

PRESBYTERY OF THE TWIN CITIES AREA
Committee on Ministry Report
September 12, 2009

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1-13)

1. **Reverend Daniel Johnson: Request for Honorable Retirement and Half-time Stated Supply Position Ended at Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, MN**
 - a. To **report** to Presbytery that the half-time stated supply pastor appointment of the Reverend Daniel Johnson at Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, MN, expired, effective July 1, 2009.
 - b. To **recommend** to Presbytery that the request of the Reverend Daniel Johnson to be designated "Honorably Retired" be granted as of July 1, 2009.
 - c. To **report** to Presbytery that the Reverend Daniel Johnson has been approved for the 2009 Pulpit Supply List

2. **The Reverend Newell Krogmann and The Presbyterian Church of Le Sueur: Request for Dissolution of Pastoral Relationship and Honorable Retirement**
 - a. To **recommend** to Presbytery that, upon the mutual request of the Reverend Newell Krogmann and the congregation of Presbyterian Church of Le Sueur, Le Sueur, Minnesota at its meeting on August 16, 2009, the three quarter-time pastor relationship between the Reverend Newell Krogmann and LeSueur Presbyterian Church, Le Sueur, Minnesota, be dissolved as of September 30, 2009.
 - b. To **recommend** to Presbytery that the request of the Reverend Newell Krogmann to be designated "Honorably Retired" be granted as of October 1, 2009.
 - c. To **report** to Presbytery that the Reverend Newell Krogmann has been approved for the 2009 Pulpit Supply List.

3. **L. Edwin Martin: Request To Be Honorably Retired**
 - a. To **report** to Presbytery that the Reverend L. Edwin Martin has completed his service with Church Financial Campaign Services of the General Assembly.
 - b. To **recommend** to Presbytery that the request of the Reverend L. Edwin Martin to be designated "Honorably Retired" be granted as of December 1, 2009.

4. **First Presbyterian Church, Farmington, MN: Reappoint Stated Supply: Theresa Roos**

To **recommend** to Presbytery that, with the concurrence of the session of First Presbyterian Church, Farmington, MN, the Reverend Theresa Roos be reappointed to a one-year term as half-time stated supply pastor, from September 1, 2009, to August 31, 2010, with the following changes in the terms of call:

Salary & Housing \$23,660
Automobile allowance IRS rate, vouchered up to \$ 500

5. Paula Sanders: Request to Serve in Validated Ministry as Executive Coordinator, Committee on Local Arrangements for the 2010 General Assembly

- a. To **report** to Presbytery that the Reverend Paula Sanders has completed her service as Director of the Lydia Project, Minneapolis, Minnesota, as of August 16, 2009.
- b. To **recommend** to Presbytery that it approve the request of the Reverend Paula Sanders to serve in a validated ministry in other service of this church as Executive Coordinator, Committee on Local Arrangements for the 2010 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Louisville, KY, effective August 17-September 13, 2009, half-time, and September 14, 2009-July 31, 2010, full-time.

6. The House of Hope Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, MN, and Joshua Heikkila Request for Dissolution of Associate Pastor Relationship and Approval of Call to Mission Co-worker as Regional Liaison in West Africa, Presbyterian World Mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

- a. To **recommend** to Presbytery, pending action by the congregation on September 20, 2009, to concur in the mutual request of the Reverend Joshua Heikkila and the congregation of The House of Hope Church to dissolve the associate pastor relationship as of September 31, 2009.
- b. To **recommend** to Presbytery to approve Joshua Heikkila's request to serve in a validated ministry in other service of this church as full-time Mission Co-worker as Regional Liaison in West Africa, under the appointment of the Presbyterian World Mission of the General Assembly Council of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Louisville, KY. This is a three-year agreement and will begin in October 2009.

7. Westminster Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, MN: Renewal Parish Associate: Reverend Dean J. Seal

To **recommend** to Presbytery that the invitation of the session of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, MN, to the Reverend Dean J. Seal to continue to serve in a parish associate relationship, without remuneration, be approved for another year, effective September 10, 2009, to September 9, 2010.

