

PRESBYTERY OF THE TWIN CITIES AREA
Committee on Ministry Report
July 14, 2009

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1-10)

1. **The Reverend Byron T. Thompson and Westminster Presbyterian Church: Request for Dissolution of Associate Pastoral Relationship and Honorable Retirement**
 - a. To **recommend** to Presbytery that, upon the mutual request of the Reverend Byron T. Thompson and Westminster Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, MN, the full-time associate pastor relationship between the Reverend Byron T. Thompson and Westminster Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, MN, be dissolved as of July 14, 2009.
 - b. To **recommend** to Presbytery that the request of the Reverend Byron T. Thompson to be designated "Honorably Retired" be granted as of July 14, 2009.
 - c. To **report** to Presbytery that the Reverend Byron T. Thompson has been approved for the 2009 Pulpit Supply List.

2. **The House of Hope Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, MN: Request for Dissolution of Associate Pastoral Relationship**

To **recommend** to Presbytery that, based upon the mutual request of The House of Hope Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, MN, and the Reverend Darlene Stensby, the full-time associate pastoral relationship between The House of Hope Presbyterian Church and the Reverend Darlene Stensby has been dissolved as of June 30, 2009, with mutually agreed-upon terms,

AND

To **recommend** to Presbytery that the request of the Reverend Darlene Stensby to be designated "Honorably Retired" be granted as of July 1, 2009.

3. **The House of Hope Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, MN: Abolish Associate Pastor Position**
 1. To **recommend** to Presbytery that the position of full-time associate pastor position previously held by the Reverend Darlene Stensby at The House of Hope Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, MN, be abolished as of July 1, 2009.
 2. To **recommend** to Presbytery that it direct the stated clerk to communicate the above action to the Board of Pensions

4. **Calvin Presbyterian Church of Orono, Long Lake, MN: Reverend Carol Reed, Designated Pastor, Converted to Pastor**
 - a. To **approve** the request of the session of Calvin Presbyterian Church of Orono, Long Lake, MN, that the Reverend Carol Reed, currently serving as designated pastor, be elected by the congregation and installed as pastor for an indefinite term.

- b. To **note** that AAEEEO requirements were fulfilled by COM in the original search as required by Book of Order G-14.0501g.
- c. To **report** to Presbytery that, at a duly called meeting on May 31, 2009, the congregation voted by written ballot to call Carol Reed as Pastor
- d. To **recommend** to Presbytery that the call of Calvin Presbyterian Church of Orono, Long Lake, MN, to the Reverend Carol Reed as full-time pastor for an indefinite term be approved effective June 1, 2009, according to the following terms:

Cash Salary	\$55,000 (Includes Housing/Utility Allowance)
Automobile Allowance	\$IRS rate, vouchered up to \$1,200
Continuing Ed. Allowance	\$1,200 per year (cumulative over 3 years to \$3,600)
Prof. Expenses	\$300/year (vouchered)
Continuing Ed. Leave	Four weeks per year, not to exceed two Sundays. <i>This will revert to two weeks, upon completion of the Pastor's Doctorate of Ministry program</i> (cumulative over 3 years to 6 weeks)
Vacation	31 days
Pension	Full
Sabbatical	Yes
Length of leave	<u>3 months</u> ; years of service required: <u>6 years</u> ; (<i>Presbytery guideline is 3 months after 6 years of service</i>). Session approval of dates and plan required.

AND

that the Reverend Carol Reed continue as moderator of the session of Calvin Presbyterian Church of Orono, Long Lake, MN.

5. First Presbyterian Church, Rochester, MN: Interim Pastor Contract Ended with David Droog

1. To **report** to Presbytery that the full-time interim pastor relationship between the Reverend David Droog and First Presbyterian Church, Rochester, Minnesota, ended as of June 30, 2009.
2. To **recommend** to Presbytery that the Reverend David Droog be transferred to the member at large roll of presbytery.

