

Committee on Ministers and Congregations
Report to New Castle Presbytery
Saturday, January 16, 2021

*Introduction and Welcome of David McNeilly, Minister of Word and Sacrament, Honorably Retired. COMC on November 12, 2020 approved Mr. McNeilly as a member of New Castle Presbytery, transferring from National Capital Presbytery.

Additional Actions Taken by COMC

COMC on November 12, 2020 validated the specialized ministry of Minister of Word and Sacrament Jill Tolbert as Teacher in the Caroline County (Maryland) public school system.

COMC on November 12, 2020 approved the transfer of Minister of Word and Sacrament, Honorably Retired member Richard Hayes to Savannah Presbytery, effective October 20, 2020.

COMC on November 12, 2020 concurred in the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Co-Pastor David Lovelace and Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church, at his request for retirement, effective December 31, 2020. Mr. Lovelace was recognized at the November 14 presbytery meeting.

COMC on November 12, 2020 concurred in the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Pastor Steve Brundage and First Church, Newark, at his request for retirement, effective December 31, 2020. Mr. Brundage was recognized at the November 14 presbytery meeting.

COMC on November 12, 2020 approved the Temporary Pastor Agreement with Minister of Word and Sacrament Nona Holy, to provide 3 months of part-time coverage while Pastor Miriam Foltz is on Parental Leave (late January through mid-April, 2021).

COMC on November 19, 2020 approved, if the way be clear, to receive the Rev. Cynthia Kohlmann as a member of New Castle Presbytery, upon her election by New Castle Presbytery to be Connectional Presbyter effective January 15, 2021. Ms. Kohlmann was elected by the presbytery on December 8, 2020.

COMC on December 10, 2020 approved an Agreement (part-time) between Candidate Lisa Chase and the Session of the Elsmere congregation to serve as Lay Pastor. January 1, 2021 – April 30, 2021. Ministers of Word and Sacrament Nona Holy and Steve Clark will administer sacraments and Mr. Clark will moderate the Session.

Other

COMC on November 12, 2020 approved, with the Trustees, a new Mini Sabbatical Plan for 2021.

\$400 grants to be used for wellness, refreshment and self-care. Grants are available to all Ministers of Word and Sacrament who are in pastoral ministry, as well as to commissioned/serving CREs.

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COMC on December 10, 2020 noted Change of Status for Minister of Word and Sacrament Tim Rodden from Validated Ministry, Christiana Care to At-Large (Action taken by Stated Clerk at the time of Mr. Rodden's retirement from Christiana Care on November 14, 2020).

Ordination Service for Debra Trevino, Saturday, January 23, 2021, 2pm, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

Installation Service for Minister of Word and Sacrament Shannon Smythe, Westminster Church, Rehoboth, January 31, 2021.