

Presbytery of Riverside Healthy Pastors and Congregations Commission
April 2, 2020, Beaumont Presbyterian Church, 5:45 p.m.
Minutes and Report

ROLL: (A=absent, E=excused, all others present)

	<u>Class of 2020</u>		<u>Class of 2021</u>		<u>+Class of 2022</u>
ex	RE Becky Bane	ex	TE Henry DeGraaff	x	RE Anand Dyal Chand
x	TE Sam Roberts	x	RE Melodee Kistner	ex	RE Peggy Hill
x	RE Jesse Rose	x	TE Scott Mason	x	TE Julie Hodges
		x	TE In Yang	x	RE Sam Hynds

Staff: ex **Lee Ireland**, Temporary Executive Presbyter; **Tom Rennard**, Temp. Stated Clerk

MISSION STATEMENT – “Connected congregations
in deep discipleship with Jesus Christ
who are faithful and active witnesses to God’s love, justice, and peace.”

OPENING PRAYER: Scott Mason led us in opening prayer.

APPROVE DOCKET: The docket was approved as distributed.

APPROVE MINUTES: The minutes of the March meeting was **NOT** approved.

UPDATE “Vital Congregations Initiative” - Becky Bane

CALLS / CONTRACTS

TE Christine Dickerson – Exit Interview (Postponed)

TE Dr. Bill Roozeboom – Interview – (Seeking transfer of membership). Rev. Dr. Roozeboom was interviewed at the last meeting but his Statement of Faith was sent but not passed on to commission members for tonight’s consideration. It will be passed on for the May meeting.

TE Sally Willis-Watkins Interview and Statement of Faith – (Seeking transfer into the Presbytery) **MSC** to admit Sally Willis-Watkins to membership in the presbytery.

MATTERS CONCERNING CHURCHES

No Interest Church Loans – See Appendix A. **MSC:** We adopt the San Gabriel model and that it be a part of the process for how we give out the loans. We will adopt the form for Riverside and send it out to the congregations through the Office Administrator. Julie, Scott, Lee and Sam make up the financial review team stated in the San Gabriel model.

REPORT OF THE TEMPORARY PRESBYTERY LEADER AND STATED CLERK – Lee Ireland, Tom Rennard. Verbal reports only.

OLD BUSINESS

Triennial Visits / Holy Conversations. None scheduled although an updated list of liasons for each of the churches claimed by a member of the commission was distributed.

Sabbaticals and Accrual of Study Leave Policy – Tom Rennard. Postponed to the May meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Task force to keep churches open – No discussion.

Rev. Kristin Leucht, our new Board of Pensions Church Consultant would like to meet with us at an upcoming meeting. kleucht@pensions.org 267-815-1329. We will schedule her.

CLOSING PRAYER / MOTION TO ADJOURN. The meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.

(Next virtual meeting: Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 5:45 p.m.)

Appendix A

No-interest loans available to our member congregations who may need help during these times:

The PFIFD recommends to the Presbytery Commission that at this time of the Presbytery will make available up to a \$10,000 no interest loan for churches that express the need for assistance. The PFIFD recommends these loans would be funded from the Gracious Dismissal Funds.

The Commission also discussed several aspects of administering the loan program. The **Commission voted to approve a motion to administer the loans with the following process:**

- Eligibility: Congregations and recognized fellowships of Riverside Presbytery may apply for a loan, referred to as “entity” within this motion.
- Advertising: Lee Ireland will inform the congregations and recognized fellowships via a letter.
- Administration: HPCC shall be the primary administering group for this program.
- Submittal for Loan: The entity must express a definitive financial need, and will be required to submit:
 - Annual Budget
 - Current Financials
 - Expressed Needs
- Approval: The HPCC will receive the application and make a decision regarding approval. The Presbytery Commission wishes that per-capita participation by the entity not be a deciding factor in the approval process.
- The term of the loan portion of the program is for 6 months, to be terminated at close of business on September 30, 2020.
- Terms of Loan and Repayment:
 - This will be a no-interest loan.
 - The stated repayment date will begin two years after the entity received the funds. HPCC will visit with each entity when the two-year point is approaching to make a determination if the entity is able to begin repayment. If they are, HPCC and the entity will agree on the repayment period and installment amount. The minimum repayment period shall be at least one year, unless the entity wishes to make it shorter.
 - If HPCC agrees that the entity is not able to begin repayment, their situation will be reviewed again in one year. Under no terms does this Commission intend to

recommend to the Presbytery Assembly that any church be shut down for lack of ability to repay the loan.

- The maximum amount of money that will be available for loans is \$320,000 with no more than \$10,000 per congregation or fellowship. If an entity did not receive the maximum initially, they may apply for additional funds up to the maximum before the loan termination date.
- The Presbytery Commission shall review this program for its viability and success in satisfying its stated intent in six months.
- The Presbytery Commission recognizes our actions do not bind future Presbytery Commissions or the Presbytery Assembly to review, modify, extend, or cancel this program.