

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS
NOVEMBER 10, 2015

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

The following actions have been taken by CPM:

1. Conducted 'Final Assessment' interview with candidate, John Craft on 9/23/15 and certified him ready for examination for ordination, pending a call.
2. Granted permission to candidate Gwen Carr to preach at Buffalo Gap and serve communion as requested by Buffalo Gap on the following Sunday's: November 22, the month of January, and February 7, 2016.
3. Conducted 'Annual Consultation' with inquirer Tom Forbes and approved his request to become a Candidate on 10/28/15, pending receipt of Form 5A and 5B (see pages S-2-S3)
4. Conducted 'Annual Consultation' with inquirer Jacob Kave and approved his request to become a Candidate on 10/28/15 (see pages S4-S5)
5. Conducted 'Final Assessment' interview with candidate Kristy Ray on 10/28/15 and certified her ready for examination for ordination, pending a call.

TOM FORBES

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

We are all called to be God's people and we will spend our entire lives trying to figure out just what this means. We do this together, as a community, seeking to discern the path we are each being urged to follow. Often we can't see the path until we stop and look back at what God has done in and through us. In my first weekend at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary we walked a labyrinth together and this idea took shape in my mind. As we journey through the labyrinth, we know where we've been because we've been there. We know where we are because we look down and see we are on the path—between the lines. But, when we try to look ahead, before we get very far, the parallel lines converge and the path is obscured. We proceed forward, step-by-step, trusting that the path will lead us through to the goal.

Where I've been: I'm a life-long Presbyterian and the son of a Presbyterian minister. I studied theatre at James Madison University; served in the Army; worked in the information technology industry for 32 years; and retired from Hewlett Packard in 2011 so I could begin my seminary studies. Along the way I married Alison Fain, an elementary school teacher from Louisville, KY, and together we recently celebrated our 34th wedding anniversary. We have lived in Martinsburg, WV for 27 years where we raised our two children, Jessica and Dave. Along the way several members of Shenandoah Presbytery came alongside me to help discern God's claim on my life. I then attended Commissioned Lay Pastor training and have been walking this path as a pastor for seven years.

Where I am: The congregation of the Piedmont Presbyterian Church and I will mark the beginning of our fourth year together on December 1st and I am in my fourth and final year of seminary. Along the way I have walked with many wonderful people in joyful times and in sorrow, in births, marriages, and deaths, and in sickness and recovery. I am continuing to learn and practice the variety of ways ministry is done, worship and preaching, teaching, pastoral care, missions, ecumenical relationships and collaboration, and spiritual disciplines. I am also learning how to be a chaplain and how to start a missional church.

Where I'm going: With God's help I will graduate from seminary in May 2016 whereupon Alison will retire from teaching and we will begin the next great adventure of our lives together. I will continue working toward ordination but beyond that the lines of my path converge and I do not know where the journey will take us. I will trust God each step on the way and walk this path as I am led.

TOM FORBES

STATEMENT OF FAITH

My faith, hope, and trust is in the Triune God, revealed by Jesus Christ, in the apostolic testimony of scripture as one God in three Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God is a living, personal God who has a plan for my life and is acting personally in the world to nudge me along those paths. God is the creator of everything that exists. God is both loving and just. God is my anchor.

Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ, the second Person of the triune Godhead was born to the virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is fully human and fully God. He was crucified by order of Pontius Pilate. He died, was buried, and on the third day was resurrected bodily by the power of the Holy Spirit. He ascended bodily to heaven where he prays to the Father on our behalf until he comes again in the Day of Judgment. Christ is my comforter and liberator.

God, alone, is the author of the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper as the signs and seals of our faith in God's gracious promises of the forgiveness of sins and eternal life, and our communion in the body of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Baptism by water signifies regeneration and cleansing from sins. One baptism is sufficient for a perpetual sealing of our adoption into Christ yet, not so inseparably tied to grace and salvation that no one can be saved without it.