8. First Presbyterian Church, Stillwater, MN: Appointment of the Reverend Sheila C. Gustafson as Parish Associate

To **recommend** to Presbytery that the invitation of the session of First Presbyterian Church, Stillwater, MN, to the Reverend Sheila C. Gustafson to serve in a parish associate relationship, without remuneration, be approved for one year, effective September 12, 2009, to September 11, 2010.

9. **Presbyterian Church of the Way, Shoreview, Minnesota: Appointment of the Reverend Anita Cummings as Parish Associate**

To **recommend** to Presbytery that the invitation of the session of Presbyterian Church of the Way, Shoreview, MN, to the Reverend Anita Cummings to serve in a parish associate relationship, with remuneration, be approved for one year, effective September 13, 2009, to September 12, 2010.

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

(See attachment A)

To **recommend** to Presbytery that the 2009 Report of Pastors' Salaries and Allowances attached to the Committee on Ministry Report to Presbytery, September 12, 2009, be approved.

11. **Permission to Labor Outside Bounds: Deborah Lind-Schmitz**

To **recommend** to Presbytery that, from August 15, 2009, to August 14, 2010, the Reverend Deborah Lind-Schmitz be granted permission to labor outside the jurisdiction of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area as full-time interim pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Waukon, IA, Presbytery of The John Knox, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) It is noted that, under the provisions of G-11.0401, "such permission and consent shall be reviewed annually."

12. **Sharon Mook: Request Permission to Labor Outside the Bounds to Begin Pastorate at Fort Street Presbyterian Church, Detroit, Michigan**

To **recommend** to Presbytery that the Reverend Sharon L. Mook be granted permission to labor outside the geographical bounds of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area and within the bounds of the Presbytery of Detroit, effective August 15, 2009, so that she may begin her duties as pastor and head of staff of Fort Street Presbyterian Church, Detroit, Michigan,

AND

that the Reverend Sharon L. Mook be dismissed to the Presbytery of Detroit, upon receipt of their request.

13. **David W. Tucker: Transfer of Ecclesiastical Membership to Presbytery of Coastal Carolina**

To **recommend** to Presbytery that it dismiss David W. Tucker to Presbytery of Coastal Carolina based upon the action of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina to receive him as an honorably retired member on December 4, 2008.

REGULAR AGENDA (No Items)

REPORTS (Items 14-21)

14. Concerns and Confusion at the July Presbytery Meeting

To **report** to Presbytery that the Committee on Ministry regrets the confusion during the July presbytery meeting.

CONCERN

Whether G-11.0402 allows a minister member of another presbytery to be received as a member-at-large if they do not fall under the enumerated provisions: “Every member seeking membership in a presbytery shall have a call to a pastoral relation within the presbytery, or from a governing body or agency as defined in G-11.0410, or be entering a work defined in G-11.0411, for which the receiving presbytery shall give its permission, or shall be honorably retired as defined in G-11.0412.”

RESPONSE

G-11.0406b and G-11.0413 modify the mandatory language of G-11.0402. As stated in a 1992 Authoritative Interpretation “the provisions of G-11.0413 grant permission for members-at-large and inactive members to be transferred from one presbytery to another in the same status of the minister according to the various provisions of G-11.0400. It is permissible for a minister to transfer from a presbytery as an active member and be received by a new presbytery as a member-at-large if the receiving presbytery agrees. Conversely, a member-at-large may be received as an active member if a presbytery has determined that the provisions of G-11.0406a have been properly observed.”

The Committee on Ministry seeks to be faithful to the constitution, consistent with the mission priorities of the presbytery and sensitive to the unique needs of individuals and their families as well as what will contribute to the overall health of the presbytery and the facilitation of mutual accountability among ministers residing within our bounds.

The Committee on Ministry honors the right of the presbytery to make the final decision on any recommendation.

