

**COMMISSION ON PASTORAL TRANSITIONS**  
**Presbytery Report**  
**March 16, 2021**

**Since the last stated meeting of Transylvania Presbytery on November 14, 2020, the Commission has met on December 9, 2020, January 26, 2021, and March 8, 2021 and reports the following actions:**

1. Dissolved the pastoral relationship between First Presbyterian Church, Mt. Sterling and Rev. Robert Warren, effective November 29, 2020, dismissed Rev. Warren to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina on December 9, 2020.
2. Approved a Temporary/Transitional Supply Covenant with Rev. Jack Robinson and First Presbyterian Church, Mt. Sterling, effective February 1, 2021 until February 1, 2022; 15 hours  
Terms are:  
Salary: \$300.00/week  
Housing: \$200.00/week  
Vacation: Four weeks paid vacation per year, on a pro rata basis  
Study Leave: Two weeks paid study leave per year, on a pro rata basis  
Continuing Education \$2,750.00  
Book and Supply Allowance not to exceed \$65.00 per month  
Automobile expense to be reimbursed at 57.5 cents per mile or standard IRS rate  
The church agrees to pay one half of self-employment tax on earnings
3. Received notice from Rev. Dr. Stephen Sanders of his intent to dissolve the Temporary Pastoral Supply Relationship between with First Presbyterian Church, Prestonsburg, effective November 30, 2020, dismissed Rev. Sanders to the Presbytery of the Pines on December 9, 2020 and appointed Rev. Scot Robinson as Moderator.
4. Received notice from Rev. Bill Pollack of his intent to dissolve the Non-Presbyterian Temporary Supply relationship with First Presbyterian Church, Ashland, effective November 15, 2020, and commissioned CRE Jim Dougans to serve as Moderator.
5. Approved the call from Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church, Whitesburg to Rev. Beth McCray as Pastor, effective January 1, 2021, and to receive her as a member of Transylvania Presbytery from Shenandoah Presbytery. Installation date and commission to install pending.
6. Received notice that the Temporary Pastoral Supply Relationship between Rev. Rachel Anderson and Mt. Horeb Presbyterian Church will end December 31, 2020.
7. Approved an exception to pulpit supply rules to allow Rev. Lisa Culpepper to serve as pulpit supply to the Mt. Horeb Presbyterian Church for more than 3 consecutive weeks to allow Session sufficient time to assess pastoral leadership needs during the time of COVID restrictions.
8. Reviewed and renewed Temporary Supply Covenant between:
  - a. Rev. Tim Noel and Whites Memorial, Berea; effective November 1, 2020.
  - b. Rev. Vernon Goodman and McGuire Memorial, Beattyville (non-Presbyterian); effective January 1, 2021.

- c. Rev. Rose Taul and Faith, Morehead, effective January 1, 2021.
  - d. CRE's Tom and Gayle Burns with Buckhorn Lake Presbyterian Church; effective January 1, 2021.
- 9.** Appointed the following to serve as Moderators:
- a. Rev. Jack Robinson to First Presbyterian Church of Mt. Sterling
  - b. Rev. Scot Robinson to First Presbyterian Church of Prestonsburg
  - c. Rev. Janet Prewitt to Mt. Horeb Presbyterian Church
  - d. Rev. Jerry L. Utt, II to First Presbyterian Church of Hazard
  - e. Rev. Erin Rouse to Eastminster Presbyterian Church
- 10.** Received into membership:
- a. Rev. Mike Chamberlain, Honorably Retired, from Mid Kentucky Presbytery effective March 8, 2021.
- 11.** Received notice from Commission on Preparation for Ministry that Ruling Elders Sarah Wilson and Keith Adams have completed all requirements and have been approved to serve as Commissioned Lay Pastors.
- 12.** Approved the request for Ruling Elder Keith Adams to be commissioned to serve as Lay Pastor of the Blackey and Isom Churches, with Rev. Janice Stamper serving as Teaching Elder mentor. Commissioning date pending.
- 13.** Appointed a Commission to Install the Rev. Emily Miller as Pastor of Hunter Presbyterian Church, Lexington, on March 7, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.:
- Rev. Scott Cervas, Moderator, Meadowthorpe
  - Rev. Dr. Jake Hofmeister, Chaplain, Berea College, Minister Member of Transylvania Presbytery
  - Rev. John Russell Stanger, Marriage & Family Therapist, Minister Member of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery (Preaching)
  - Ruling Elder Sheena Roller, Beaumont Presbyterian, Lexington
  - Rev. Linda Kurtz, Associate Pastor, First Pres. Lex
  - Rev. Rachel VanKirk Mathews, Associate Pastor, Maxwell Street Presbyterian
  - Rev. Scott Cervas, Moderator of Presbytery, Meadowthorpe Presbyterian
  - Ruling Elder Val Zeps, Hunter Presbyterian
  - Rev. Kim Gibson-Pierce, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky
- 14.** Reviewed and approved updates to terms of call to pastors serving in installed positions that were submitted with 2020 statistical reports. The PTC is following up on Terms of Call not yet received with plans to report the changes at the next meeting of the Presbytery.