

Calling Commission Minutes July 26, 2018

Attending: Edith Ophardt, Cathy Piekarski, Matt Skolnik, Marc Van Bulck, Ron Walker.

Opening Prayer and meditation: Marc Van Bulck

Approval of Minutes: 6/12/18

Updates on those under care:

Justin Warner has completed his psychological evaluation with Leaderwise. We are waiting on the report.

Robin Sharp told Matt Skolnik that she is interested enjoying CPE and is considering chaplaincy.

Ben Rumbaugh is continuing CPE at the Veteran's Hospital.

Anthony Devolld has spoken to Matt Skolnik and intends to renew his commitment to the CRE program. A letter will be sent to address a more structured approach for his participation in the future.

Joe Svancara is pursuing a call with New Philadelphia church beginning August 19th. MVP will examine him at the Sept 8th meeting.

New request to be taken under care: Kathryn Ophardt from Christ Presbyterian church in Canton met with the calling commission requesting to be taken under care as an inquirer. Edith Ophardt excused herself from the interview and discussion. Kathryn spent two months as a pastoral intern with Rev. Jim McCurdy at Alliance Presbyterian Church. She will be spending a year of service in Mexico City under the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America while she continues to discern her call. The Calling Commission reviewed the next steps in the process including the need for a psychological evaluation. Marc Van Bulck will be her liaison.

Readers Update: Chris Stewart and Ron Walker have agreed to be ordination exam readers.

Replacement for Jon Carlisle: The nominating committee will need to be contacted to select someone.

CRE Update: Applicants can start online courses with Dubuque before psych eval and interview with Calling Commission. Psych eval and interview are necessary to complete the process of coming under care.

Edith will follow up with individuals who have voiced interest in the CRE program in hopes of gathering enough commitment for a cohort.

Ron Walker suggested that we invite Dolly (Lee Dong), the pastor of the Chinese congregation meeting at Ashland First Presbyterian Church, to attend the Cohort Catch- Up in order to provide an opportunity for relationship building with the presbytery.

Closing Prayer: Marc Van Bulck

Next meeting: 8/28, following the Cohort Catch Up.