

Committee on Ministry Report
January 24, 2012

I. Reports that they took the following actions on behalf of Presbytery:

1. That the appointment of Rev. Jason Link as Moderator of the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Parkesburg be continued thru June 2012.
2. That the request of the Session of Covenant Presbyterian Church to abolish the position of Associate Pastor for the Christian Education be approved and forwarded to the Board of Pensions.
3. That the request of the Session of Highland Presbyterian Church, to abolish the position of Associate Pastor previously held by the Rev. Shannon Bair, be approved effective November 1, 2011 and forwarded to the Board of Pensions.
4. That the Mission Study of the Session of First Presbyterian Church (York) be approved.
5. That, at the request of the Session and Pastor of Wayside Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Dr. Howard Fritz be continued as Parish Associate.
6. That the Oromo Fellowship be added to Committee on Ministry Area III supervision responsibility.
7. That the Temporary Pastor contract between the Session of First Presbyterian Church (Parkesburg) and the Rev. Diane Burkland be continued thru June 2012.
8. That the call of the Cedar Grove Presbyterian Church to Rev. Dr. Krisana Poontajak to be its Designated Pastor, effective January 17, 2012, be approved, with the following terms of call:

Salary	\$ 12,261
Housing	36,783
Board of Pensions	15,817
Social Security Offset	3,752
Vouchered Auto Expense	3,500
Continuing Education	2 weeks/\$750
Vacation – 4 weeks & 2 days with a minimum of 4 Sundays	
9. That the Rev. David Powers be appointed Moderator of the Session of Round Hill Presbyterian Church, effective January 15, 2012.

II. Reports that:

1. The IRS Standard Mileage Rate for 2012 will continue to be 55.5 cents per mile.
2. The next mandatory Boundaries Seminar (previously called The Sexual Misconduct Prevention Seminar) will be held March 27, 2012 (9 a.m. – 3 p.m.) at First Presbyterian Church (Strasburg). Attendance is required once every 3 years.

III. Moves:

1. That the request of the Rev. Chris Blackford and the Congregation of Wrightsville Presbyterian Church to reduce the pastoral position to $\frac{3}{4}$ time, effective January 1, 2012, be approved. The new terms of call would be:

Salary	\$ 24,786
Housing	13,500
Board of Pensions	12,594
Social Security Offset	2,987
Medical Deductible	765
Mileage	2,300
Continuing Education	3 weeks/\$900
Vacation	5 weeks

2. That the call of the Stewartstown Presbyterian Church to Andrew Wirt to be its pastor, effective January 25, 2012, be approved if he is successful in his examination for ordination, with the following terms of call:

Salary	\$ 40,645
Housing	12,194
Board of Pensions	17,041
Social Security Offset	4,042
Vouchered Auto Expense	4,200
Vouchered Professional Expense	100
Vouchered Cell Phone Expense	900
Continuing Education	1,000
Vacation – 4 weeks & 2 days	
Vouchered Relocation Expense	2,500

IV. Krisana (Kris) Poontajak

I was born into a Christian family in Chiang Mai, Thailand on August 16, 1958. I was the third generation. My grandparents became Christians through the work of Presbyterian missionaries. My mother, who was my Sunday school teacher, was a great influence on me since my childhood to be active at church. My father was an elder and a lay preacher. I have one brother and one sister. They have families and live in Chiang Mai.

After 12 years in a Christian girl school, Dara Academy, I went to Payap University also in Chiang Mai and received Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Religion in 1980 and to McGilvary Seminary for Master of Divinity degree in 1983. While in the seminary, I represented the Church of Christ in Thailand (the United Church) to attend World Council of Churches Conference in Geneva, Switzerland. Upon my graduation, I went to a village in central Thailand to start a rural church and was a pastor there five years. I taught and trained the church people who many were Buddhists and Animists to be responsible for the church in leadership roles and to grow in Christian living. Three youth were sent to study in the seminaries. During my pastoral work at the village church in central Thailand I went abroad for more pastoral experiences and continuing education in Korea, Taiwan, and Pakistan.

I came to the USA in August 1988 to study at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas and received Master of Theology degree.

I was a pastor in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley for 12 years (1990 to 2002). I received Doctor of Ministry degree from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago in 1995.

While serving in Ohio, I organized and led mission tours of the presbytery to Thailand. I also went on Reformation Study Tour to Germany, France, Czech Republic, and Switzerland. Besides my pastoral care with the church members, I served as a volunteer chaplain at Holzer Medical Center in Gallipolis, Ohio for about 12 years. I was a pastor at the Duncannon Presbyterian Church in the Presbytery of Carlisle from March 2002 thru January 15, 2012. And now I am serving at the Cedar Grove Presbyterian Church.

I have one dog and two cats. They are my boys.

My motto is *"God is good! Life is precious!"*