

**REPORT TO THE PRESBYTERY  
MAY 20, 2010  
COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY**

**A. RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION BY THE PRESBYTERY**

**For enrollment as a Candidate for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament:  
Patricia Stone (First United, Belleville)**

The Committee on Preparation met with Patty Stone on March 4, 2010, to consider her application for enrollment as a Candidate. In February of this year, the session of First United met with Patty to review her application and supported her application; the Rev. Greg Stovell accompanied Patty to the meeting with CPM.

Patty Stone came under care as an Inquirer on July 15, 2008. She has been a member of First United Presbyterian Church in Belleville since 2005; she had been active in the congregation as a Sunday School teacher, a member of the choir and as an adult sponsor in the church's youth ministries. She was raised in the Edwardsville area, graduated from Edwardsville High School, and attended S.I.U. for two years. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Forestry from the University of Illinois, and a teaching certificate from California State University in Chico. She is currently enrolled at Eden Theological Seminary. Her contextual education placements have been at Beacon of Belleville and at First United. In addition to the interviews for Inquiry and for Candidacy, she met with the CPM in Annual Consultation in 2008 and 2009. Elder Pat Cook is her liaison from the committee.

The committee discussed with Patty the responses she offered in the written material supporting her application for candidacy. At the conclusion of the interview, the motion to recommend enrollment was passed unanimously. CPM is pleased to bring this recommendation out of its experience of Patty as a well-rounded, self-aware candidate who is articulate in her emerging sense of call, as well as a candidate demonstrating academic competence and an appreciation of reformed theology and tradition.

The presbytery will proceed to consider this application under the following protocol:

- Ms. Stone will speak briefly to the presbytery with respect to her Christian faith, forms of Christian service she has undertaken, and her motives for seeking the ministry.
- The presbytery has the privilege of asking questions of Ms. Stone in those 3 areas only. The Committee on Preparation will ask the first question for her response; then the floor will be opened to other questions from the assembly.
- When a member of the body moves to arrest the examination, the presbytery will vote whether or not to close the questioning.
- The Committee on Preparation then will present this motion: **that Patricia Stone be received and enrolled by the presbytery as a Candidate for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament.**
- Upon affirmative vote of the presbytery, the action will be celebrated through a Liturgy of Care.

## **B. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN ON BEHALF OF THE PRESBYTERY**

### **a. Final Assessment: Jae Wan Chung (Taiwanese Presbyterian Church)**

On April 15, 2010, the CPM met with Candidate Jae Wan Chung to complete an assessment of his readiness to begin ordained ministry (G-14.0450). Jae Wan presented his statement of personal faith, an exegetical paper on Ephesians 4.17-24, supporting his preparation of the sermon he preached to the committee. He titled his sermon "The Newly Created in Church"; it was affirmed by members of the committee in the interview following. He has completed all of the required elements of his process of preparation, including his Master of Divinity work at Eden Theological Seminary (graduated May, 2008) and a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education in Tallahassee, FL. At the conclusion of the interview, the committee acted without dissent to certify Jae Wan Chung as ready to be examined for ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament, and gave him permission to seek a call.

For the past 18 months, Jae Wan has served as an intern and temporary supply with Agape Korean, a new church development in Panama City, FL. The Presbytery of Florida has supported him in that work, and they look forward to welcoming him as a colleague as he is ordained to Ministry of the Word and Sacrament and installed as Pastor of that congregation.

## **C. FOR INFORMATION**

- a. Annual Consultation will be conducted on June 5, 2010, at Ladue Chapel Presbyterian Church. Pastors and session liaisons of students under care are invited to participate.
- b. The alternative examination process approved by the presbytery at its February meeting is being implemented. Questions have been developed for the oral examinations, and Jerry received the Biblical Exegesis exam on Friday, May 7. Dates are yet to be set for the oral examination; the alternative examination team is working with CPM to identify those individuals who will evaluate the 3 oral exams.
- c. The Committee on Preparation has been working to develop a guideline identifying criteria for acceptable seminaries, a guideline which the presbytery will be asked to approve for use with students under the care of Giddings-Lovejoy. A preliminary report will be shared at the meeting on May 20, with input requested prior to the committee presenting a recommendation for vote later this year.
- d. Remaining meetings of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry in 2010: (Annual Consultation June 5), July 15, September 16, October 21, and December 9.