

Commission on Ministry Report to Presbytery

February 9, 2021

ITEMS FOR PRESBYTERY ACTION:

1. For Action: Commission Pastor Mike Engle to serve as full-time Commissioned Pastor to Elwood Community for 3 years, beginning Feb. 1, 2021.

COM approved terms:

Cash Salary:	\$15,800
Housing Allowance:	\$15,800
Effective Salary:	\$31,600
SECA Supplement:	\$ 2,417
Medical Coverage:	\$12,000 (reimbursable)
Auto expense:	\$ 2,400 (reimbursable)
Continuing Education:	\$ 500 (reimbursable)
Medical reimburse:	\$ 1,896 (reimbursable)
TOTAL CONTRACT TERMS:	\$50,813

No Board of Pensions medical, pension, disability and death benefit coverage.

Paid vacation: 4 weeks, Continuing education: 2 weeks

2. For Action: Commission Pastor Chrystal Abbott to serve as full-time Commissioned Pastor to New Lenox Central effective Jan. 11, 2021 – Jan. 10, 2022.

COM approved terms:

Cash Salary:	\$33,600
Auto expense:	reimbursed at \$.56/mile
TOTAL CONTRACT TERMS:	\$33,600

Paid vacation: 4 weeks, Continuing education: 2 weeks

3. For Action: Commission Pastor Chuck Johnson to serve as temporary Commissioned Pastor to Sandwich Federated as needed during Laurel Walker's absence or until such time as a permanent pastor is installed. Term: Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2021. Responsibilities include leading worship as requested, administering sacraments and moderating session.

COM approved terms:

Salary:	\$200 per Sunday preached
	\$75 per meeting (Session / Congregational / Presbytery)
	\$30 per hour for visiting and personal ministry

No medical, pension, or vacation time

Costs to be reimbursed: Auto at IRS mileage rate or pre-paid gas card, business meals, other related expenses.

4. For Action: Recommission Pastor Laurel A. Walker to serve as part time Commissioned Pastor to Sandwich Federated from Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2021. Responsibilities include leading worship three Sundays per month, administering sacraments and moderating session.

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

5. For Action: Recommission Pastor Claire Brennecka to serve full time at Harvard First, effective 1/1/21 – 12/31/23. Responsibilities include leading worship, administering sacraments, moderating session and providing care and comfort.

COM approved terms:

Cash Salary:	\$17,600
Housing Allowance:	\$12,000
Auto expense up to	\$ 4,200 (reimbursable)
Medical premiums:	\$ 2,400 (reimbursable)
TOTAL CONTRACT TERMS:	\$36,200

Paid vacation: 4 weeks, Continuing education: 2 weeks

6. For Action: Appoint Rev. Dr. Blake Richter to serve as Moderator of the session of Somonauk United.

7. Recommend for adoption: “Policies and Procedures for Dissolution of Pastoral Relationships” (see attached document)

8. Recommend for adoption: “Covenant of Closure / Pastor Who Retires” and “Covenant of Closure / Pastor Who Resigns” (see attached documents)

REPORTING ON OTHER ACTIONS TAKEN by COM:

Approved contract for Part-Time (25hrs), Temporary Pastor at Elgin First for the Rev. Jon Michael Phillips, effective January 1, 2021 thru March 31, 2021.

Cash Salary	\$4781
Housing	\$3188
Effective Salary	\$7969
SECA	\$604
Pension, Death, Disability	\$797
Medical \$	2152
Professional Expense	\$609
Study Leave	\$234
HRA	\$478
TOTAL	\$12,843

Effective Salary is based upon 2020 figure of \$51,000. 2021 effective salary is prorated to 5/8 of this figure.

Approved the contract for Pastor Dottie Morizzo, serving full time (35 hours/week) at Elizabeth, Schapville Zion, effective 11/2020-11/2023. Responsibilities include leading worship 4-5 times per month, administering sacraments, moderating session, and other pastoral duties.

Cash Salary:	\$25,500
SECA Supplement:	\$ 2,000
Medical Coverage:	\$ 2,595
Mileage reimbursed at \$.575/mile (\$2,200/year)	

Continuing Education: \$ 1,200
Medical reimburse: \$ 1,000
TOTAL CONTRACT TERMS: \$33,495
4 weeks vacation, 2 weeks continuing education (including Sundays)

Approved the 3-month extension of the contract for JD Buchenau to serve as Temporary Commissioned Pastor to Pontiac First, effective Jan. 1 – March 31, 2021. Contract terms: \$300/worship service, plus basic visitation ministry and office hours at \$25/hour. Mileage reimbursement at IRS rate.

FOR INFORMATION:

Jack Berghorst, Commissioned Pastor to New Lenox Central, retired effective December 31, 2020 and his commission has therefore ended.

Upon the retirement of Rev. John Huff, United Presbyterian Church of Romeoville has requested the elimination of their position of pastor.

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