

**Presbytery of Santa Fe
Report of the Commission on Ministry (COM)
June 24, 2017**

Since the last report to Presbytery on February 25, 2017, the COM met at the Presbytery Office on Fridays, March 3, April 7, May 5, and June 2, 2017.

A. ACTION REQUIRING A VOTE BY PRESBYTERY:

- 1. That the presbytery approve the 2017 Terms of Call (#12a) (highlighted items have not been received)**
- 2. That the presbytery approve the honorable retirement of Glenn Perica from active service effective June 30, 2017**

B. ACTIONS TAKEN UNDER AUTHORITY AS A COMMISSION

(No Presbytery Action Required)

1. NEW PASTORS RECEIVED AND/OR INSTALLED:

a. In March COM approved the plans for Virginia Bairby's installation as Pastor at Taos, First: March 26, 2017, at 5:00 PM: Ruling Elders: JoAnn Ortiz, Taos, First; Bryan Beck, Shepherd of the Valley; Stephen Daniels, Peñasco, Emmanuel; and invited: Shirley Sandoval, Chicon, El Rito; and Teaching Elders: Rob Craig, Michele Goff, Stephanie Kremmel, and invited: Katie Palmer. Teaching Elder and Presbytery Moderator, the Rev. Lorelai Kay served as Moderator. Other participants invited and planning to participate are the Rev. Meg Peery McLaughlin, Burke Presbyterian Church, Burke, Virginia; and the Rev. Father Mike Olsen, St. James Episcopal Church, Taos. In April COM celebrated that the installation had occurred; the Rev. Robyn Kleinschmidt had replaced the Rev. Stephanie Kremmel on the commission.

b. In March COM approved Takako Terino's plans for installation at Menaul School as Chaplain on March 8, 2017; 2:00 PM.

c. In March COM approved the plans for Marjorie Davison's Commissioning: Sunday March 19 at 10 am at Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church, during the morning worship service, as Parish Associate: Ruling Elder Bryan Beck, moderator elect, to preside; the Rev. Jaime Quiñones, HR; the Rev. Kay Huggins, HR; Ruling Elder Anna Creamer, St. Andrew Presbyterian Church; and Ruling Elder Michael Thayer, Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church

d. in April COM approved plans for the Rev. Michele Goff to be installed as Pastor at Aztec on May 21, 2017, at 5:00 PM. The Rev. Lorelei Kay, Presbytery Moderator, with moderate the Commission, which will include Teaching Elders: Tom Hart, Glenn Perica, Ken Cuthbertson, and Virginia Bairby; and Ruling Elders: CRE, Stephen Daniels; Bryan Beck, and Kit Doerfert, Aztec Clerk of Session. Also invited to attend and participate are Kevin Henderson, Ruling Elder from Sheppards and Lapsley Presbytery; Fr. David Tate of St. Joseph's and Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, the Rev. Rebecca Morgan, UCC.

e. in May COM approved plans, if the way be clear, for the Presbytery of Santa Fe to ordain Sarah Chivington-Buck: Sarah on behalf and at the request of Cimarron Presbytery: to be held at

First Presbyterian Church, ABQ, on Sunday, June 18, at 3:00 PM; the Commission includes the Rev. Matthew Miller, First ABQ; the Rev. Jaime Quiñones, HR; and the Rev. Paul Debenport, HR; and Ruling Elders: Libby Whiteley, First, ABQ; Bryan Beck, Shepherd of the Valley, ABQ; and Marj Austin, Rio Rancho Pres. Also invited to attend and participate is the Rev. Rob Martin of San Jose Presbytery and the Rev. Sue Joiner, UCC. The Rev. Lorelei Kay will moderate the commission.

2. MEMBERS AT LARGE AND HONORABLY RETIRED MEMBERS RECEIVED

-In April COM examined and received into the Presbytery the Rev. Mary Ann Banning, HR from Plains & Peaks Presbytery effective April 7, 2017, as an HR member of presbytery.

3. CONTRACTS APPROVED:

Parish Associates: COM approved Parish Associate relationships as follows:

In March: - Larry Graham-Johnson with Smith Memorial and El Buen Pastor Presbyterian Churches - \$75 per Sunday for preaching;

- Jaime Quiñones, with Second Presbyterian Church, ABQ - \$100 per Sunday for preaching;

- Kay Huggins, with Second Presbyterian Church, ABQ - \$1000 per year and \$100 per Sunday for preaching;

In April: Andrew Black with First Presbyterian Church, Santa Fe - \$5,040 per year as housing;

In May: - Frank Yates with First Presbyterian Church, ABQ - \$15,000 per year plus half of SECA.

In May: Jim Collie with La Mesa Presbyterian Church, ABQ – no remuneration.

