

PRESBYTERY of GIDDINGS-LOVEJOY
COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

SEPTEMBER 2, 2010

INFORMATION:

1. Enrolled as Inquirer in the process of preparation

- a. James Friesen**, recommended by the Session of Bonhomme Presbyterian Church in Chesterfield, MO. The CPM met with James on July 15, 2010, and after reviewing his application and interviewing him, voted unanimously to enroll him as an Inquirer effective that date. Mr. Friesen grew up in the congregation at Bonhomme and has been involved as an adult in the Christian education ministries of the church. He has been exploring his sense of call with Dr. Tom Pfizenmaier. James is enrolled at Dubuque Theological Seminary, and has relocated his family to that community as he begins his studies.
- b. Miriam Foltz**, recommended by the Session of First United Belleville. The CPM met with Miriam on August 5, 2010, and after reviewing her application and engaging her in conversation, voted unanimously to enroll her as an Inquirer effective that date. Ms. Foltz earned her baccalaureate degree at William and Mary. Miriam has been deployed with the Young Adult Volunteers of the PCUSA; she will be serving through the summer of 2011, in Northern Ireland. She will begin her studies at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA, in the fall of 2011.

2. Report of annual consultations- In keeping with the directives of the *Book of Order*, the Committee on Preparation has met with these students in Annual Consultation and taken the actions reported below with regard to continuation of care:

- a. Vicky Brown (Grace, Crystal City)** – continued as an Inquirer.
- b. Brandan Eddy (First United, Belleville)** – continued as an Inquirer;
- c. Hannah Boteler Nutt (Second Presbyterian, St. Louis)** – continued as an Inquirer;
- d. Sudie Niesen (Glendale Presbyterian Church)** – continued as an Inquirer;
- e. Cedric Portis (Third, St. Louis)** – continued as an Inquirer.
- f. Jerry Chang (Taiwanese Presbyterian Church of Greater St. Louis)** – continued as a Candidate.
- g. Kim Hulen (First United, Belleville)** – continued as a Candidate;
- h. Patty Stone (First United, Belleville)** – continued as a Candidate.

The Committee also met with David Brothers (Candidate, Dardenne), but has deferred action on continuation under care until further consultation with David about the direction his call is leading him. The CPM is making plans to complete consultation with Diane O'Brien (Trinity), Inquirer; Clyde Crumpton (West), Certified candidate; and Barbara Lindsey (Cote Brillante), Inquirer. Actions emerging

from those consultations will be communicated to the presbytery in November. Jaewan Chung (Taiwanese), Certified Candidate, met with the committee in April, as reported to the presbytery in May.

3. **The Committee on Preparation requests that the presbytery receive the document entitled “Guidelines for the Selection of Seminaries” [published with the presbytery papers] for first reading.** The Committee will welcome your questions and concerns as you review the proposed guidelines. Please direct comments to Rev. Dieter Heinzl, Moderator, at Ladue Chapel, dheinzl@laduechapel.org, or to Rev. Susan Niesen, at the presbytery office, sniesen@glpby.org. **The CPM plans to bring a motion to the Presbytery at the November stated meeting that this document (with any revisions resulting from feedback to the committee), be adopted as the Presbytery’s Guideline for the selection of an acceptable seminary.**

Once adopted, the guideline will be available to individuals planning to come under the care of this presbytery in preparation for ordained ministry, as they consider the range of institutions offering Master of Divinity degree programs. The Guideline as proposed is consistent with the framework of criteria first discussed with the presbytery in May, 2009, and presented during the committee’s report to the presbytery in May, 2010.