***G-11.0402** The presbytery, through its appropriate committee, shall examine each minister or candidate who seeks membership in it on his or her Christian faith and views on theology, the Sacraments, and the government of this church, except as provided in G-14.0481. Every minister seeking membership in a presbytery shall have a call to a pastoral relation within the presbytery, or from a governing body or agency as defined in G-11.0410, or be entering a work defined in G-11.0411, for which the receiving presbytery shall give its permission, or shall be honorably retired as defined in G-11.0412.*

***G-11.0406b** A member-at-large is a minister of the Word and Sacrament who has previously be admitted to the presbytery or another presbytery as an active member, and who now, without intentional abandonment of the exercise of ministry, is no longer engaged in a ministry that complies with all the criteria in G-11.0403. A minister may be designated a member-at-large because he or she is limited in his or her ability to engage*

in a ministry fulfilling all of the criteria for a validated ministry because of family responsibilities or other individual circumstances which presbytery recognizes as important. A member-at-large shall comply with as many of the criteria in G-11.0403 as possible and shall be encouraged to become a parish associate in a congregation. A member-at-large is entitled to take part in the meetings of the presbytery and to speak, vote, and hold office. The status of each member-at-large may be granted by the presbytery upon the minister's application and shall be reviewed annually.

G-11.0413 Members-at-large and inactive members remain under the care, oversight, and discipline of the presbytery. They may be transferred in their present category of membership to another presbytery with the permission of both presbyteries. All of the minister's records shall be transmitted to the receiving presbytery. The committee on ministry shall confer with each member-at-large and inactive minister annually and make a recommendation to the presbytery as to whether the member should continue in the present category, be assigned another category, or be released from the exercise of ordained office. Such action may be initiated by the presbytery or at the request of the minister.

15. Reverend Suzan Ireland Endorsed as a Volunteer in Mission

To **report** to Presbytery that the Committee on Ministry endorsed the Reverend Suzan Ireland to be a Volunteer in Mission with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as a participant in the Colombia Accompaniers program.

16. Buffalo Presbyterian Church, Buffalo, MN, Renewal of Interim Pastor Contract: Reverend Julia A. Carlson

To **report** to Presbytery that the Committee on Ministry has concurred with the action of the session of Buffalo Presbyterian Church, Buffalo, MN, to continue the full-time interim pastor relationship between the Reverend Julia A. Carlson and Buffalo Presbyterian Church, Buffalo, MN, for the period May 22, 2009, to May 21, 2010, with the following changes in terms:

Salary & Housing	\$45,542 (includes \$13,200 housing allowance)
Medical/Dental Suppl.	Vouchered up to \$1,454
Opt. Retirement Contrib.	\$1,362
Auto Allowance	IRS rate, vouchered up to \$ 900
Prof. Expenses	\$ 1,200, vouchered (includes Cont. Ed. Allowance)

17. Community Presbyterian Church, Plainview, MN: Report of Triennial Session Visit

To **report** to Presbytery that a session visitation, as required by G-11.0502c, has been held with Community Presbyterian Church, Plainview, MN, on June 18, 2009.

18. Reverend Richard Headen Endorsed as a Volunteer in Mission

To **report** to Presbytery that the Committee on Ministry endorsed the Reverend Richard Headen to be a Volunteer in Mission with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as a participant in the Colombia Accompaniers program.

19. Exit Interview Completed: April Davis Campbell

To **report** that the an exit interview with the Rev. April Davis Campbell, former associate pastor for First Presbyterian Church, Stillwater, MN, was completed on July 6, 2009, by Ann Allen, Transitions Committee.

20. Administrative Commission for Installation: Reverend William Chadwick, Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, Bloomington, Minnesota

To **report** to Presbytery that the following arrangements were approved for the installation of the Reverend William Chadwick as full-time pastor of Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, Bloomington, Minnesota.

Date: Sunday, September 27, 2009

Time: 2:00 P.M.

Place: Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, Bloomington, Minnesota

AND

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

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>
Mark Bayert, honorably retired member of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area Barbara Anne Keely, Associate Professor of Christian Education, United Theological Seminary, New Brighton, MN Calvin Cooper, Director of Spiritual Care, Presbyterian Homes, Roseville	Kathryn Breitbarth, Presbyterian Church of the Apostles, Burnsville, MN Cal Chadwick, Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, Bloomington, MN

AND

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

Other Participants:

Hope Rising Folk Group, Twin Cities

21. 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)

St. Paul, MN, **Arlington Hills Presbyterian Church**, (Designated Pastor)

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

