

REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PRESBYTERY

THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY RECOMMENDS THAT PRESBYTERY:

Examinations

1. **BY MOTION recommend** that the Presbytery commission **Kathleen Mackie** as a Commissioned Ruling Elder for **Rosedale Gardens Church, Livonia**.

Calls/Contracts

1. **BY MOTION approve** the part-time Interim Pastor contract between the **Rev. Brewster Gere** and **Westminster Church, Ann Arbor**, effective January 30, 2018, for three months. Terms of Call: Salary \$30,000. The pastor is retired and receiving benefits directly from the PCUSA. The church will pay 12% of the Interim Pastor's cash salary as post-retirement service dues. Mileage to be reimbursed at current IRS rate; partial payment of SECA by church. Vacation-2 weeks including 2 Sundays.
2. **BY MOTION approve** the Stated Supply contract between the **Rev. Hotek Tan** and **The Taiwanese Fellowship**, effective January 1, 2018. Terms of Call: Salary \$36,396, Housing \$14,735, Utilities Allowance \$3,283, Social Security \$4,163, Full Pension \$24,296, Medical Deductible \$728, Continuing Education \$1,039, Auto/Travel & Other Business Expenses \$1,559. Total-\$82,036. Vacation-One month including 4 Sundays; Study Leave-2 weeks including 2 Sundays.
3. **BY MOTION approve** the Commissioned Ruling Elder contract between **Ruling Elder Kathleen Mackie** and **Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian, Livonia**, effective March 11, 2018. Salary-\$61,200, employee pays ½ of monthly medical benefits deducted from salary as offered by BOP; Rosedale Gardens pays the other ½ (total monthly cost \$744.31), Dental \$36.95 monthly, Continuing Education/Conference \$900. Total-\$67,009.32 Vacation-4 weeks including 4 Sundays; Study Leave-2 weeks including 2 Sundays. The Church will pay for and allow time for the CRE to attend one of the Presbytery's Pastors in Transition retreats with the CRE seeking scholarship assistance from the COM.

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4. **BY MOTION approve** the part-time Parish Associate contract between the **Rev. Emma Nickel** and **First Presbyterian Church, Northville** effective March 1, 2018. Terms of Call: Salary \$30 per hr., reimbursements as applicable. Total: \$1200/month. Also, **approve** the **transfer** of the **Rev. Emma Nickel** from the Mid Kentucky Presbytery to the Presbytery of Detroit and enroll her as a Member at Large.

Transfers

1. **BY MOTION approve** the **transfer** of the **Rev. Robert Sheldon** from the Presbytery of Peace River to the Presbytery of Detroit.

Retirements

1. **BY MOTION approve** the retirement of the **Rev. Dr. Kenneth G. Kaibel** effective January 1, 2018 and **grant** him the status of Honorably Retired.
2. **BY MOTION approve** the retirement of the **Rev. Kevin Johnson** effective April 8, 2018 and **grant** him the status of Honorably Retired.

Information

1. BY MOTION APPROVED the positions of Resident Ministers at Kirk of the Hills and Interim Pastor at Westminster Ann Arbor.
2. BY MOTION APPROVED the MIFs from Plymouth and from Saline.
4. BY MOTION APPROVED that the position of Program Director of the Ecumenical Center for Christian Leadership, Lansing, Michigan be approved as a validated ministry; the **Rev. Sharon Mook** be approved to serve in this validated ministry and the Rev. Sharon Mook be approved to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery of Detroit.
5. BY MOTION APPROVED the following Validated Ministries:
Rev. Craig Aue-Chaplain Beaumont Hospice, Dearborn
Rev. Blair Buckley-Resident Minister, First Presbyterian Ann Arbor
Rev. Harry Capps-Seniors Wellness Group of Michigan
Rev. Charles Mabee-Campus Ministry-Oakland University
Rev. Susan Mozena- Chaplain, Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe
Rev. Steven Nuss-Chaplain, Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit
Rev. Dorothy Parks-Piatt-Resident Minister, First Presbyterian Ann Arbor

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Rev. Kevin Piecuch-Executive Director of Southwest Detroit Immigration and Refugee Center

Rev. Kelly Pittman-Chaplain, McLaren Hospice

Rev. Eric Koenig-Reinke-Resident Minister, First Presbyterian Ann Arbor

Rev. Jennifer Rike-Associate Professor, University of Detroit/Mercy

Rev. Renee Roederer-Director of Nones & Dones Ministry, Ann Arbor

6. BY MOTION APPROVED adding the **Rev. Cassandra (Cassie) Todd** (member of Lake Huron Presbytery) to the Pulpit Supply list
7. BY MOTION APPROVED concurring with the request of the Session of the **First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth** to name the **Rev. James Skimmins** as Pastor Emeritus.
8. BY MOTION APPROVED granting the **Rev. Duke Morrow** permission to labor outside the bounds of the presbytery in order to officiate at the wedding of his grandson in St. Petersburg, Florida on July 29, 2018
9. BY MOTION APPROVED adding the **Rev. Sam Laswell** to the Pulpit Supply list.
10. BY MOTION APPROVED adding Inquirer Caleb Jones to the Pulpit Supply list.
11. BY MOTION APPROVED adding the **Rev. Anne Lange, Elder William Irving** and **Elder Jin Lee** to the Pastoral Response Team.
12. BY MOTION APPROVED the **Rev. Majorie Welhemi** to take Interim Ministry September 25-27 at the Five Oaks Retreat Center in Paris, Ontario.
13. BY MOTION APPROVED the **Rev. Dr. Robert Agnew** as Moderator of Session beginning April 1, 2018 at St. John's, Detroit
14. BY MOTION APPROVED the **Rev. Beth Delaney** as Moderator of Session beginning April 8, 2018 at Calvary, Detroit
15. BY MOTION APPROVED the MIF for First Birmingham

