

**Commission on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) Presbytery Meeting Report August 2018**

**CPM met on April 10, 2018** at First Presbyterian Church, Winchester. Commissioners heard from Inquirer Ryan Straw and his supervisor, Rev. Keith Benze. A thorough discussion followed with no action taken.

**CPM met on May 15, 2018** at First Presbyterian Church, Winchester to hear reports on 1 Inquirer and 2 Candidates for ordination, and 2 Certified Lay Pastor (CLP) Candidates.

Commissioners reviewed and made recommendations to new CLP guidelines being coordinated by representatives from CPM, Leadership Development Ministry (LDM), and Pastor Transition Commission (PTC).

Timothy Scot Robinson was interviewed and received as an Inquirer toward ordination. Scot is presently enrolled at Vanderbilt Divinity School in Nashville, TN. He is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Prestonsburg and comes with full endorsement of their Session.

CPM voted to accept Inquirer Ryan Straw's resignation from the Inquirer process.

**CPM met on June 12, 2018** at First Presbyterian Church, Winchester. Reports on Inquirers, Candidates, and CLP's were heard.

Commissioners reviewed and made recommendations to the proposed CLP Training Program Application. Commissioners voted unanimously to accept the application with noted changes.

**CPM met on July 10, 2018** but did not have a quorum. Inquirer, Candidate, and CLP reports were heard. No action was needed.

Mark Tibbles from The Presbyterian Church at Danville met with the Commission with questions about beginning the ordination process. He was not enrolled as an Inquirer at this time. He was referred to Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary Exploratory Weekend in October for further discernment.

Plans were finalized for the August 6-7 Annual Retreat with Inquirers, Candidates, and CLP's to be held at Cliffview Retreat Center.