

Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report to Presbytery February 26, 2022

For Information:

- The Bible Content Exam was given Friday, February 4, 2022 at Northminster Presbyterian Church, Troy, proctored by CRE Nancy Bass.
- The following members of CPM were appointed as Ordination Exam Readers: Teaching Elder Paul Stunkel, Ruling Elder Stefanie Lewis and Ruling Elder Nancy Bass, with Teaching Elder Jim Faile as alternate.
- CPM met with Inquirer Bonnie Bakewell (First, Northville; Columbia) on January 4 to be examined for the move to candidacy. After lengthy discussion with Ms. Bakewell's pastor and session liaison, CPM discerned that she was not adequately prepared for Candidacy at this time. CPM made several recommendations for her continued journey as an Inquirer.
- CPM met with Inquirer Robyn Hudgins (First, Warren; Central Baptist) and sustained her Annual Consultation. CPM reviewed coursework and approved her Field Ed Setting at Fort Steet, Detroit.
- CPM met with Candidate Tyler Brinks (Kirk in the Hills; Princeton) on February 1, examined him on his Statement of Faith, Exegetical Paper and Sermon. Upon motion CPM granted Final Assessment and permission to circulate a PIF.
- CPM discussed the status of Inquirers, Candidates and CRETs. Liaisons will continue reviewing and guiding the same.
- CPM has been reviewing the educational requirements of the Book of Order and the policy of POD and will likely make some minor adjustments.
- CPM discussed CREs and the respective roles of COM and CPM.
- CPM has made CRE Training Funds available to Eligible CREs taking Transitional Ministry Training.
- CPM has scholarship money available for Inquirers and Candidates; application forms are available on the Presbytery website.
- CPM discussed the need for Black Clergy in the Presbytery.
- CPM application forms and manuals are available on the POD website.

For Action:

- CPM presents Inquirer Kathleen Mackie (St. Paul's, Livonia; ETS) for Examination to be enrolled as a Candidate. Her Biography and Statement of Faith are attached.

Respectfully Submitted
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Co-chairs CPM