

Report to the Coordinating Commission from
Commission on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) October 2018

No Action Items for Presbytery.

Information Only:

August 6-7 the CPM met at Cliffview Retreat Center for the Annual Retreat with Inquirers, Candidates, and persons preparing for Commissioned Lay Pastor (CLP) along with Philip Lotspeich. We reviewed the progress of the Inquirers, set goals for the next year of education, and shared in worship and fellowship.

Also, at the Retreat the Commission met to plan interviews with six potential CLP Inquirers. It was determined that the interviews would take place on two separate dates.

A called meeting was held on **August 28** to interview CLP Inquirers. Interviews were held with Susan Bradish (Troy), Darnaby Kerns (FPC Paris). Both were found suitable and were enrolled in the CLP Presbytery required education program. Due to technical difficulties an interview with Keith Adams (Dorman Memorial and Grayson) was rescheduled to the September 11 meeting.

September 11 meeting of the CPM consisted of brief updates on current Inquirers and Candidates as well as CLP's in process of educational requirements. Reports were heard from liaisons for Heather McIntyre (Senior at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary), Julia McCorvey (Middler at Vanderbilt Divinity School), CLP Sarah Wilson, who has completed all requirements for commissioning except a psychological evaluation, and Sylvia Carter (Ezel). The Commission examined potential CLP Inquirers Keith Adams (Doermann Memorial), Josh Akers (Bayless Memorial) and found them suitable to be enrolled in the Presbytery required education program.

The Commission interviewed and enrolled Donna Renae Phillips (Second) via FaceTime as an Inquirer as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. Phillips is a third year student at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

The Commission met in person with Jeffrey Lee Shaver (Maxwell Street) to be enrolled as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. Shaver is a 2014 graduate of Redeemer Theological Seminary in Dallas, TX. He has passed the ordination exams of the Presbyterian Church of America (PCA). The CPM voted to enroll Shaver as an Inquirer. The CPM will work with Shaver to complete the requirements of Transylvania Presbytery and the PCUSA ordination requirements.

The next meeting of the CPM will be December 11, 2018, 2:00 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church, Winchester.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Wanda B. Olive, Chair