The elements of common food and drink in the Lord's Supper signify Christ's body which was given for us and his blood which was shed for us. We remember that by his incarnation, his life and

ministry, and his death and resurrection Christ has made atonement for all our sins and redeemed us from death to eternal life. Christ is spiritually present to those who receive the Lord's Supper who then, by faith, are strengthened and sustain in their Christian life.

The Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the true word of God which bears witness to Jesus Christ, the Word of God, with authority that comes from hearing through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. The scriptures are sufficient for all instruction in Godliness and, therefore, no other word of God is to be invented nor expected from heaven. The interpretation of scripture comes from scripture itself, by the Holy Spirit, in its plain language and context, and in agreement with the rules of faith, hope, and, above all, love. God's word is spoken to his church today where the scriptures are faithfully preached and read through the illumination of the Holy Spirit.

There is one Church, chosen by God, in all times and places, who rightly worship and embrace, in true faith, Jesus Christ, the only Head of the Church. Christ has given to the Church the ministry, word, sacraments, and discipline of God for the "gathering and perfecting of the saints" in this world and, by his presence and Spirit, makes these effective. Within the Church are the means of grace by which believers, as we grow and mature in faith, move from self-centered sinfulness toward God-centered lives bearing the image of Christ. As the communion of forgiven sinners, the Church must testify to a sinful world, in faith and obedience, in word and deed, that Christ is Lord. The Church is sent, by God, into the world with God's message of reconciliation, that, by the Holy Spirit, hatreds which separate people from each other and from God may be healed.

The Church waits with urgent hope for the "triumph of God over all that resists his will and disrupts his creation." Christ will come again, to claim his own, to destroy evil, and to judge the living and the dead. Those whom God has chosen will receive mercy in eternal life. The wicked, who do not know God or obey God's commandments, will receive eternal separation from the presence and power of God. The day of judgment will come but we do not and cannot know when so that we may always be prepared and say, "Come, Lord Jesus! Amen."

JACOB KAVE
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

I come from a very supportive, caring, and tight knit family. We have grown very close together through our experiences as a family. I was born in Raleigh, North Carolina where my father was a corporate business man with McDonalds Corporation and my mother was a stay at home mom. When I was three we traveled to Paris, France in order for my father to assist with reconditioning McDonalds in Europe. We lived there until I was ten. The experience of growing up in a foreign country really made our family unified, and provided me with a very diverse and unique upbringing. After France, my dad was transferred to McDonald's headquarters in Naperville, Illinois. We were only there for two years before we moved to Lexington, Virginia. Since that time my mother has completed her licensure as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and has built a private practice. My father has changed jobs several times, and is currently a plant manager at a local embroidery plant. In the meantime, my older brother graduated high school, the Naval Academy, and flight school. He then advanced to be a Major in the Marine Corps and an instructor at Top Gun in Fallon, Nevada. He and his wife have two beautiful girls and he has recently left the Marine Corps to become a civilian flight instructor with Lockheed Martin.

Throughout high school, I was a four year letterman in two sports and participated in two others, and also participated in Young Life. Since I graduated high school in 1998, I have spent a lot of time searching for myself, and eventually for where the Lord wanted me to be. After high school I worked in construction and went to community colleges for a year and a half, and realized I was not ready to attend a full time university due to the fact that I didn't know myself or what I wanted to do. After searching for my place in the construction arena, I decided I should transition my service to serve my country in the Army for a few years. I enlisted in 2000 as a Patriot Missile Operator. I was stationed mainly in Ansbach, Germany, but was deployed to Kuwait in 2001 and Iraq in 2003.

