

**Committee on Preparation for Ministry
Presbytery of Cincinnati
May 2018**

Informational

- The CPM has met each month since February and have focused on receiving new people into the ordination process and upon our procedures and policies.
- Procedures and Policies – We have a full document covering the Teaching Elder ordination process. This is still a draft but portions have been shared with Sessions as we have met with them about people beginning the ordination process. We anticipate approval by the committee in May and referral to the Council and eventually to the Presbytery as a whole. We are currently working with the COM on the Commissioned Ruling Elder process and plan to integrate that into the larger document.

Action Taken on Behalf of the Presbytery

- The CPM has met in March with the following individuals to receive them under care of the Presbytery of Cincinnati
 - o Sharon Clegern (Knox) – currently enrolled at United Seminary in Dayton.
 - o Mary Hayes (Heritage) – Accepted at Princeton Theological Seminary and will begin classes this summer.
- In April, the CPM approved David Annett (Knox) as having completed all the steps in his ordination process and have certified him ready to seek and receive a call.

Items for Presbytery Action – None at this time

For Session Clerks and Moderators

One of the changes we are seeking to implement with our new policies is to have CPM representatives meet with Sessions **prior to** those Sessions meeting with and recommending women and men to enter the ordination process. This is important because it helps to clarify the roles and responsibilities of all involved in the process. So, as you hear of and also seek out people who may have a call to ministry as Teaching Elders, these meetings will be very helpful to be sure that all understand the process that is ahead.

Prayers

Please be praying for all those who are currently under care of this Presbytery:

- Ready to receive a call – David Annett and Rebecca Borsage
- Inquirers – Sharon Clegern, James Dillaman, Mary Hayes, and Salvador Leavitt-Alcantara

Please also be praying for the Spirit to be stirring amongst our congregations to raise up people to hear and respond to the call to serve as Teaching Elders and Commissioned Ruling Elders for our Presbytery and our denomination.

Respectfully Submitted to the Presbytery
April 25, 2018

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode
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