Stated Supply:

In April COM approved the following Stated Supply contracts:

-Ann Graham-Johnson, with Truchas, Smith Memorial and Chimayo, El Buen Pastor - \$10,000 in salary, \$1,200 in housing, \$200 in continuing ed plus .37 a mile;

-Linda Roberts-Baca with Rio Grande - \$5,700 in salary, 20,500 in housing, \$400 for continuing education, \$200 for other vouchered allowances.

Interim/Bridge Contract:

In May, COM approved a bridge contract, if the way be clear, between the Rev. Bill Humphreys and Immanuel Presbyterian, ABQ. The financial details of the contract are still being worked out and will be reviewed and approved by the co-moderators of COM. The start date will be June 22.

4. CHANGE IN MINISTERIAL STATUS/

a. In March COM approved Glenn Perica's plan to work toward the end of his call at Farmington, effective June 30, 2017.

b. In March COM concurred with David Cameron that, pending approval of the congregation, his call at ABQ, Immanuel, would terminate effective March 31, 2017.

c. In March COM learned from Ed Katzenberger of his plans to end his relationship with the congregation in Grants in March and move toward a relationship with a Mennonite congregation in Albuquerque. In April COM acted to consider the new relationship a validated ministry.

d. In March COM learned from John Guthrie of his plans to seek termination of his contract with Los Alamos, White Rock, no later than December 31, 2017.

e. In March COM learned that Kathryn Johnson Cameron had accepted a call to a church in North Carolina and that she would be transferring her membership.

f. In March COM listed Laura Kuster, who is doing chaplaincy, in Validated Ministry.

g. In April COM moved the name of the Rev. Susan Quass from at-large to validated ministry for her work as Executive Director for the New Mexico Conference of Churches.

h. in May COM approved the transfer of Presbytery membership of the Rev. Cheryl Finch to the Presbytery of the Redwoods for her work there as an interim pastor, effective 3/19/17.

5. MODERATORS APPOINTED:

a. In March, Frank Yates as Moderator of Session for Albuquerque Immanuel on an interim basis.

b. In April, Lorna Kuyk as Moderator of Session for Grants First.

6. TRIENNIAL VISITS COMPLETED:

-Truchas, Smith Memorial, on February 19, 2017;

-ABQ, First, on March 28, 2017;

-Las Placitas on April 11;

-ABQ, Second on May 9;

-Santa Fe, First on May 17;

-Datil, on May 28.

7. EXAMINATIONS CONDUCTED:

a. Don Grauer was examined by a committee of COM at the October 2016 meeting of the presbytery and recommended for membership in the Presbytery. COM accepted Don Grauer into Presbytery membership effective October, 2016 (and inadvertently not reported to the February 25, 2017 meeting of Presbytery.

b. Dori Kay Hjalmarson was examined by a committee of COM on February 27, 2017. She was approved and certified ready to receive a call by her home Transylvania Presbytery and has asked that she be ordained in this Presbytery, to her chaplain's work at Heritage Hospice in ABQ. In March COM voted to receive her into this Presbytery upon her ordination if the way be clear.

8. EXIT INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED:

a. ABQ, Immanuel, April 11, 2017

b. David and Kathryn Cameron, March 16, 2017

c. Glenn Perica, May 30, 2017

9. ADDITIONAL ACTIONS:

In March COM approved the request from Jeff and Laura Finch to train elders to preside at the Sacrament of Holy Communion at Magdalena; the elders named are Marcia Thornton and Ann Bending, current members of Session.

In March COM granted permission for the Rev. Lorna Kuyk to serve communion to former members of Cristo del Valle who are in nursing homes.

In May COM granted permission for the Rev. Michelle R. Vettters of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in San Antonio, to celebrate a wedding in Las Vegas, NM on August 12, 2017.

Dori Hjalmarson will be ordained on August 27th at Las Placitas. She will become a mission co-worker in Honduras.

In June, affirmed the PCUSA ordination, membership and recommendation for the Rev. Jeff Pearson (Sandia Presbyterian Associate Pastor) in his application to be a volunteer chaplain with the Albuquerque Police Department.

In June, approved mission statement for White Rock Presbyterian.

In June, approved the 2016 Terms of Call (which will be attached to the minutes). This had not been done last year.

9. FOR INFORMATION:

- COM added names to the Pulpit Supply list as follows:

In March: Dori Kay Hjalmarson; in April: Mary Ann Banning

- 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 the establishment of congregations!

- The monthly meetings of COM regularly include training sessions. In recent months COM has heard/learned/discussed the topics of using a group assessment survey with sessions, PNCs, and others; a review of the importance and effectiveness of triennial visits with pastors and sessions; the uses of mediation in churches; and a presentation by Skip Herbert, Consultant for Institutional Services with the Presbyterian Foundation.

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 Sitler RE (1)
COM Consultant	Bill Humphreys TE	