6. Westminster Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, MN: Dissolution of Parish Associate Relationship with David Liddle

To **recommend** to Presbytery that the parish associate relationship currently existing between the Reverend David Liddle and Westminster Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, MN, be dissolved effective July 14, 2009, by action of the session on May 28, 2009.

7. **The Reverend Jay Collins: Transfer Ecclesiastical Membership to the Presbytery of Heartland**

To **recommend** to Presbytery that it dismiss Jay Collins to Heartland Presbytery based upon the action of the Presbytery to receive him as a member at its February 21, 2009 stated meeting.

8. **Warrendale Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, MN: Timothy Held, Reappointment as Stated Supply**

To **recommend** to Presbytery that, with the concurrence of the session of Warrendale Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, MN, the Reverend Timothy Held be reappointed to a one-year term as half-time stated supply pastor, from August 1, 2009, to July 31, 2010, with no change in the terms of call.

9. **Suzan Ireland: Permission to Labor Outside the Jurisdiction**

To **recommend** to Presbytery that, from May 12, 2009, to May 11, 2010, the Reverend Suzan Ireland be granted permission to labor outside the jurisdiction of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area as full-time interim pastor of First Congregational United Church of Christ, Winona, MN. It is noted that, under the provisions of G-11.0401, "such permission and consent shall be reviewed and renewed annually."

10. **Church of All Nations, Columbia Heights, MN: Establish a Parish Associate Position with the Reverend John Lee**

To **recommend** to Presbytery that the invitation of the session of Church of All Nations, Columbia Heights, MN, to the Reverend John Lee to serve in a parish associate relationship, without remuneration, be approved for one year, effective July 15, 2009, to July 14, 2010.

REGULAR AGENDA (Item 11)

11. **The Reverend Grace Young Lee: Request Transfer of Ecclesiastical Membership from Presbytery of Greater Atlanta**

(See Appendix 1, page 8)

Subject to the successful completion of the background check:

- a. To **recommend** to Presbytery that it concur with the Committee on Ministry's examination (G-11.0402) of the Reverend Grace Young Lee on her "Christian faith and views in theology, the sacraments, and the government of this church."
- b. To **recommend** to Presbytery that the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta be requested to dismiss the Reverend Grace Young Lee to the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area,
AND
that, upon receipt of her credentials, the Reverend Grace Young Lee be enrolled as a member-at-large of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area.
- c. To **report** to Presbytery that the Reverend Grace Young Lee has been approved for

the 2009 Pulpit Supply List.]

REPORTS (Items 12-25)

12. First Presbyterian Church, Claremont, MN: Renewal of Half-time Interim Pastor Contract: Joe Jones

To **report** to Presbytery that the Committee on Ministry has concurred with the action of the session of First Presbyterian Church, Claremont, Minnesota, to continue the half-time interim pastor relationship between the Reverend Joe Jones and First Presbyterian Church, Claremont, Minnesota, for the period September 1, 2009, to August 31, 2010, with the following change in terms:

Salary & Housing	\$20,993
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13. Westminster Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, MN: Interim Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care: Terms of Call, Reverend David Liddle

Subject to the successful completion of the background check:

- a. To **report** to presbytery that the Committee on Ministry has concurred in the invitation of the session of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, MN, to the Reverend David Liddle to serve as full-time interim associate pastor for pastoral care, effective July 15, 2009, to July 14, 2010, according to the following terms:

Cash Salary	\$60,000 (includes housing/utility allowance)
Auto Allowance	IRS rate
Cont. Ed. Allowance	\$1,500 per year
Cont. Ed. Leave	Two weeks per year
Professional Expenses	Reimbursed to \$ 1,200
Vacation	One month
Pension	Full
Supplemental Insurance	\$50,000

14. Reverend Eugene Orr Appointed Moderator of Arlington Hills Presbyterian Church

To **report** to Presbytery that the Reverend Eugene Orr was appointed moderator of Arlington Hills Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, MN, effective May 1, 2009.

