

Cabinet Report to Presbytery

18 March 2017

Items for Action:

1. (Finance) The Cabinet recommends the motion from the Finance Sub-Committee to designate \$5000 from the Don Law Bequest to provide \$1000 each year 2017 – 2021 to provide mileage reimbursement for Commissioned Ruling Elders (CREs) who have been trained to provide pastoral care to churches without pastors who request their services. A line item will be added to the 2017 Budget. At the end of each year, unused funds will be rolled over into the next year. At the end of five years, unused funds will be returned to the Don Law Bequest Funds
2. (CoLP Motion) Eight Ruling Elders to be commissioned to provide Pastoral Care to churches without pastors or deacons. Cabinet authorized payment for background checks.

Items for Reception

- 2016 Year End Financials [#21-#25]
- 2015 Audit Report - Mondorf & Fenwick [#26]

Items for Information

The following discussions are ongoing:

- Informal discussions between CPM and CoLP to see whether synergies between those two committees exist and whether their functions may be joined
- COM restructuring:
 - Small committees to provide various support for churches: small church, conflict mediation, and transition
 - COM cluster ideas to strengthen ties among the PSV churches (Presented at this assembly by COM)
- Proposed Amendments to the Book of Order from the 222nd General Assembly. Presented for a first reading with recommendations from the Commissioners. Voting will take place at the May 20th Assembly
- A Chair was needed for the Personnel Committee. Robert Peak agreed to fill that position.
- Any changes proposed to the Manual of Operations have been made.

Cabinet took action on behalf of Presbytery on the following:

- Signed agreement with **Operation Merry Christmas** to use the Mission Center for Storage. Operation Merry Christmas moved its materials and inventory into the Mission Center in early December 2016.
- Cabinet approved an agreement with **Lavender Fields Farms** (Bainbridge, NY) to use the Mission Center for spiritual retreats. The first was planned for March 18, but was subsequently cancelled. A fee of \$150 per use will apply for future retreats planned by Lavender Fields.
- Cabinet approved the expenditure of \$6900 to repair **burst pipes in the Mission Center**. The pipes burst when we tried to turn the water back on for the planned use by Lavender Fields Farm. The Cabinet is looking to sign a contract with a plumbing company to “winterize” the Mission Center when necessary, and restore water, etc. when use is expected.
- Cabinet approved \$1400 for **Garrett and Marena Vittorio-Schindler to attend Mennonite Conflict Mediation** class.
- Cabinet approved some updated Grant Forms.

Respectfully Submitted, Patty Wolff, Chair PSV Cabinet