**Commission on Ministry (COM)**

**Meeting Highlights – November 5, 2019**

COM met Tuesday, November 5th. The following are highlights from the meeting.

**Business**

* COM opened a discussion of validated ministries within the context of the Book of Order and the Presbytery of Western Kentucky. COM will continue to study this issue in order to be more consistent with the various ministries in our presbytery outside of our church activities.
* COM has appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to make a recommendation for a new Commissioned Lay Pastor (CLP) Director. COM hopes to have a director in place starting in 2020.

**Church Updates**

* COM approved an updated First Pres Mayfield Ministry Information Form (MIF) for their search for a permanent pastor.
* Coordinating Presbyter, Ken Dick and COM Moderator, Frank Montgomery will work with the Franklin Presbyterian Church as they move forward in their search for a permanent pastor.

**Other Business**

* COM approved new guidelines for the COM Handbook entitled “*A Guide for Churches Conducting a Congregational Mission Study during an Interim (Transition) Time*.”
* Ken Dick will be working with the Administrative Commission (AC) for the Grace Presbyterian Church in Clarksville to get an appraisal done on their property.
* Ben will be presenting the “*Financial Controls and Best Practices for Congregations*” policy document for approval by the Presbytery at Tuesday’s meeting.

Ralph Young, Clerk