15. Background Checks Completed: Mary McNamara and Sheila Gustafson

To **report** that the background checks have been satisfactorily completed for Mary McNamara and Sheila Gustafson.

16. Exit Interview Completed: William Eisenhower

To **report** that the an exit interview for Rev. William Eisenhower, interim pastor for First Presbyterian Church, White Bear Lake, MN was completed on May 6, 2009, by Ann Allen, Transitions Committee.

17. Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, Bloomington, MN: Report on Congregational Meeting to Elect Pastor

To **report** to Presbytery that, at a duly called meeting of Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, Bloomington, MN, on April 26, 2009, the congregation voted by written ballot to call the Reverend William R. Chadwick as Pastor, Head of Staff.

18. Westminster Presbyterian Church, Austin, Minnesota: Reports that Allison R. Cobb has resigned as Commissioned Lay Pastor

To **report** to Presbytery that Allison R. Cobb has resigned from her commission as lay pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Austin, MN, as of April 16, 2009.

19. Knox Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, MN: Report of Triennial Session Visit

To **report** to Presbytery that a session visitation, as required by G-11.0502c, has been held with Knox Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, MN, on May 19, 2009.

20. Administrative Commission for Installation: Neil Craigan, First Presbyterian Church, White Bear Lake, Minnesota

To **report** to Presbytery that the following arrangements were approved for the installation of the Reverend Neil Craigan as full-time pastor of First Presbyterian Church, White Bear Lake, Minnesota.

Date: August 2, 2009

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Place: First Presbyterian Church, White Bear Lake, MN

AND

That the following persons be appointed as members of the Administrative Commission:

Ministers: William "Buck" Day, Associate Pastor, Faith Presbyterian Church, Minnetonka, MN Deborah Kielsmeier, Associate Pastor, Christ Presbyterian Church, Edina, MN Carl Grosse, Member at large, Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area, Farmington, MN	Elders: Jack Reddan, First Presbyterian Church, White Bear Lake, MN Kathy Van Schooten, Hope Presbyterian Church, Richfield, MN
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AND

That the moderator of the presbytery, the Reverend Jin S. Kim, preside and propound the Constitutional questions.

21. Edgumbe Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, MN: Reappoint Temporary Supply: Philip GebbenGreen and Julie GebbenGreen

To **report** to Presbytery that, with the concurrence of the session of Edgumbe Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, MN, the Reverends Philip and Julie GebbenGreen have

been reappointed to a one-year term as 75% of full-time temporary supply pastors (25 hours per week for Philip, 11.3 hours per week for Julie), from August 1, 2009, to July 31, 2010, with the following changes in the terms of call:

Salary and Housing	\$35,175
Medical/Dental Supplement	Vouchered up to \$1,000

22. **Administrative Commission for Installation: Donald Genereux, First Presbyterian Church, Belle Plaine, Minnesota**

To **report** to Presbytery that the following arrangements were approved for the installation of the Reverend Donald Genereux as half-time pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Belle Plaine, Minnesota.

Date: July 12, 2009

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: First Presbyterian Church, Belle Plaine, MN

AND

That the following persons be appointed as members of the Administrative Commission:

Ministers: Meg Newswanger, First Presbyterian Church, Maple Plain, MN Newell Krogmann, Presbyterian Church of Le Sueur, Le Sueur, MN Judith Ritchie, Hope Presbyterian Church, Richfield, MN Richard Phenow, Christ Presbyterian Church, Edina, MN	Elders: Bonnie Boylan, Calvin Presbyterian Church of Orono, Long Lake, MN Thomas Bartholomew, First Presbyterian Church, Belle Plaine, MN
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AND

That the moderator of the presbytery, the Reverend Jin Kim, preside and propound the Constitutional questions.

23. **Report of Pastors' Salaries and Allowances for 2009**

To **report** to Presbytery that the Committee on Ministry will bring the report of Pastors' Salaries and Allowances for 2009 to the September Presbytery meeting.