After my four years of active duty, I transitioned to the reserves and accepted my endorsement to attend James Madison University. My reserve job was as an assistant instructor of Military Science through the ROTC Department. I helped in developing and running a class two days a week for civilian students to help recruit for the ROTC program. We also conducted weekend training exercises for the cadets. It was during my time at JMU that Christ really took over my life, and I spent a substantial part of my college career as a Young Life leader. As a leader I volunteered 14 hours a week building relationships and sharing the good news of Christ with middle school students. I started school as a math major, but two years into my degree I realized that leading Young Life and studying math were taking up more time than I could give to both, and I was not doing both as well as I wished. I also decided that I loved working with middle school students, so changed to Interdisciplinary Liberal Studies with a concentration in middle school math and science education. I completed my undergrad degree in 2007 and my Master of Arts in Teaching in 2008. I taught middle school math and science for three years gained my endorsement to teach high school math. I spent the next three years teaching high school math. In total I taught for six years in Shenandoah County where I also coached wrestling for three years, lacrosse for one year, and track for one year. During this time, in 2011, I married my wife, Ashley, who I met leading Young Life at JMU. We now have a two year old son.

Three years ago, in August 2012, my wife and I were hired to be the campus leaders for Ukirk-Harrisonburg, the Presbyterian Campus Ministry for JMU and the Harrisonburg area. With this ministry we organize a weekly worship service and Bible study, spend time fellowshiping with college students, conduct service projects in the area, and go on retreats. We have grown the ministry from 4 to 25 students over the past two years and have developed strong relationships with our students. We have also seen their faith and maturity grow tremendously in this time.

Finally, I confirmed my drive and love of learning about theology and how to minister well the past few years. These past few years have also solidified my sense of call. I started by taking one class per semester online through Denver Seminary for one year, and one year at Eastern Mennonite. Taking those classes affirmed the idea that this is what I am supposed to be doing so last year I started seminary full time at Eastern Mennonite and continued serving with Ukirk at JMU. Combing the academic life of seminary with the practical experience of ministry with college students has undoubtedly solidified my sense of call. My wife and I will also participate in the life of our home congregation, Woodstock Presbyterian Church, where time and distance allow. The rest of my time will be spent taking care of our two year old son, my amazing supportive wife, and devoting my time to building a close-knit supportive family like the one I grew up with.

JACOB KAVE
STATEMENT OF FAITH

I believe in one triune God, that being God the Father, God the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God the Son is Jesus Christ, who came to the Earth in the form of a human infant through the miraculous conception of a virgin, in order to pay the price for all of our sins. He is only able to pay this price because He is both fully God and fully human. He was tempted the same way we are, suffered like we do, died a human death in the worst possible way, was buried, and rose three days later. He lived a perfect life, teaching us what it means to usher in the Kingdom on Earth. In death He took all of humankind's sins, in order that we might bare his righteousness and be coheirs with Him. This destroyed the division between us and God the Father due to the fall and our sinful nature that followed. He now reigns beside God the Father, and intercedes for us. It is not by my efforts or works that I am saved, but through the offering of Jesus Christ. Through this demonstration of love I have been set free of the law of sin. So because of what Christ has done and the relationship that I have with Him, I do not need to live by the sinful nature any longer, but have been set free to live by the law of the Spirit of life.

God the Father is the creator of all things good, the author of my salvation, and the one who loved me first. Through love God bestowed his mercies on us first; the reason why I am to respond in certain ways is by and because of the mercies of God. What I do with my life is a response to the mercies that God has already shown me, it is not a matter of earning His mercies. Second, because of this, I am to offer myself as a living sacrifice. This means that I am not to question what part of my body or how thoroughly I serve; it is my whole body with no question. Therefore I am to discern what my body is to be used for and strive to live fully into that calling. All of life is a response to God's grace.

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God who Christ sent for us as a guide. The Spirit is our teacher and guide who directs us to God the Father and speaks to us through our souls, and travels with us along life's path. The Spirit of Christ speaks to me and to God for me, provides me with the spiritual and personal gifts I have received, and teaches me daily how to use them to honor The Father.