Kate Mackie – Statement of Faith

I believe in the love, power and saving grace of the Trinity – God, our father, Christ our redeemer, and the Holy Spirit, our guide. I believe that God created the earth and all that we see in it. I believe that Christ, through extraordinary power and infinite love, went to the cross for the sake of humanity, and was resurrected from the dead for the redemption of our sins. As Christ promised, I believe God sent the Holy Spirit into the world after Jesus' ascension to be our Comforter and our Guide. It is through the power of the Holy Spirit that I find courage to participate in God's mission here on earth – to make disciples for Christ and to be his hands and feet when called to do so.

I believe that the Holy Scriptures are truly God's inspired Word and describes his story of love and redemption for all people as made complete in the witness to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. I am grateful for the covenantal fellowship I have with God the Creator, Jesus Christ the Son and the power of the Holy Spirit – and it is to them I wish to give my life and to honor them for the sake of the kingdom

As a child baptized in infancy, my parents surrounded me with a great cloud of witnesses who, as a community, nurtured and sustained me in the faith until I was able to better understand the mystery of this sacrament. Having confessed my faith in Christ and confirmed my own baptism I am a recognized member of the body of Christ and the communion of saints. Being immersed in the waters I have died to my sin and been buried with Christ, yet will arise again to a new day through his resurrection and God's grace. I believe in one baptism for all time and that it is the outward sign and seal upon all of our lives of God's love and promise for redemption.

Through the act of communion and gathering at the Lord's Table with fellow believers, I acknowledge Christ's sacrifice by partaking in the bread of heaven and the fruit of the vine. I believe the mystery of communion to be a foretaste of the banquet feast yet to come in the life here-after and that the Creator's table is open to all who have been baptized.

For me, my desire to serve Christ comes from the fact that I have an acute awareness that my life is not my own; that I sense an intrinsic need to honor the One to whom I owe my life; and that the One to whom I owe my life needs to be lifted up and exalted with every breath of my being. As I exist within this reality, I find it necessary to engage in personal and corporate prayer, worship and Bible study within a Christian community as a means to hold me accountable to living out my identity of being a beloved child of God as expressed to me through his Word, Jesus Christ.

I believe Jesus has established his church as a place where his body can make witness his acts of grace, love and mercy to the world, through the administration of the sacraments and the preaching and teaching of the Word. In Jesus' kingdom all will be served, all will be healed, all will be fed, all will be comforted, all will be clothed, and all will be redeemed.

Additionally, I uphold the watchwords and phrases from the Reformed tradition as a way to guide me in my relationship with God as well as inform the way I do ministry with his people; by grace alone; by faith alone; by Scripture alone; in Christ alone.

Kate Mackie Biography

Kate was born the youngest of 5 kids and raised in Farmington Hills, Michigan. After high school Kate attended Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, where she had the privilege of playing varsity softball all four years. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English, with a poetry writing emphasis. After Wittenberg, Kate pursued her Master's of Science Degree in Sports Management from Georgia Southern University and spent a few years working as a college softball and basketball coach and sports information director. Eventually Kate returned home to Michigan and soon received her call into ministry, attending seminary at Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit. After completing her pre-Doctoral Studies through the Master's of Divinity Program, Kate transferred into the Doctorate of Ministry Program and graduated in 2014. Kate currently serves as Adjunct Faculty at ETS in their DMin Program.

Kate joined the staff of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church as the Director of Youth Ministry in 2013 after a decade of volunteer service at nearby St. Paul's Presbyterian Church – the congregation in which she was born and raised. Since 2003, she has worked as both a middle school and high school youth advisor where she was responsible for Sunday school and youth group activities, including planning and leading mission trips and retreats. Kate has also led many Sunday school programs for all ages, planned and led Wednesday Evening fellowship programs, written VBS curriculum, and led Sunday worship as both liturgist and preacher. An ordained Elder and Deacon in the PC(USA), Kate had served under the title of Volunteer Staff at St. Paul's for 3 years before taking the job at Rosedale, serving with the Faith Formation Committee as well as Technology Arts in designing screens for weekly worship.

Since her hire at Rosedale, Kate had the opportunity to serve with, and by mentored by, three supportive Heads of Staff, all of whom helped her hone her call to ministry, as well as give her many opportunities to serve the church in a variety of capacities outside of Youth Ministry. Two years ago Kate was encouraged to consider the path of Commissioned Ruling Elder and completed her training in January 2018.