FIT Interview with the Reverend Frank LeBlanc, May 1, 2021

Held at Forsyth Community Presbyterian Church, Forsyth, MO

Committee Members: Reina Daleske RE, Chairperson; Malinda Spencer RE, Pastoral Presbyter; Rev. Gregory W. Esselman HR; Dennis Pirkle RE

The interview opened with prayer offered by Reina Daleske at 1:15 PM.

The main interview topics that were discussed and introduced by both the committee and Rev. LeBlanc:

* Personal Stress areas of his ministry
* Continuing Educations
* Sermon Preparation and the PCUSA Liturgy
* How to deal with conflict:
  + Personal
  + Style with Staff
  + Style with Congregation
* Contextualization
* Church Polity: Worth noting that Rev. LeBlanc’s position is backing the Session as long as it is in compliance with the Book of Order.
* Previous greatest challenges within the Ministry
* His transition from law to the ministry
* Asked by Rev. LeBlanc specifically the Presbytery Vision for Mission

Rev. LeBlanc was excused while the committee discussed the interview. After a brief discussion a consent motion was offered and approved by acclimation to recommend Reverend Frank LeBlanc to the Presbytery for admission in good standing.

Rev. LeBlanc was invited back into the meeting where the committee shared it unanimous agreement to recommend his approval into the John Calvin Presbytery. He was invited by Malinda Spencer to join the Meeting of Presbytery on May 20th by Zoom for examination from the floor.

Rev. Esselman offered the closing prayer and the committee shared the Peace of Christ with the candidate.

The meeting closed at 2:35 PM.

Be it noted that Rev. LeBlanc met with the Search Committee for 30 minutes, the Staff for 20 minutes, 6 Elders for 30 minutes, a joint luncheon with fellowship, 6 Elders for 30 minutes and concluding with the FIT Interview.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Pirkle

Recording Secretary