

**Presbytery of Santa Fe  
Report of the Commission on Ministry (COM)  
February, 2018**

**Since the last report to Presbytery on October 21, 2017, the COM met on Fridays, November 3, and December 1, 2017, at the Presbytery Office; January 12, at Shepherd of the Valley Presbyterian Church, and February 2, 2018 at the Presbytery Office.**

**A. ACTION REQUIRING A VOTE BY PRESBYTERY:**

If the way be clear, COM recommends that the Presbytery RECEIVE into membership the Rev. Shannon Webster (HR), from the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley, and the Rev. Joe Mares, (HR), from the Presbytery of Denver, effective today, February 24, 2018.

COM recommends that the Presbytery APPROVE the request of the Rev. Jan Gough to grant her the status of Honorably Retired (HR), effective today, February 24, 2018.

**B. ACTIONS TAKEN UNDER AUTHORITY AS A COMMISSION**

*(No Presbytery Action Required)*

**1. NEW PASTORS RECEIVED AND/OR ORDAINED AND/OR INSTALLED**

**2. MEMBERS AT LARGE AND HONORABLY RETIRED MEMBERS RECEIVED:**

a. See note A. above for related action at this meeting of Presbytery.

b. In December, COM approved welcoming the Rev. Ruth Reinhold into the Presbytery, effective December 1, 2017, from San Francisco Presbytery, as recommended by the examination team of COM members.

**3. CONTRACTS APPROVED for Temporary Pastoral Positions:**

**Stated Supply/Interim:**

a. Following up: In September COM approved the proposed contract between Farmington, First and the Rev. Rebecca Morgan, a UCC minister, for the Bridge pastor position, effective July 31, 2017, and noted that the Session would like to hire her as their Stated Supply. In November COM approved their relationship for the position of Interim Pastor. In December COM approved an updated contract for this relationship.

b. In December COM approved the Interim Pastor contract between White Rock Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Mary Ann Banning, effective December 1, 2017.

c. In January COM approved the Interim Pastor contract between Socorro and the Rev. Ted Mattie, effective March 1, 2018 through August 31, 2018.

d. In January COM appointed the Rev. Randy Pence to serve as Moderator of Session at Magdalena beginning February 12, 2018, and in February COM approved the contract between Magdalena and the Rev. Randy Pence for his service as temporary pulpit supply.

- e. In January COM approved the updated contract between Chacon and Shirley Sandoval (CP).
- f. In January COM approved the updated contract between Peñasco and Stephen Daniels, Commissioned Pastor.
- g. In January COM approved the co-Interim Pastors contract between Belen, First and the Rev. Gerard Kuyk and the Rev. Stephen Miller, AND extended the opportunity to serve as a co-Moderator of the Session, with the Rev. Gerard Kuyk, to the Rev. Stephen Miller, whose ordained status is in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), both items effective March 1, 2018.
- h. In January COM appointed the Rev. Ruth Reinhold to serve as Moderator of Session at Grants, FPC.
- i. In January COM approved the contract between Gay Veit, CP, and Mora.
- j. In January COM approved the contract between Smith Memorial and El Buen Pastor with the Rev. Ann Graham-Johnson.
- k. In January COM approved the contract between Smith Memorial and El Buen Pastor with the Rev. Larry Graham-Johnson.

#### **4. CHANGE IN MINISTERIAL STATUS**

- a. In November COM approved the transfer of the Rev. Joyce Lieberman to the Presbytery of St. Augustine, effective June 8, 2017, where she is the Executive and Stated Clerk for the Synod of South Atlantic. See note below re: exit interview with Joyce.
- b. In February COM approved the request of the Rev. Laura Finch and the Rev. Jeff Finch to grant them the status of Honorably Retired, effective March 1, 2018

#### **5. TRIENNIAL VISITS COMPLETED:**

- Taos, First: August 27, 2017 (not previously reported)
- Grants, First: October 15, 2017

#### **6. EXAMINATIONS / EXIT INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED:**

- a. On October 26, the COM co-moderators interviewed Bill Humphreys following his service as Bridge Pastor at ABQ, Immanuel.
- b. In December, two members of COM conducted a telephone exit interview with the Rev. Joyce Lieberman, transferred earlier to the Presbytery of St. Augustine for service as Executive and Stated Clerk for the Synod of South Atlantic.

