

Committee on Ministers and Congregations
Report to New Castle Presbytery
Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Commission Richard Watters, CRE, for service at Port Deposit. Contract for pastoral services, March 1, 2019 – February 29, 2020. COMC approved April 11, 2019.

Recognition of Minister of Word and Sacrament Michael Williams as Honorably Retired, Georgetown congregation, effective May 31, 2019 (congregational meeting held March 31, 2019, COMC approved May 9, 2019).

Recognition of the Retirement of Minister of Word and Sacrament David Parke (previously recognized as Honorably Retired) and CRE Lee Johnson from the Manokin Church, effective July 31, 2019. COMC approved April 11, 2019.

Welcome to Minister of Word and Sacrament Glenn Zuber, Interim Pastor, Buckingham Church, approved by COMC February 7, 2019, including terms of remuneration. Transferring from National Capital Presbytery. Effective February 19, 2019, one year contract.

Welcome to Minister of Word and Sacrament Samuel Monte, Pastor, Makemie Memorial, COMC approved February 7, 2019, including term of call. Congregational Meeting held February 10, 2019. Transferring from Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery. Effective March 4, 2019. Installation Service May 26, 3pm. Moderator of Presbytery to appoint Administrative Commission for Installation, Motion.

Welcome to Minister of Word and Sacrament Gary Willingham-McClain, Pastor, Elkton Church, COMC approved February 7, 2019, including terms of call. Congregational Meeting held February 17, 2019. Transferring from Pittsburgh Presbytery. Effective May 19, 2019. Installation Service July 14, 3pm. Moderator of Presbytery to appoint Administrative Commission for Installation, Motion.

Action Requested: Permission for Moderator of Presbytery to appoint Administrative Commissions for Installation as needed over the summer, prior to September presbytery meeting. Motion.

Memorial Minute for Honorably Retired Minister of Word and Sacrament Arthur (Tucker) Thompson, passed on March 15, 2019.

Memorial Minute for Honorably Retired Member of Word and Sacrament Al Yuninger, Perryville/Rock, Pastor Emeritus, Rock Presbyterian Church, passed on April 28, 2019.

Updates

Minister of Word and Sacrament Carol Fisher, Pastor, New Covenant Church, COMC approved April 11, 2019, including terms of call. Congregational Meeting held April 28. Transferring from Denver Presbytery. Effective June 1, 2019. Installation Service Date to be Determined. Moderator of Presbytery to appoint Administrative Commission for Installation, Motion. Will be welcomed at the September presbytery meeting.

The Session of the Beaver Dam congregation made a request to COMC to be “unyoked” from the Pitts Creek congregation. Through research it was determined that in fact no prior presbytery action had yoked the two congregations.

COMC approved a one year renewal for Interim Pastor Randy Clayton with the Red Clay congregation, effective June 21, 2019.

COMC approved a one year renewal for Interim Pastor Doug Griffin with the Westminster Rehoboth congregation, effective March 6, 2019.

COMC approved a one year renewal for Interim Pastor Jenny Warren with the New Castle congregation, effective May 30, 2019.

COMC, on April 11, 2019, concurred with the request of the Elkton congregation to recognize Honorably Retired Minister of Word and Sacrament Laurie Loveless as Pastor Emeritus, effective April 28, 2019.