting on Friday October 4, 2019 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in DeKalb, IL at 10:00 AM.

We opened our time catching up and discussing the agenda for today. We updated our list of candidates and inquirers as well as CRE's who have been commissioned. The results of the Bible Content exam was discussed once again.

The committee met with J. D. Buchenau who has completed the CRE program at the University of Dubuque and, if the way is clear, seeking to be certified ready for commissioning. Elder Ron Barkby opened with prayer. His Annual Consultation Form, was reviewed and the committee found him to proceed to preach before the committee. He preached on Matthew 1:1-17 and had a very good sermon. Following the sermon and discussion, J.D. was asked to answer two questions from the Theology and Polity Exams from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). His responses were very pastoral and he was able to answer the questions with no issues. Following J.D.'s departure from the room, the committee moved by Elder Tim Beattie and seconded by Rev. Susan Presley the recommendation of J.D. Buchenau to be certified ready for commissioning. The committee unanimously approved. Following the "Doxology," Rev. Chandler prayed for J.D.'s success in his pursuit for commissioning.

Following lunch, the committee met with Inquirer Frank Shepherd. Rev. Chandler opened with prayer. The committee discussed Frank's Bible Content Examination results and determined that he should take the examination once more following a more rigorous approach to preparing for the examination. The next examination date is scheduled in the last Friday in February 2020. The committee also recommended to Frank that he should focus on finishing his studies in seminary and take time to discern his sense of call into ministry. He is presently enrolled in a CPE program as well as his student pastoring in Scotch Grove Church in Iowa. Rev. Borgerson ended the meeting with prayer.

As there was no further business, the committee closed in prayer by Rev. Chandler. The meeting was adjourned until November 1, 2019 at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in DeKalb at 10:00AM. The committee discussed the possibility of postponing the meeting if there is no business for the committee to discuss.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Rev. Janet M. Chandler, Moderator CPM Presbytery of Blackhawk

Recommendation: Jerald (J.D.) Buchenau be certified ready for commissioning.

Addendum: The November 1st meeting was postponed as there was no further business to discuss. Faith Herout, a CRE currently taking her last two classes, will be completing her coursework and psych examination in December, so there will be a special meeting called in January 2020.

Calendar of CPM Meetings in 2020 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, DeKalb, Illinois at 10:00am:

March 6th
May 1st
June 5th
September 4th
October 2nd
November 6th