

COM Meeting Highlights April 2, 2019

COM did not meet in March but met on April 2nd. A quorum was present. The following highlights from the meeting are reported.

Business

- Reverend Jerod Burt McGlawn was examined for the designated pastor position at Highland Presbyterian Church. He will start preaching on Sunday, April 7th. He will also be examined and preach at the presbytery meeting on May 14th in Bowling Green.
- A report was received on two new programs offered by the Board of Pensions (BOP). These programs are designed to attract and retain new ministers in the denomination. One involves reduced BOP dues for new pastors and the second student debt relief. The programs will be presented at the May 14th presbytery meeting.
- Covenants have been approved for CLP's Pam Goolsby, Tom Thompson, and Mike Bourland.
- CLP continuing education programs for 2019 were approved. These programs are open to anyone in the presbytery. The programs and dates include:
 - 5/28, 11:30 – 1:30, "When Conflict Arises" at the presbytery office
 - 6/18, 11:30 – 1:30, "Avoiding Burnout" at the presbytery office
 - 7/23, 11:30 – 1:30, "Pastor's Role in Church Finances" at the presbytery office
 - 8/20, 11:30 – 1:30, "Navigating Drops in Attendance" at the presbytery office

Church Updates

- The AC overseeing First Pres Central City will start collecting and sending off church records for long term storage. Church memorabilia will be collected and turned over to the Muhlenberg County library for archiving and storage.
- First Pres Franklin has called an interim pastor, Mike Chamberlain. COM approved his terms of call. He will start on June 1st.
- First Pres Mayfield and Hopkinsville are continuing their searches for pastors.
- First Pres Calvert City initiated several outreach programs and will be planting their community garden soon.

Ralph Young, Clerk