24. **Commissioned Lay Pastor Training Program Reviewed by Committee on Ministry**

To **report** to Presbytery that the Committee on Ministry reviewed and received the Commissioned Lay Pastor Training Program paper from the Commissioned Lay Pastor Committee.

25. Vacant Positions Report

The Committee on Ministry **reports** to Presbytery that the following positions are vacant and receiving dossiers for installed positions:

Buffalo, MN, **Buffalo Presbyterian Church**, (Pastor)

Claremont, MN, **First Presbyterian Church**, (Pastor)

Rochester, MN, **First Presbyterian Church**, (Pastor, Head of Staff)

Wayzata, MN, **St. Luke Presbyterian Church**, (Associate Pastor)

Appendix 1

Replies to Questions for Membership in the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area

The Reverend Grace Young Lee

1. Please tell us briefly about yourself, including the date of your ordination and the name of the ordaining presbytery.

I am a Korean-American, born and raised in Dallas, Texas. I received a Bachelor's of Business Administration from the University of Texas at Austin. I worked for a few years as a financial analyst and database consultant. Then I did a year-long missions trip through the PC(USA), and subsequently received my Master's of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary. I was married in June 2001. My son was born in 2003, and my daughter was born in 2006. I was ordained by the Greater Atlanta Presbytery in March of 2006. I served as the College Ministry Pastor at the Korean Community Presbyterian Church of Atlanta for about 5 years. Juggling full-time ministry while raising very young children, particularly in the context in which I was, was not what I wanted. So, when my family moved to Minnesota in January 2007, so my husband, who is also a Minister, could intern at the Church of All Nations, I decided to be a stay-at-home mom. However, due to financial circumstances, I went back to work as a business analyst in November 2007, which is the job I currently maintain.

2. How have your understandings grown since ordination with respect to your theology and practice of ministry?

My theology and practice of ministry has changed from being more achievement oriented to something more organic, natural and free-flowing. I used to be more plan-driven – have the next several years mapped out. Now, I try to trust in God more, one day at a time. I view the practice of ministry not so much as a profession, but rather an attempt to daily live faithfully.

3. Tell us something about your spiritual journey—how you've grown in your relationship with Christ and your life in the Spirit—and how that relates to your call.

I still desire to be faithful to God in my daily life. However, I now see how such faithful living might take on a variety of forms. From the context in which I grew up, most people in ministry were either a pastor or a pastor's wife. Options for one going into ministry seemed very

limited. Now, I am in the process of discerning my passions and interests and how that relates to my call.

4. d. As a minister currently without a call, what is your theological assessment of your current circumstances, and what are your hopes or plans for the future exercise of your ministry?

There are seasons in life. We cannot always do what we think we want to do, when we want to do it. Right now I have young children and a husband who's serving as a full-time minister. Plus, I need to further discern my gifts and passions. So, for now, I am attempting to be a more faithful mother, wife, co-worker and citizen.

I have considered writing children's bible story books and starting a non-profit. However, until I discover what I am truly passionate about, I am at peace with seeking to be faithful where I am now. My hope is that whatever I do, God would be glorified; and that as I seek to be more faithful in the here and now, God will open my eyes to future possibilities.

5. What, in your view, are some of the theological challenges facing the church/presbytery today, and how would you respond to those challenges?

Challenges:

- America's cultural paradigm is very individualistic.
- Christian religion and spirituality has become very compartmentalized.
- The church has become consumer driven, catering to felt needs.

Response: The church must focus on being Christian community, not just on one's personal relationship with Jesus Christ – even that phraseology is individualistic and self-centered.

6. How would you like to serve/be served by the presbytery?

To serve: I would need more information about the presbytery's activities in order to answer this question.

Be served: receive information about Presbytery events.

7. Can you continue to affirm the Constitutional Questions asked of you at ordination (W-4.4003 a. – i.)? Yes