

JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERY
Committee on Ministry Report
Supplemental Document

For Information:

1. The Committee on Ministry is recommending the Rev. Jill Carr, a clergy member in good standing of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, be examined for membership in John Calvin Presbytery and that the presbytery waive the standard ordination examinations taken by those seeking ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the PC(USA).
2. This recommendation comes before the body of JCP after the Rev. Jill Carr met with the COM requesting to be transferred under the *Book of Order G-2.0505 Transfer of Ministers of Other Denominations*, was examined by the COM, and was found to satisfy the requirements found below:

G-2.0505 Transfer of Ministers of Other Denominations

a. When a minister of another Christian church is called to a work properly under the jurisdiction of a presbytery, the presbytery, after the constitutional conditions have been met, shall recognize the minister's previous ordination to ministry.

Such ministers shall furnish credentials and evidence of good standing acceptable to the presbytery, and shall submit satisfactory evidence of possessing the qualifications of character and scholarship required of candidates of this church. (G-2.0607 and G-2.0610). In exceptional circumstances the following provisions will apply:

(2) A minister of another Reformed church who has been ordained for five or more years may be granted an exemption for some or all of the examinations required of candidates for ordination by a two-thirds vote of the presbytery.

b. Upon enrollment, the minister shall furnish the presbytery with evidence of having surrendered membership in any and all other Christian churches with which the minister has previously been associated.

3. The Cumberland Presbyterian Church is Presbyterian body formed during the Great Revival of 1800 and officially founded in 1810. It is a Reformed denomination recognized by the World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC) and World Council of Churches (WCC).
4. The waiver recommended by COM is to satisfy the requirements listed in G-2.0607, subsection d, (as found below) after having met the other requirements:

G-2.0607 Final Assessment and Negotiation for Service

A candidate may not enter into negotiation for his or her service as a minister of the Word and Sacrament without approval of the presbytery of care. The presbytery shall record when it has certified a candidate ready for examination by a presbytery for ordination, pending a call. Evidence of readiness to begin ordered ministry as a minister of the Word and Sacrament shall include:

- a. a candidate's wisdom and maturity of faith, leadership skills, compassionate spirit, honest repute, and sound judgment;
- b. a transcript showing graduation, with satisfactory grades, at a regionally accredited college or university;
- c. a transcript from a theological institution accredited by the Association of Theological Schools acceptable to the presbytery, showing a course of study including Hebrew and Greek, exegesis of the Old and New Testaments using Hebrew and Greek, satisfactory grades in all areas of study, and graduation or proximity to graduation; and
- d. examination materials, together with evaluations that declare those materials satisfactory in the areas covered by any standard ordination examination approved by the General Assembly. Such examinations shall be prepared and administered by a body created by the presbyteries.**

5. The Rev. Jill Carr is currently serving as a Chaplain at Mercy Hospital in Springfield and attending Trinity Presbyterian Church in Springfield, MO. She would be the under jurisdiction of John Calvin Presbytery as a Minister of Word and Sacrament engaged in a Validated Ministry satisfying the requirements as found in *G-2.0503 Categories of Membership*:

G-2.0503 Categories of Membership

A minister of the Word and Sacrament is a member of a presbytery and shall be engaged in a ministry validated by that presbytery, a member-at-large as determined by the presbytery, or retired.

a. Engaged in a Validated Ministry

A validated ministry shall:

- (1) demonstrate conformity with the mission of God's people in the world as set forth in Holy Scripture, the Book of Confessions, and the Book of Order of this church;
- (2) serve and aid others, and enable the ministry of others;
- (3) give evidence of theologically informed fidelity to God's Word;
- (4) be carried on in accountability for its character and conduct to the presbytery in addition to any organizations, agencies, and institutions served; and
- (5) include responsible participation in the deliberations, worship, and work of the presbytery and in the life of a congregation of this church or a church in correspondence with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (G-5.0201).

When ministers of the Word and Sacrament are called to validated ministry beyond the jurisdiction of the church, they shall give evidence of a quality of life that helps to share the ministry of the good news. They shall participate in a congregation, in their presbytery, and in ecumenical relationships and shall be eligible for election to the higher councils of the church and to the boards and agencies of those councils.

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The presbytery shall review annually the work of all ministers of the Word and Sacrament engaged in validated ministries outside the congregation.