

Report To Presbytery of Riverside
 Healthy Pastors and Congregations Commission Report
 TE Scott Mason, Chair

HPCC met on April 12th in Beaumont; members of the commission representing the entire commission also met on May 3rd in San Bernardino; May 15th in Cathedral City, May 21st in San Bernardino, and May 23rd in Beaumont.

(The Commission voted to suspend quorum requirements for the meetings on May 15th and May 21st.)

Commission members RE Anne Smith and TE Sara McCurdy along with TE Lee Ireland met with Honorably Retired TE Rob Steward and approved him for membership in the Presbytery of Riverside. Rev. Steward's supporting documentation is found in (3A).

The Commission approved the recognition of TE Rev. Dr. Christine (Tina) Blair's request for Honorable Retirement to take place at the June 2nd Presbytery meeting.

An Administrative Commission was approved for the Fontana New Beginnings Church consisting of TE Henry DeGraaff, RE Becky Bane, and TE Sam Roberts.

The concluding worship service of the Crestline Community Presbyterian Church will be held on May 20, 2018. A motion to concur with the decision to close the Crestline Community Presbyterian Church at the recommendation of the Administrative Commission elected to assume the responsibility of the Session after consulting with members of the Crestline Community Presbyterian Church.

Regarding the matter of the call from the St. Andrew Community Presbyterian Church of Indio, CA, to the Rev. Julie Hodges to serve as Installed Pastor.

G-2.0504b states (in part): "A minister of the Word and Sacrament employed in a temporary pastoral relationship (by whatever definition) (not a "permanent" (installed) position), is ordinarily not eligible to serve as the next installed pastor, co-pastor, or associate pastor."

G-2.0504c states (in part): "A presbytery may determine that its mission strategy permits...a minister of the Word and Sacrament employed in a temporary pastoral relationship to be eligible to serve as the next installed pastor.... Presbyteries that permit this eligibility shall establish such relationships only by a three-fourths vote of the members of presbytery present and voting."

In conversations with the St. Andrew Community Presbyterian Church Session and Pastor Nominating Committee, HPCC agreed to allow the Rev. Julie Hodges to be a

candidate in their search process. The St. Andrew Community Presbyterian Church PNC, following their search process, has extended a call to Rev. Hodges to serve as their installed pastor. The congregation on May 27th received the report of the PNC and approved the call with the terms of call as found in 3B of this docket.

In order for the Presbytery to approve this call, we must first comply with G-2.0504c regarding the approval of her candidacy by a three-fourths vote of the members of Presbytery present and voting at this meeting.

According to the Manual of Administrative Operations of the Presbytery of Riverside, the Healthy Pastors and Congregations Commission, under "Powers", item 4 reads: "To approve all pastoral relationships when the Minister of Word and Sacrament is currently a member of the Presbytery." As a result, ordinarily, the Presbytery would not vote on the call to the Rev. Julie Hodges. However, there has not been the ability for the HPCC to meet with a quorum in the wake of the time line that has ensued in this call process. A representation of HPCC consisting of TE Sara McCurdy, TE Scott Mason, and TE Lee Ireland was authorized to meet to interview Rev. Hodges on May 15th which is the protocol in the case of ministers accepting calls who are not presently members of the Presbytery and this representative group recommends that the call be sustained. Therefore, secondly, given that HPCC has not been able to meet with a quorum present to confirm this call under the circumstances, HPCC will bring a motion, contingent upon an affirmative 3/4th's affirmative vote in compliance with G-2.0504c, recommending the Presbytery of Riverside's agreement with the call extended from the St. Andrew Community Presbyterian Church to the Rev. Julie Hodges.

TE Sandy Tice, Re Becky Bane, and TE Scott Mason as representatives of the HPCC met with Honorably Retired TE Earl Stewart and approved him for membership in the Presbytery of Riverside. Rev. Stewart's supporting documentation is found in (3C).

RE Anne Smith, RE Don Reiersen, and TE Scott Mason as representatives of the HPCC met with TE Temporary Supply Pastor (Transitional Pastor) Tom Rennard for a review of his work at First Presbyterian Church of Hemet. The gathered representatives thanked Rev. Rennard for the important work he is doing.