

## **Calling Commission Minutes May 13, 2019**

**Attending:** Wendy Bausman Gray, Edith Ophardt, Cathy Piekarski, and Julia Sprague. Ron Walker attended electronically. Excused: Bob Freymeyer, and Matt Skolnik.

**Opening Prayer and meditation:** Matt Skolnik electronically sent a reflection on Jacob wrestling at Peniel.

**Approval of Minutes:** 4/19/19 approved as written.

### **Update for those under care (ministry of word and sacrament):**

**Robin Sharp** – Robin was not successful in passing her remaining ordination exams. She has had many family demands as well as the challenges of test taking. The calling commission will prayerfully consider options for supporting Robin in her calling.

**Kathryn Ophardt** - Kathryn continues her work with migrants in Mexico City. She will be returning home in early July and will meet with the CC at our next meeting, 7/8.

**Justin Warner** – Justin met with the commission to review the completion of his first seminary year. Justin is working for the seminary, executing data analytics. The seminary uses the information to help with admissions and improve the implementation of the seminary's mission. He is developing patterns of self-care including, counseling, exercise, spiritual practices. He has found support with other students with science and other non-theology backgrounds. Justin is working as a student pastor at Grace Church which has a "disabilities ministry". He has appreciated the way in which individuals are honored and integrated into the congregation with an emphasis on the strengths they can contribute. Justin identified his professional development as CPE, institutional research, networking, and creative ministry applications. Justin noted that he has particularly enjoyed his course on multicultural pastoral care and intends to pursue more pastoral care opportunities. Members of the calling commission encouraged Justin to move to candidate status in his middle year. Justin is getting married this week and he and his wife will be living in seminary housing next year.

**CRE Update:**

**Dubuque Seminary** sent their summer and fall schedule. Edith will forward this to the CRE cohort.

**CRE Pastoral Care Seminar:** Scheduled for 9-5, 6/29. Wendy Gray and Eldon Trubee will be leading, Ron Walker and Edith Ophardt will be facilitating. Edith will contact the cohort with the dates and confirm the location when it is established. The follow up processing will be scheduled in late July.

**Current CRE Cohort:** Pamela Smith, Brad Thomas, Bonnie Donnelly, Tabitha Williams, Roger Sibert.

**Devotions for next time:** Julia Sprague

**Closing Prayer:** Wendy Gray

**Next meeting:** 7/8 at 1pm

Respectfully submitted by Edith Ophardt (Christ Church, Canton)