

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF STATED CLERK MARIANNE GRANO
TO THE PRESBYTERY OF DETROIT
February 25, 2023**

RECOMMENDATIONS UNDER BUSINESS:

FOR ACTION AS OMNIBUS MOTION (2):

Approve the following proposed amendments to the Book of Order (**Paper F-1**, all proposed amendments; **Paper F-2**, amendments voted on at this meeting):

1. Amendment 22A (foundational statements - disability and gender identity inclusivity);
2. Amendment 22B (foundational statements - disability and gender identity inclusivity);
3. Amendment 22E (“Honorably Retired” designation amendment to “Retired”);
4. Amendment 22F (transfer of ministers from immigrant fellowships);
5. Amendment 22G (boundary and sexual abuse prevention training for inquirers);
6. Amendment 22H (sexual misconduct allegation reporting for inquirers and candidates);
7. Amendment 22J (authorizing commissioned ruling elders serving in multiple ministries);
8. Amendment 22K (boundary and sexual abuse prevention training for commissioned ruling elders);
9. Amendment 22L (boundary and sexual abuse prevention training for certified Christian educators);
10. Amendment 22M (electronic Session meetings)
11. Amendment 22P (requiring councils to establish a sexual misconduct policy, a harassment policy, a child and youth protection policy, and an antiracism policy).
12. Amendment 22Q (requiring Presbyteries to establish minimum compensation for dissolution terms, for pastoral calls and for those serving in temporary pastoral service);
13. Amendment 22R (permitting Synods to enroll additional members not commissioned by Presbyteries in order to provide greater participation and representation).

FOR ACTION AFTER DISCUSSION: To approve the recommendations of the Administrative Commission for Dearborn-Littlefield (Paper F-3):

1. MOTION: The Littlefield AC moves that \$100,000 of the proceeds of the sale of the Littlefield Presbyterian Church Building will be paid to Littlefield Action 4 Social Justice, a non-profit organization for promoting peace and social justice.
2. MOTION: The Littlefield AC moves that \$100,000 of the proceeds of the sale of the Littlefield Presbyterian Church Building be administered by Presbytery’s Congregational Development and Transformation Committee “to equip congregations and their leadership to live into the new thing that God is doing there with Resources that include grants and learning opportunities.” We encourage the Committee to consider using these funds, according to the desires of the former members of Littlefield, to support activities such as a music ministry or a special mission project for smaller congregations that could not support the activity themselves.”
3. MOTION: The Littlefield AC moves that \$50,000 of the proceeds of the sale of the Littlefield Presbyterian Church Building be administered by the session of the Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church. We encourage the session to consult with the former members of Littlefield PC who have joined that congregation in deciding the appropriate use for this money.
4. MOTION: The Littlefield AC moves that any remaining funds for the proceeds of the sale of the Littlefield Presbyterian Church Building after all applicable debts are satisfied, be administered by Presbytery’s New Church Development Committee. It seemed fitting to us that, from the grievous loss of one beloved congregation of the Presbytery, seeds for a new congregation might be planted.
5. MOTION: The Littlefield AC moves that the Littlefield Administrative Commission be dissolved as of today’s date,

February 25, 2023.

FOR ACTION AS OMNIBUS MOTION (3):

1. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONS:

Approve the reports of the following Administrative Commissions:

Interim Report of the Administrative Commission for Dearborn- Littlefield (Paper F-3)

Interim Report of the Administrative Commission for St. John's Detroit (Paper F-4)

Interim Report of the Administrative Commission for Southfield-Covenant (Paper F-5)

Interim Report of the Administrative Commission for Detroit-Westminster (Paper F-6)

Interim Report of the Administrative Commission for Milford (Paper F-7)

2. Approve the results of the Review of Session Records for 2021:

Submitted and not approved at this time:

Detroit- Calvin East

Sterling Heights- New Life

Approved with exceptions:

Dearborn Heights- St. Andrews

Approved without exceptions:

Dearborn-Cherry Hill

3. Approve the request of Dearborn Heights-St. Andrews for a waiver from the six-year term limit pursuant to G-2.0404.

4. To dissolve the Administrative Commission for Southfield-Covenant and thank the members for their service.

FOR INFORMATION

1. The Synod of the Covenant reports on the grants given in 2022 and additional items of interest. (Paper F-8). The Synod also reports that the reconfigured AC for Detroit has been named, and has had an orientation meeting. They'll begin their work early in January and plan to meet twice a month.

The members include

- Cal Bremer, TE, Lake Michigan
- Jeanne Gay, TE, Maumee Valley
- Jim Wilson, RE, Scioto Valley
- Jessie MacMillan, TE, Western Reserve
- Alice McCollum, RE, Miami Valley
- Robert Sullivan, RE, Cincinnati

Jeanne and Robert return from the previous incarnation of the AC. Alice has served as vice-moderator, moderator, and chair of council of her presbytery. Jeannie, Cal, and Jessie all have experience as EP (and in Jessie's case, also Stated Clerk).

2. The following transfers have been completed:

FROM DETROIT PRESBYTERY

Rev. Samuel An, to Long Island

Rev. Andrew Frazier, to Mission

Rev Eun Joo (Angela) Ryo, to Wabash Valley

3. The Investigating Committee formed to investigate a statement of alleged offense received May 21, 2022 has made its final report. (Paper F-9)
4. The Committee to Review Issues Surrounding the Separation Agreement Between Dr. Floretta Barbee-Watkins and the Presbytery of Detroit has issued its final report. (Paper F-10).
5. A letter was received by the Presbytery on February 23 celebrating the retirement of Rev. John Judson from the Presbyterian Church of East Africa. (Paper F-11).