The Church is the body of Christ, which is extremely diverse and yet it works together for one aim, and that is to serve and Glorify God and the head of the body, Jesus Christ. We live in a broken world surrounded by sin. Sin is the sickness of the heart which leads each of us to seek after our own gratification instead of caring for God and others. As the body of Christ, the Church is called to be salt in this broken world, preserving it from decay through ushering in the Kingdom of God on earth. The sacraments, those being baptism and the Lord's Supper, are reminders that God loved us first. They are symbols and seals that bind us together as one family, all connected together in one community for the service of God. The sacraments are corporate in that they unite the community of believers in one body, while at the same time they are personal in that they keep in the front of our mind that Christ loves us as individuals and loved us while we were still sinners.

OFFICE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Rational for Selling Presbytery Property at 1111 North Main St. Harrisonburg, Virginia

We, the Office and Personnel (O&P) Committee have been given the responsibility to be good stewards of the Presbytery's resources. We have been given the task of maintaining the building and grounds as part of our committee. We are informing you that the cost of maintaining the building and grounds at our current location is not fiscally responsible with our calling to be good stewards.

In discerning this issue, O&P realizes that the Presbytery is more than bricks and mortar. The Presbytery is a faithful group of 106 congregations, who witness to Jesus Christ. An office does not demonstrate faith- it is a symbol of it. The building itself houses those who are working to witness to Jesus. The office is where the staff works, where meetings are held, where prayers are spoken, and fellowship happens. However, the building itself does not do those things; it is all of us together. We are the Presbytery.

We have been blessed, "count your blessings, count them one by one." But now we see that a different way is needed. We have struggled for the last several years to keep basic maintenance cost down and delayed work to make the budget work. The building is old and needs much care- the kind of care we are just not capable of anymore.

Thus, to be good stewards of the Presbytery's resources, O&P recommends that we list the property with Lee & Associates for sale.

The details of this rational will be presented during a power point presentation on Presbytery Floor on Nov. 10, 2015. We ask for your prayers and God's guidance as we move forward.

TRANSITION TEAM

MOTIONS REGARDING PRESBYTERY TRANSITION

1. That the Vision Statement and Principals of Organization be reaffirmed and that the proposed committee structure for the presbytery be approved.
2. That the proposed staffing structure be approved and that the Committee on Administration bring to the February 2016 presbytery meeting a plan for transition to the new staffing structure.
3. That the proposed 2016 budget be approved as a proposed budget.
4. That the Ethiopian Partnership be reviewed by the Committee on Mission and Outreach and a recommendation be submitted to presbytery in 2016 on whether to continue the partnership and, if continued, under what provisions.
5. That SPYCE, Campus Ministry, and Camp Paddy Run be reviewed by the Committee on Educational Resources and recommendations be submitted to presbytery in 2016 on whether to continue these ministries and, if continued, under what provisions.
6. That the size of all new committees not be greater than 12 members including a chair and a vice-chair in three equal, rotating classes and that the Committee on Nominations and the Committee on Representation in consultation with the Transitional Presbyter and Transition Team be authorized to present committee sizes and names of people to serve for all new committees for approval to the February 2016 meeting of presbytery.

COMMITTEE ON PASTORAL TRANSITION

I. FOR INFORMATION:

Received a written exit interview with the session of Front Royal and outgoing Teaching Elder Tom Rhyne.

II. ACTIONS TAKEN:

- A. Approved Teaching Elder Randy Webb to labor inside the bounds of Shenandoah Presbytery as temporary supply pastor to the Nineveh Church from November 2-December 31, 2015, to complete the current contract.
- B. Accepted the Little Falls mission study.
- C. Approved the contract between the sessions of Circleville and Seneca Rocks and Ruling Elders Gerald Harper and Richard Travis (Cooks Creek) and Teaching Elders Roxanna Atwood and Ann Held, from January 1-June 30, 2016.
- D. Approved Teaching Elder Merle Fisher moderating the session meeting at Pines Chapel Church November 10.
- E. Approved the Ministry Information Form from the New Monmouth Church.