

## CHURCH OF THE COVENANT

### MINUTES OF THE SESSION MEETING: MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2016

ELDERS PRESENT: Pat Boyer, Joel Braun, George Camlin, Gordon Core, Cindy Garlisi, Dan Halulko, Steve Marriner, Joan McCrory, Dennis Myers, Chuck Neff, and Katie Wichterman

ELDERS EXCUSED: Jerry Davison, Jim Little, Crystal Miles, Kim O'Donnell and David Taylor

ELDERS RESIGNED - Ashley Bashioum, Jessica Hickman

STAFF PRESENT: Rev. Dr. Stuart D. Broberg, Rev. Kay Balderose, Jessica Hickman and Don Nixon

### OPENING PRAYER AND DEVOTIONS

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Session of The Church of the Covenant was convened with prayer and devotions from the Christmas Story in the Gospel of Luke by the Rev. Dr. Stuart D. Broberg, on Monday, December 5, 2016 at 7:42 p.m. at Dr. Broberg's home.

### APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS

The Emmanuel United Presbyterian Church, Eighty Four PA, requested that the Session approve that Larry Milligan be restored to active membership and then his membership be transferred to the Emmanuel Church. Chuck Neff moved to approve those requests, George Camlin seconded the motion, and the Session unanimously approved the motion.

Brooke Sleek requested that her membership be transferred to Westminster Presbyterian Church in Upper St. Clair, PA. George Camlin moved to approve the request, Chuck Neff seconded the motion, and the Session unanimously approved the motion.

### DISCUSSION OF JIM AGNEW'S ORDINATION SERVICE

Dr. Broberg advised the Session that Jim Agnew will be ordained on Sunday, December 11, 2016 in the sanctuary at 2:00 p.m. There will be an offering to support those under Committee of Ministry care. Joel Braun moved to approve that offering, Pat Boyer seconded the motion, and the Session unanimously approved the motion.

Dr. Broberg requested that the Session approve a gift for Jim Agnew in lieu of the customary pulpit robe. Gordon Core moved to authorize Dr. Broberg to spend up to \$500 for this gift, following past practice at The Church of the Covenant. Katie Wichterman seconded the motion, and the Session unanimously approved the motion.

### DISCUSSION OF STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCES

Gordon Core advised, that as of today, we are \$60,000 short of our \$600,000 stewardship goal for 2017. We have 200 plus pledges as of today.

Dr. Broberg reviewed the Unified Mission pledge for 2017. There was much discussion about how we should provide a Unified Mission pledge, including perhaps providing a challenge grant for other churches, when we should pay our pledge, how much our pledge should be, and the effect of not paying this pledge could have on the Presbytery. It was decided to wait to consider this issue at the January 2017 Session meeting so we can see where our finances stand after the end of 2016.

ADJOURNING AND CLOSING PRAYER

Dr. Broberg thanked the Session for all of their hard work and support in 2016. After a motion by consensus of the entire Session, the Session unanimously approved the motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Dr. Broberg at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jonathan M. Pachter*

Jonathan M. Pachter, Clerk of Session