Reverend Frank LeBlanc for membership and approve the following terms of call for service as transitional pastor to Community Presbyterian Church, Forsyth, Missouri, for a one-year renewable term beginning June 15, 2021:

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| Annual Cash Salary | $ 30,000 |
| Housing Allowance | $ 20,000 |
| **TOTAL Effective Salary** | **$ 50,000** |
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| Board of Pensions Dues | $ 18,500 |
| Continuing Education Reimbursement | $ 1,500 |
| Automobile Reimbursement at the IRS rate | $ 2,500 |
| SECA Supplement | $ 3,825 |
| Professional Expenses Reimbursement | $ 1,500 |
| **TOTAL** | **$ 77,825** |
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| 4 weeks of vacation |  |
| 2 weeks of continuing education |  |
| Moving expense reimbursement up to $3,000 |  |

**The Reverend Frank LeBlanc – BIOGRAPHY**

The Reverend Frank LeBlanc comes to Forsyth having served as transitional pastor of Rose Run Presbyterian Church in New Albany, Ohio since October 2019. A native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Rev. LeBlanc is married to Donna B. LeBlanc, a retired Advanced Practice Nurse with the Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging in Little Rock, Arkansas; they will celebrate 38 years of marriage in December. Frank and Donna have one daughter, Sophie LeBlanc, a 2013 graduate of the Sam M. Walton College of Business at the University of Arkansas now working as a buyer for Tractor Supply Company in Brentwood, Tennessee.

Frank received his Master of Divinity degree from Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri, a seminary of the United Church of Christ (UCC), where he received the Interpretation Award for academic achievement. He was ordained a minister of the Word and Sacrament by the Presbytery of John Calvin on February 6, 2006. Frank completed Week One of Transitional Ministry training in 2018 at Menucha Retreat and Conference Center in Corbett, Oregon, and the Transitional Ministry – Virtual Executive Track online through the Synod of Mid-America and Lincoln Trails in 2020. He received his undergraduate degree with honors from the University of St. Thomas in Houston, Texas, and Doctor of Jurisprudence with honors from the Tulane University School of Law in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Rev. LeBlanc is past president of the Rotary Club of Morrilton, Arkansas. As a member of the Presbytery of Arkansas, he has served on General Council, the Permanent Judicial Commission, the Committee on Ministry, of which he is past moderator, and several administrative commissions. Frank enjoys bass and trout fishing, Cajun cooking, jazz, classic films, good books, the New Orleans Saints, and the St. Louis Cardinals.

**The Reverend Frank LeBlanc -- STATEMENT OF FAITH**

I believe in God, who creates and sustains all things in diverse, consistent, and ongoing acts of love. God is the Life in and for which all things live. God’s love is expressed in our experience of creation: the blessings of the earth, the nurture of community, the gift of human intimacy. We were made to mirror divine love, but we turn inward, exploiting creation and vilifying one another.

God chose the descendants of Abraham and Sarah for special revelation, to be God’s conduit of blessing to all nations. As the people continued to forsake God, God judged but never forsook them, and promised them a new covenant written on their hearts, to “forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.”

So, in the fullness of time God *self*-revealed in the person of Jesus Christ, “the image of the invisible God,” yet human like us in all matters but sin. For our sakes he incarnated God in word and deed. He proclaimed the Reign of God: inverting broken human priorities, blessing the poor and brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, healing the sick by the forgiveness of their sins, and naming the hypocrisy of the self-righteous.

Him too our ancestors rejected, subjecting him to death on the cross. But “God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.” And though we continue to reject God through sin, we are “justified by grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,” such that the promised new covenant is indeed written on our hearts.

Through the Holy Spirit, God active in the world from the beginning and throughout the story of God’s people, we are called to faith and equipped for community so that we may participate in the Reign of God that Jesus proclaimed. Through the Spirit we are new creatures who participate in the unfolding of divine justice and righteousness that Christ makes possible.

The church is continually being built into the Body of Christ: a community of witness to the Reign of God. The church is sent out into the world with the gift of God’s Word: to proclaim the good news in word and in deeds of justice, compassion, and peace.

This is our story, preserved by our ancestors in faith through scripture, the written word of God that gives witness to Jesus Christ, the living Word of God. It is from the living Word that scripture receives authority, and it is to the living Word that final appeal must be made when we encounter tensions as to what scripture directs us to believe and to do.

We point to the living Word when we proclaim the Word in worship and through our words and deeds in the communities to which the Holy Spirit calls us. It is in confirmation of the living Word that we celebrate the sacraments, the concrete human actions instituted and ordained by the living Word as tangible channels of grace.