

Presbytery of Santa Fe
Report of the Commission on Ministry (COM)
February 25, 2017

Since the last report to Presbytery in October, 2016, the COM met at the Presbytery Office on Fridays, November 4 and December 2, 2016, and in 2017 on January 13 at the Sandia Presbyterian Church and at the Presbytery Office on February 3.

A. ACTION REQUIRING A VOTE BY PRESBYTERY:

none at this time

B. ACTIONS TAKEN UNDER AUTHORITY AS A COMMISSION

(No Presbytery Action Required)

1. NEW PASTORS RECEIVED AND/OR INSTALLED:

a. in August COM approved the terms of call from ABQ St. Andrew to the Rev. Roger Scott Powers as Pastor and Moderator of Session, effective September 1, 2016. Roger was installed there on Sunday, December 11, 2016.

b. in August, COM approved the terms of call from ABQ, First, to the Rev. Stephanie Kremmel. Stephanie was installed there on November 13, 2016.

c. in October, COM approved the call from the First Presbyterian Church of Taos to the Rev. Virginia Bairby. This note was presented in the COM report to the October 2016 meeting of the Presbytery with the terms of call but without her name, as it was a few days premature to make that fuller announcement. March 26 is the projected date for her service of installation there.

d. in January and February, COM approved the developing plans for the Rev. Takako Terino to be installed as the Chaplain at the Menaul School at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, March 8, 2017, to include the Rev. Jim Collie, the Rev. Jaime Quiones, the Rev. Kathy Barlow Westmoreland, the Rev. Tony Aja, Lindsey Gilbert of Covenant P.C., Sharon Yates of St. Andrew P.C., Stephen Rhoades of ABQ First, Judith Mead of ABQ First and COM liaison, with Presbytery Moderator, the Rev. Lorelei Kay as moderator. Other invited participants include Tony De La Rosa of the PCUSA Mission Agency, the Rev. Deborah Hill of the AME, and the Rev. Drew Henry of this presbytery.

2. MEMBERS AT LARGE AND HONORABLY RETIRED MEMBERS RECEIVED

in December COM received the Rev. Susan Quass as a Member-At-Large from Baltimore Presbytery;

in February COM received into Presbytery Membership the Rev. Ted Mattie, from the Presbytery of the Northwest Coast;

in February COM received into Presbytery Membership the Rev. Norwood V. "Woody" Brown from the Heartland Presbytery.

3. CONTRACTS APPROVED:

a. in November COM approved the contract between Los Alamos, White Rock and the Rev. John Guthrie as Designated Pastor for one year, January 1 – December 31, 2017;

b. in December COM approved the CRE contracts through December 31, 2017, as follows:

1) Mora: Gay Veit;

2) El Rito, Chacon: Shirley Sandoval;

3) Peñasco: Stephen Daniels;

c. in January COM approved the contract between Ranchos de Taos and the Rev. Richard Gould as Stated Supply for 13 months, beginning December 1, 2016 and 12/31/2017, as COM moves toward 12/31 as a standard date for review and possible extension of annual contracts;

d. in January COM approved the Covenant that binds the congregations on Cuba, Placitas, and Rio Rancho for expressions of ministry that support the Cuba congregation with rotating clergy for occasional worship leadership and moderating session meetings.

e. in January COM approved the contract between Dixon, Embudo and Kay Johnson, effective November 1, 2016;

f. in January COM approved the request from Rio Rancho that Marjorie Davison be commissioned to serve there as Parish Associate;

4. CHANGE IN MINISTERIAL/CRE STATUS:

a. in December COM approved as Validated Ministry the work of the Rev. Lorna Kuyk as a Leadership, Ministry, and Relationship Coach, effective October 1, 2016.

5. TRIENNIAL VISITS COMPLETED:

a. Peñasco, Emmanuel, 9/10/16.

b. ABQ Camino de Vida, 10/12/16

c. Chimayo, El Buen Pastor, 10/23/16

d. ABQ Rio Grande, 11/5/16

e. Ranchos De Taos, 11/6/16

f. Gallup, Westminster, 11/13/16

g. ABQ, Shepherd of the Valley, 11/15/16

h. Mora, First, 11/20/16

6. EXAMINATIONS CONDUCTED:

a. the Rev. Virginia Bairby, for the PNC process at Taos, First

b. the Rev. Donald Grauer, HR, to add to the Pulpit Supply List

c. the Rev. Susan Quass, to welcome to the Presbytery as a Member-At-Large

d. the Rev. Ted Mattie, HR, for membership transfer and to add to the Pulpit Supply List

e. the Rev. Norwood V. “Woody” Brown, for membership transfer as a Member-At-Large

7. SABBATICAL PLANS APPROVED:

In December, 2016, COM approved sabbatical plans for the Rev. Drew Henry.

8. FOR INFORMATION:

In November, COM added to the Pulpit Supply list the names of Donald Grauer, currently serving as volunteer staff at Ghost Ranch; Sara Kotchian; Marney Wasserman; and David Wasserman. In February the Rev. Ted Mattie's name was added to the list.

In January COM adopted a motion encouraging that invitations to services of ordination and/or installation also include invitations for ministers to attend wearing robes and red stoles.

Monthly COM meetings include devotions led by an assigned member of COM. And the meetings regularly include training sessions for COM. In recent months COM has heard/learned/discussed the topics of Pastoral Care Needs for Pastors, with Paul Hopkins; and Change Theory with Rob Craig. In January COM had an orientation session for new members of COM and COM organization for all; in February we missed our intended presenter for want of on-time arrival at the Sunport.

COM ROSTER: Class year, name, RE for ruling elders; TE for teaching elders; (1st or 2nd term).

Catherine Robinson and Stephen Daniels, co-Moderators

<u>2017</u> Jim Brown TE (1)	Rob Craig TE (1)	Judith Mead RE (1)
Beth Miller (RE) (1:10/16)	James E. Roghair TE (2)	Jane Stringfellow RE (2)
<u>2018</u> Bryan Beck RE (1)	Judy Belvin RE (1)	Stephen Daniels CRE (1)
Robyn Kleinschmidt TE(1)	Catherine Robinson TE (2)	Frank Yates TE (1)
<u>2019</u> Ann Graham-Johnson TE (1)	Lorna Kuyk TE (2)	Bill Lumm RE (2)
Susan Quass TE (1)	Jaime Quiñones (elected 2016) TE	John Sitrler RE (1)
COM Consultant	Bill Humphreys TE	