

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

**Since the last report to Presbytery on June 24, 2017, the COM met
at the Presbytery Office on Fridays, August 4, September 8, and October 6, 2017.**

A. ACTION REQUIRING A VOTE BY PRESBYTERY (on consent agenda):
Transfer Glenn Perica, HR, to Plains and Peaks Presbytery effective October 12, 2017.

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

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

a. In August, COM approved the plans for Dori Kay Hjalmarson's ordination as Minister of Word and Sacrament, to be held at Las Placitas Presbyterian Church in Placitas, on August 27, 2017, at 2:00 PM, with clergy: Ken Cuthbertson, Takako Terino, David Martinez, and Kay Huggins, and Ruling Elders: George Huggins, ABQ, Second; and Chris Mink, Las Placitas; and five other identified clergy and four other elders, all from other presbyteries: MWS Leslie Vogel, Grand Canyon Presbytery; MWS Scott Clark, Redwoods; MWS Joanne Martindale, Redwoods; MWS Jessica Vaughan Lower, El Paso; MWS Eric Iversen, Transylvania; Eugenia Vogel, Wasatch, Utah; the Rev. John Barr, Nazarene, Heartland Hospice; the Rev. Carlos Zuniga, Iglesia de Dios, Hartland Hospice; Clare McEachin, Lexington, KY; with the Rev. Lorelei Kay to Moderate the Commission. Following COM approval and prior to the service, the Rev. Lorelei Kay invited the Rev. Tom Hart to serve as Moderator, which he did.

b. COM noted the change in approved plans: Bryan Beck served as Moderator of the Ordination Commission for Sarah Chivington-Buck, as Lorelei Kay was ill on that day.

c. In September COM approved the Bridge Pastor job description and contract between Farmington, First, and the Rev. Rebecca Morgan, a minister in the United Church of Christ (UCC), effective July 3, 2017:
\$2,000.00 per month plus mileage for approximately 20 hours per week, with one Sunday off (or three work days) per month. The approved job description includes her appointment as Moderator of Session.

d. In September COM approved the Interim Contract between ABQ Immanuel and the Rev. Brian Merritt, effective September 25, 2017:
\$30,000 cash salary, \$25,000 housing allowance; \$4,207.50 SECA allowance up to 50% of estimated obligation; \$18,572 Supplemental and medical insurance and Pension/IRA; \$1,161 Dental insurance; reimbursable by voucher: auto expenses at \$.535 per mile up to \$300.; business/professional expenses \$400.; Continuing ed: \$1250. Vacation: 2.5 days per month (4 weeks/year) and Continuing ed.: 1 day per month (2 weeks per year).

2. MEMBERS AT LARGE AND HONORABLY RETIRED MEMBERS RECEIVED

-In September, following examination by a COM committee, COM received into the Presbytery the Rev. Rick Carus, from the Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys; the Rev. Robert Bos, from the Presbytery of Lake Michigan; and the Rev. Christine Vogel, from the Presbytery of Chicago.

3. CONTRACTS APPROVED for Parish Associates and Stated Supply Pastors:

Parish Associates: In September COM concurred with the Session of ABQ, Second PC to release Jaime Quinones from their parish associate relationship, effective August 26, 2017.

Stated Supply:

In September COM approved the proposed contract between Farmington and the Rev. Rebecca Morgan, a UCC minister, for the Bridge pastor position, effective July 31, 2017, and noted that the Session would like to hire her as their Stated Supply.

4. CHANGE IN MINISTERIAL STATUS

a. In September COM approved the dissolution of the Designated Pastor relationship between the White Rock Presbyterian Church and the Rev. John Guthrie, effective September 24, 2017.

5. TRIENNIAL VISITS COMPLETED:

- Sandia: June 6
- Datil: June 11 and July 26, 2017
- Las Vegas: July 18, 2017
- Rio Rancho: September 12, 2017

6. EXAMINATIONS CONDUCTED:

a. In September COM received the report of the exit interview conducted September 1, 2017, with the Rev. John Guthrie.

7. APPROVED MISSION STATEMENTS (MIF's)

In September COM approved the Mission and Goals Statement for Farmington.

8. ADDITIONAL ACTIONS:

In August COM granted permission for Jaime Quiñones to labor outside the bounds of this presbytery for preaching opportunities in Lovington, NM.

In August, COM granted permission for Ann Graham-Johnson to celebrate Holy Communion at the August 12 meeting of Jicarita Cluster.

And in August COM granted permission for Susan Quass to celebrate Holy Communion as a part of her validated ministry position as Executive Director of the New Mexico Conference of Churches with her reporting to COM when that occurs.

In September COM granted permission for the Rev. Harry Johnson to labor within the bounds of this presbytery to celebrate a wedding on October 2, 2017.

In September COM approved adoption of a proposed CP contract worksheet.

8. FOR INFORMATION:

- In September COM added names to the Pulpit Supply list as follows: Christine Vogel, Santa Fe; Siobhan O’Connell-Croto, Las Vegas; and Rick Carus, Rio Rancho.

- In October COM noted the election of an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee by the congregation of ABQ Shepherd of the Valley and appointed a COM liaison to the APNC.

COM NOTES

IMPORTANT: 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 the establishment of congregations!

The monthly meetings of COM regularly include training sessions. In recent months COM has heard/learned/discussed the topics related to pastoral succession led by Frank Yates and Stephen Rhoades in August, and in September and October, parts I and II of Lorna Kuyk’s presentations and discussions of Building Trust.

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

Catherine Robinson and Stephen Daniels, co-Moderators

<u>2017</u> Jim Brown MWS (1)	Rob Craig MWS (1)	Judith Mead RE (1)
Beth Miller RE (1:10/16)	James E. Roghair MWS (2)	Jane Stringfellow RE (2)
<u>2018</u> Bryan Beck RE (1)	Judy Belvin RE (1)	Stephen Daniels CP (1)
Robyn Kleinschmidt MWS(1)	Catherine Robinson MWS (2)	Frank Yates MWS(1)
<u>2019</u> Ann Graham-Johnson MWS (1)	Lorna Kuyk MWS (2)	Bill Lumm RE (2)
Susan Quass MWS (1)	Jaime Quiñones (elected 2016) MWS	John Sitler RE (1)
Linda Wilson RE (9/2017)		

In September, 2017, Linda Wilson, RE, Belen, replaced Jaime Quiñones and Judy Belvin stepped into the position of co-moderator upon Catherine Robinson’s resignation for health reasons related to her spouse.

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