

**THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

February 9, 2019

**FOR PRESBYTERY ACTION:**

- 1. Move that the Presbytery APPROVE the transfer of The Rev. Thomas Groome III, Interim Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Fairfield, CT from the Presbytery of Transylvania to the Presbytery of Southern New England effective February 9, 2019. His Statement of Faith is Ref. H-1.**
- 2. Move that the Presbytery APPROVE the transfer of The Rev. Dr. Laurie McKnight, Member at Large, from the Presbytery of Transylvania to the Presbytery of Southern New England effective February 9, 2019. Her Statement of Faith is Ref. H-2.**

*A celebratory prayer will be offered*

**FOR PRESBYTERY INFORMATION**

1. Sent a letter from the Committee on Ministry to Rev. Jenny Davis, Chair of Personnel Committee regarding the position of Pastor to Pastors.
2. Approved The Rev. Pamela Spence Bakker to work outside the bounds of the Presbytery of Southern New England as Interim Pastor, Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, So. Easton, MA retroactive to November 12, 2018.
3. Approved the move of the Rev. Susan Olson from Specialized Clergy to Member at Large status effective December 30, 2018.
4. Dismissed The Rev. Christine Delmar to the Presbytery of Seattle effective December 12, 2018.
5. Approved The Rev. Dr. Heather Wright as Specialized Clergy Serving Another Denomination as Pastor of Care and Connection, Stanwich Congregational Church, Greenwich, CT, effective Jan. 15, 2019. (NOTE: This is a job change for Ms. Wright.)
6. Appointed The Rev. Carleton Giles as Stated Supply for the United Presbyterian Church, Milford, CT, for six months effective January 1, 2019.
7. Approved the Interim Pastor position description and proposed terms of call for Valley Presbyterian Church, Brookfield, CT.
8. Continued to work on the wording of the Policy on Parental Leave that was referred back to the committee by the Presbytery of Southern New England.

9. Continued to support the sessions and congregations of First Presbyterian Church – Hartford, Valley Presbyterian Church, Woodbury Union Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church – New Canaan, Milford United Presbyterian Church, and Providence Presbyterian Church.
10. Conducted training for the Committee on the process of “Searching for an Interim Pastor/Pastor”.
11. Met with Rev. Allison Seed, Board of Pensions Representative, to hear about benefits available through the Board of Pensions and changes to benefits for 2019.
12. Documented the roles and responsibilities of Committee on Ministry members.