

Calling Commission Minutes August 28, 2018

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

Opening Prayer and meditation: The meeting followed the Cohort Catch Up where Ron Walker offered a meditation on John 5:1-18

Approval of Minutes: 7/26/18

CRE Update: Members of the Calling Commission interviewed Pam Smith from Hopewell Presbyterian Church. She has served as choir director, Sunday school teacher, and clerk of session. Pam has degrees in Social Work and Business. She candidly described her spiritual growth through challenging life events. The Calling Commission voted to receive Pam into the CRE program. The expectations of the program including the costs were reviewed. Pam indicated that finances are an issue for her. Christ Presbyterian church will be approached concerning procedures for applying for financial aid through their Seminary Fund. A mentor will be assigned in the coming months.

Review of Anthony Devold: It has been brought to the attention of the Calling Commission that Anthony has not honored the Covenant concerning limiting his role at Millersburg and Clark to occasional pulpit supply until commissioned, and partnering with a mentor. The ongoing concerns related to Anthony's resistance and/or ignorance of the need for supervision and support within the collaborative/relational nature of the Presbyterian Denomination led the Calling Commission to unanimously vote to remove Anthony from the CRE program. Since Anthony was not available to attend our meeting on such short notice, a letter will be composed by Edith and approved by the CC explaining to Anthony the reasons for the termination. Anthony will be instructed to consult with the Parish Elders before doing any further pulpit supply in the presbytery. Anthony will also be encouraged to seek wise counsel in continuing to discern his call to ministry.

Closing Prayer: Matt Skolnik

Next meeting: 10/18

Respectfully submitted by Edith Ophardt, Christ Church, Canton