

## Commission on Ministry Report to Presbytery

September 8, 2020

### ITEMS FOR PRESBYTERY ACTION:

Approve the administrative commission for the ordination of Pastor Art Blegen on October 18, 2020 at Kewanee First at 4:00 pm. He is serving the yoked congregations of Elmira and Kewanee.

Teaching Elders: Rev. David Terrinoni, La Rose Crow Meadow  
Rev. Skip Shaffer, Oswego

Ruling Elders: Chuck Johnson, Moderator Blackhawk Presbytery, Sandwich Federated  
Betty Oliver, Elmira United  
Terry Wolfe, Kewanee First

Ecumenical Representative: Rev. David M. Turner, (CPE Supervisor, Peoria OSH Hospitals) ELCA Member

Corresponding Members: Rev. Rogers Randall, Calvary Pres, Wilson NC, Presbytery of New Hope  
Rev. Timothy Slemmons, University of Dubuque, Presbytery of New Brunswick

Recommission Pastor Jack Berghorst to serve as Commissioned Pastor to New Lenox Central for three years, beginning 9/1/20. Salary: 20 hours per week at \$30 per hour plus Mileage and Tolls at IRS rate.

Recommission Pastor Laurel A. Walker to serve as part time Commissioned Pastor to Sandwich Federated, until December 31, 2020. Responsibilities include leading worship three Sundays per month, administering sacraments and moderating session.

Contract terms: \$1200 / month. Mileage reimbursement at IRS rate, other ministry expenses reimbursed, and continuing education / book allowance at approx. \$150/month.

Recommission Pastor Gretchen Hammeke to continue to serve as Commissioned Pastor to Rockford Westminster, effective January 1, 2020. Terms were previously approved in June without commissioning service.

Appoint Rev. Gary Panetta to serve as Moderator for Dakota Community.

### REPORTING ON ACTIONS TAKEN by COM:

Approved contract between Elgin First and Temporary Pastor Rev. Jon Michael Phillips for up to 12 months beginning 7/1/20. Compensation package is for six months, through December 2020.

Cash Salary	\$15,300
Housing	\$10,200
Effective Salary	\$25,500
Medical coverage	\$ 6,375
Pension benefit	\$ 2,805

Dental Coverage	\$ 222
Death & Disability	\$ 255
Health reimbursement	\$ 1,530
SECA	\$ 1,951
Professional Expenses	\$ 1,000
Study Leave	\$ 500
TOTAL	\$40,138

Approved contract between Wilmington First and Interim Stated Supply Pastors Rev. Steve and Rev. Hope Sibson, effective 8/1/20 through 7/31/21 or upon termination with 30 days' notice. Responsible for leading weekly and special worship services and some pastoral visitation. Terms: \$5,750 for worship and 5 session meetings (considered as housing) plus mileage at IRS rate. Additional meetings at \$50 each. 4 weeks vacation, 2 weeks continuing education, additional grandchild time as needed.

Approved contract between Bolingbrook First of DuPage and Interim Supply Rev. David Boumgarden, effective 8/25/20 through 7/25/21, with possibility for renewal. Rev. Boumgarden will labor outside the bounds of Chicago Presbytery. Compensation is based on part-time employment, 25 hours/week.

Cash Salary	\$10,000
Housing	\$30,000
Effective Salary	\$40,000
SECA	\$ 3,060
Medical coverage	\$11,000
Pension benefit, D&D	\$ 4,800
Medical reimbursement	\$ 0
Professional Expenses	\$ 3,000
Study Leave	\$ 1,000
TOTAL	\$62,860

Paid vacation – 4 weeks, Study leave – 2 weeks

Approved contract between Woodstock First and Interim Pastor Rev. Cynthia Carlisle for one year beginning 9/1/20.

Cash Salary	\$32,550
Housing	\$25,200
Effective Salary	\$57,750
Medical coverage	\$14,438
Pension benefit, D&D	\$ 6,930
Health reimbursement	\$ 5,250
SECA	\$ 4,418
Professional Expenses	\$ 5,115
Study Leave	\$ 3,000
TOTAL	\$96,901

Paid vacation – 4 weeks, Study leave – 2 weeks with carry-over provisions

Approved the contract for Rev. David Jones to serve as temporary Interim Stated Supply Pastor to Caledonia Willow Creek effective September 1, 2020 – Feb. 28, 2021, unless terminated by either party with 30 days' notice. Terms are for weekly pulpit supply (every Sunday plus Christmas Eve) and monthly session moderation: \$125 + 11.50 (travel) per worship service, \$200 + \$11.50 (travel) per session meeting.

Approved the contract extension for Rev. David Terrinoni to serve as Temporary Pastor with LaRose Crow Meadow from October 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021. Contract is for approximately one day per week and includes leading worship two Sundays per month and moderating session. Compensation per contract term: \$10.00 cash, \$625 housing, travel and ministry expenses reimbursed, 1 week vacation per quarter, 1 week continuing education per six months.

Following training provided by Rev. Gary Panetta, COM granted permission to Elder James Brown to administer the Sacrament of Holy Communion for his home congregation, Dakota Community Presbyterian, effective August 25, 2020.

COM approved a request from Caledonia Willow Creek to allow Mike Engle to preside at the Lord's Table for Holy Communion, for a period of three months, beginning June 14, 2020.

**OTHER INFORMATION:**

Please be aware the Board of Pensions has restructured their pension, medical and disability dues structure. Go to [pensions.org](http://pensions.org) for specific information related to your situation. In general:  
Pension decreases from 11% to 8.5%

Death & Disability stays the same – 1%

New Temporary Disability – 0.5%

Medical increases from 25% to 27% (with a flat dollar minimum of \$11,000)

**COM Members: The semi-annual meeting of the whole commission is scheduled for October 20, 2020 beginning at 10:00 am. Please make plans to attend (on zoom).**

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