

Update from the Moderator

At the September 24 meeting of the Presbytery of Detroit, a motion was made from the floor: "... that the Moderator in collaboration with the Committee on Nominations of the Presbytery of Detroit, select three people whose committee or any individual which was not involved with the approval of \$10,000.00 separation payment given to Rev. Dr. Floretta Barbee-Watkins after her resignation, to analyze and audit the why and how of this transaction, for proper procedures/complete transparencies, and report its findings to this presbytery no later than the 2023 January Presbytery meeting." The motion passed with 38 Yes votes and 34 No votes. Nominations Committee (of which the Moderator is a part) quickly identified three individuals who accepted this role and have begun the work:

Rev. Gretchen Denton, Honorably Retired;
Rev. John Judson, First Birmingham;
Elder Sharon Moore, St. John's.

The team is already hard at work and plans to have a report for the February meeting, since the January meeting is not a business meeting. We will continue to keep you updated as this progresses.

In Christ,

Rev. Jasmine Smart, Moderator
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