## **7. APPROVED MISSION STATEMENTS (MIF's)**

- a. In November COM approved the Ministry Information Form for the White Rock search for a pastor.
- b. In February COM approved the Ministry Information Form for the Shepherd of the Valley search for an Associate Pastor.
- c. In February COM approved the Ministry Information Form for the Farmington, First search for a pastor.

## **8. BEREAVEMENT**

- a. In January COM noted the January 6, 2018, death of the Rev. Bill Hedrick (HR), with prayers of thanksgiving for his life and ministry, as well as for the care extended to him by his spouse, the Rev. Catherine Robinson, recent co-moderator of COM.
- b. In February COM noted the January 28, 2018 death of the Rev. Rick Carus (HR), with prayers of thanksgiving for his life and ministry. Rick was welcomed into this presbytery at the October, 2017 meeting of Presbytery at Ghost Ranch.

## **9. ADDITIONAL ACTIONS:**

- a. In November, COM commissioned Mary Jo Lundy to officiate at the Sacrament of Holy Communion on December 10 at Dixon, Embudo.
- b. In December COM appointed Robyn Kleinschmidt to be moderator of Session in January at Dixon, Embudo.
- c. In January COM approved Richard Safford's plans for a sabbatical for February, March, and April, 2018.

## **10. FOR INFORMATION:**

- a. Reminder: At its October meeting the Presbytery approved the transfer of the Rev. Glenn Perica to the Presbytery of Plains and Peaks, effective October 12, 2017. (This note is included here to enter it into the series of "Reports to Presbytery".)
- b. At its December meeting COM approved the request to have a service of Communion at the January 22-23 CP retreat. Note: the retreat was subsequently canceled with scheduling conflicts.
- c. In December COM added Ruth Reinhold's name to the pulpit supply list.

## **COM NOTES**

**IMPORTANT: As reported also at the October, 2017 meeting of the Presbytery, COM adopted the following changes to the presbytery's minimum terms of call: Raise the minimum salary by slightly more than 10% over a three-year period.**

**2017: \$1000, resulting in a minimum salary of \$40,500**

**2018 \$1500, resulting in a minimum salary of \$42,000**

**2019 \$1500, resulting in a minimum salary of \$43,500**

Monthly COM meetings include devotions led by an assigned member of COM, and the celebration of anniversaries of ordination for clergy members of the Presbytery and anniversary dates of the establishment of congregations!

The monthly meetings of COM regularly include training sessions. In recent months COM has considered and in February, **adopted a revised COM Manual of Operations.**

COM ROSTER: Class year, name, RE for ruling elders; MWS for Ministers of Word and Sacrament; (1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> term and start date for serving an unexpired term).

Judy Belvin and David Elton, co-moderators

2018 Bryan Beck RE (1) Judy Belvin RE (1) Stephen Daniels CP (1)  
Robyn Kleinschmidt MWS(1) Richard Safford MWS (1<sup>st</sup>; 1/18) Frank Yates MWS(1)

2019 Ann Graham-Johnson MWS (1) Lorna Kuyk MWS (2) Bill Lumm RE (2)  
Susan Quass MWS (1) John Sitler RE (1) Linda Wilson RE (1<sup>st</sup>; 9/17)

2020 Jim Brown MWS (2) Rob Craig MWS (2) David Elton MWS (1)  
Kay Huggins MWS (1) Judith Mead RE (2) Beth Miller RE (2<sup>nd</sup>; 10/16)

COM Consultant Bill Humphreys MWS