

**Presbytery of Great Rivers
Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report
November 19, 2022**

Motions to be brought to the Assembly on November 19, 2022:

1. The Committee on Preparation for Ministry moves that the Assembly elect the following as the Presbytery of Great Rivers Ordination Exam Readers for 2023:
 - TE Reader – Drew D. Nagle
 - TE alternate reader– Cheyanna Losey
 - RE Reader – Sue Sawers
 - RE alternate reader – Vicky Carlson

Background/Rationale:

The Presbytery of Great Rivers is requested by the Office of the General Assembly to provide a Teaching Elder and a Ruling Elder as readers for the February reading of ordination exams. We have nominated both readers and alternates. Alternates would serve if the reader finds they are not available for the dates we are assigned – February 6–10, 2023.

2. The Committee on Preparation for Ministry recommends that Inquirer Mackenzie Marie Jager be received as a candidate for the office of Minister of Word and Sacrament and moves to proceed with the examination of Inquirer Mackenzie Marie Jager with respect to her Christian faith, forms of Christian service undertaken and motives for seeking the ministry.

Background/Rationale:

Upon examination by the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, the committee finds that Mackenzie Marie Jager has satisfactorily achieved the goals of the Inquirer phase of preparation and is now ready to be moved to Candidacy.

Mackenzie was received as an Inquirer at the May 17, 2022 Presbytery Assembly and completed her Masters of Divinity Degree in May 2021 from Western Theological Seminary. She is a member of the Clinton Presbyterian Church. She is currently taking a course in Presbyterian Polity and engaged in a year long program of Clinical Pastoral Education. She has taken and completed satisfactorily the Bible Content, Theology, and Worship & Sacraments exams. She is scheduled to take both the Polity and Exegesis exams during the January exam period.

The Book of Order, G-2.0600 ff discusses the process for preparation for ministry.

Pertinent references from the Manual of Operations Committee on Preparation for Ministry handbook on moving from Inquiry to Candidacy:

II B 1. Admission to Candidacy an Inquirer becomes a Candidate by action of presbytery. At that time the Candidate formally agrees to accept the presbytery's supervision in her or his preparation for the office of Minister of Word and Sacraments. The process of the candidacy phase can be as follows:

- a. An Inquirer shall apply to the presbytery through the session of his or her church and the presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry to become a Candidate for the office of Minister of Word and Sacraments.

b. The session shall confer with the Inquirer, review the evidence of the inquiry phase, and make recommendations to the presbytery through the Stated Clerk with respect to the Inquirer's application. The Stated Clerk shall communicate this information to the CPM moderator.

c. The Committee on Preparation for Ministry shall confer with the Inquirer and review the evidence which indicates whether the Inquirer is ready to proceed to candidacy

d. The Committee on Preparation for Ministry shall make a definite recommendation to the presbytery with respect to whether the Inquirer should be received as a Candidate. Presbytery shall act on every committee recommendation regarding application for candidacy.

e. The presbytery shall receive the report and recommendation of its committee and shall examine the Inquirer in person with respect to his or her Christian faith, forms of Christian service undertaken, and motives for seeking the ministry.

f. If the examination is approved, the presbytery shall receive the Inquirer as a Candidate after the following manner. The moderator shall propose the following questions to the inquirer:

- (1) Do you believe yourself to be called by God to the office of Minister of Word and Sacraments?
- (2) Do you promise in reliance upon the grace of God to maintain a Christian character and conduct, and to be diligent and faithful in making full preparation for this ministry?
- (3) Do you accept the proper supervision of the presbytery in matters that concern your preparation for this ministry?
- (4) Do you desire now to be received by this presbytery as a Candidate for the office of Minister of Word and Sacraments in the PCUSA?

g. If these questions are answered in the affirmative, a brief charge shall be given, the Candidate's name shall be recorded on the presbytery's roll of Candidates, and the proceedings shall close with prayer.

The Committee has the following meetings scheduled for 2023:

- Wednesday, January 18, 2023 @ 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, April 19, 2023 @ 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, June 21, 2023 @ 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, October 18, 2023 @ 9:30 a.m.