

**Presbytery of Santa Fe
Report of the Commission on Ministry (COM)
July 28, 2018**

Since the last report to Presbytery on February 24, 2018, the COM met on Fridays, March 2, April 6, May 4, and June 1, 2018, at the Presbytery Office.

A. ACTION REQUIRING A VOTE BY PRESBYTERY: None expected.

B. ACTIONS TAKEN UNDER AUTHORITY AS A COMMISSION
(No Presbytery Action Required)

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

At the February 24, 2018 meeting of the Presbytery, the Rev. Shannon Webster was received from the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley, effective that day.

On May 4, 2018, COM approved the Designated Associate Pastor call of ABQ La Mesa to Patricia Davison, effective July 1, 2018.

And on June 1, COM approved the Ordination/Installation plans for Patricia Davison at La Mesa, for Sunday, June 24, at 4:00 PM. Presbytery Moderator Bryan Beck will moderate the commission.

On June 1, 2018, COM approved the Call of the Farmington Presbyterian Church to Rev. Megan Cullip, pending the outcome of the usual interview of candidates by a COM team.

On June 1, 2018, COM approved the Call of Shepherd of the Valley Presbyterian Church to Rev. Sarah Chivington-Buck pending the outcome of the usual interview of candidates by a COM team.

2. MEMBERS AT LARGE AND HONORABLY RETIRED MEMBERS RECEIVED:

At the February 24, 2018 meeting of the Presbytery, the Rev. Joe Mares, (HR) was received from the Presbytery of Denver, effective that day.

3. MEMBERS OF PRESBYTERY TRANSFERRED:

On April 6, 2018, COM approved the request to transfer the Rev. David Cameron to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, effective January 9, 2018.

4. CONTRACTS APPROVED for Temporary Pastoral Positions:

Stated Supply/Interim:

On March 2, 2018, COM approved the Covenant Supply Pastor contract between Rio Grande and the Rev. Linda Roberts-Baca, 1/27/18-12/31/18.

On March 2, 2018, COM approved the Interim Pastor contract between Belen and the Rev. Jerry Kuyk.

On April 6, 2018, COM appointed the Rev. Linda Loving as Moderator of Session at Dixon, Embudo, effective May 1, 2018.

On May 4, 2018, COM approved the contract between the Rev. Linda Loving and Dixon, Embudo, effective May 1, 2018.

On June 1, 2018, COM approved the revised contract between Ranchos de Taos and the Rev. Richard Gould.

Parish Associates: On March 2, 2018, COM approved the separate continuing contracts for the Rev. Kay Huggins at ABQ, Second; and the Rev. Jim Collie with ABQ, La Mesa.

5. CHANGE IN MINISTERIAL STATUS:

At the February 24, 2018 meeting of the Presbytery, the Rev. Jan Gough was granted the status of Honorably Retired (HR), effective that day.

6. TRIENNIAL VISITS COMPLETED:

- February 11, 2018: ABQ, New Life
- On April 29, 2018: Jemez Springs.
- On April 29, 2018: Aztec
- On May 15, 2018: ABQ, St. Andrew.

7. EXAMINATIONS / EXIT INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED:

On April 6, 2018, COM approved the exit interview report for the Rev. Jeff Finch and the Rev. Laura Finch, and with the Sessions of Belen (3/1/18), Socorro, and Magdalena.

On April 6, 2018, COM approved the exit interview with the Session of Dixon, Embudo.

On May 10, 2018, an exit interview was conducted with the Rev. Kay Johnson.

8. APPROVED MISSION STATEMENTS (MIF's) / JOB DESCRIPTIONS:

On April 6, 2018, COM approved the Designated Associate Pastor job description at ABQ La Mesa, pending expected changes (to 2 years and related to extension/termination).

On May 4, 2018, COM approved the Statement of Mission and Vision for the Designated Pastor position at Belen; their MIF is coming soon.

On May 4, 2018, COM noted that Magdalena and Socorro have formed a joint PNC.

On June 1, COM approved the MIF for Belen, Designated Pastor position.

9. BEREAVEMENT:

The Rev. Stuart McLean died on June 13, 2018.

The Rev. Steven M. Gribble died on June 27, 2018

The Rev. Wilfred (Bill, Will) Sawyer, member of the Presbytery since 1965, died on July 5, 2018.

We are grateful to God for their various expressions of ministry among us. With words of the Brief Statement of Faith, we celebrate that "In Life and in Death we belong to God."

10. ADDITIONAL ACTIONS:

On March 2, COM agreed to support the Belen request for waiving Board of Pensions vacancy dues at this time.

On April 6, 2018, COM approved the request for the Rev. Larry Haslam to serve communion on April 8, 2018, at Dixon, Embudo.

On April 6, 2018, COM approved sabbatical plans for the Rev. Trey Hammond.

On April 6, 2018, COM agreed to support the Magdalena request for waiving Board of Pensions vacancy dues at this time.

On April 6, 2018, COM agreed to support the Socorro request for waiving Board of Pensions vacancy dues at this time.

On April 6, 2018, COM endorsed the Minister Education Debt Assistance Application for a clergy member of the Presbytery.

On May 4, 2018, COM approved the Rev. Stephanie Kremmel to lead a service of communion at the Presbytery Youth Mission trip on June 7, 2018.

On June 1, 2018, COM approved sabbatical plans for the Rev. Rob Woodruff.

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.

COM ROSTER: Class year, name, RE for ruling elders; MWS for Ministers of Word and Sacrament; (1st or 2nd 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 (1st; 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 (1st; 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 (2nd; 10/16)

COM Consultant Bill Humphreys MWS

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