

Presbytery of Great Rivers Committee on Ministry Report 2.25.23

The Committee on Ministry has met three times since the November Assembly. We continue to meet on Zoom. When we gather, we lift up joys and concerns and pray for our congregations.

At our December meeting we thanked TEs Joanne Hinds and Kathy Mitchell for their years of faithful service on COM as they completed their terms. In January we welcomed new members TEs Trey Haddon, John Napoli and Rene' Whitaker. We also updated the ministry partner assignments and elected the following to the Coordinating Team: Vice Moderator – John Napoli, Recording Secretary – Edwin Brinklow, Ministry Services Moderator – Kay Daniel, Transitions – Drew Nagle and Training and Resources Moderator – Paul Stroup. We meet on these Thursdays: 3.2, 3.30, 5.4, 6.1, 7.6, 8.3, 9.7, 10.5, 11.2 and 12.7. Reports and forms for the COM meetings that are received by 8 AM the Thursday beforehand at greatriverscom@gmail.com are considered each month. We thank you for the use of this central mailbox.

Of our 85 congregations, 38 currently fall under the oversight of the Transitions subcommittee and 47 are under the oversight of the Ministry Services subcommittee. Training and Resources provides training for COM members. There are currently 9 MIFs in CLC from our presbytery, including the search for the new Lead Presbyter.

Actions taken

The committee has approved all Terms of Call and Contracts submitted by 1.26.23.

We have welcomed to the presbytery:

Rev. Karol Schilling to Normal First from Maumee Valley Presbytery

Rev. Christopher Schilling (DOC) to Normal First

We have dismissed to other presbyteries:

Rev. Dr. David Ezekiel to Chicago Presbytery

Administrative Commission reports

COM has received the final report of the Administrative Commission for Pleasant Plains, Farmingdale. The AC is asking to be dismissed at this Assembly.

The AC to install John Napoli at Washington completed its work on 11.13.2023 and was dismissed with thanks.

We have no action items for this Assembly.

Blessings, Laura Reason, Moderator of COM