**COMMISSION ON MINISTRY**

**SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO CHEROKEE PRESBYTERY**

**OCTOBER 19, 2023**

**ADMIT TO RECORD**

1. COM approved the request of the session of Westminster to call Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) Nancy Parks Bertrand as Part Time Bridge Pastor for six months, effective September 10, 2023.
2. COM appointed Cherokee Presbytery Moderator Ruling Elder William (Bill) Byars to moderate a portion of a Called Meeting of Light of Hope Presbyterian Church on October 1, 2023, to hear the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee and act on their report.
3. At the request of Rev. Rebecca Blackwell, the COM dismissed her to Olympia Presbytery, effective October 12, 2023.
4. The COM set the Minimum Effective Salary for 2024 at $46,970. This is based on 70% of the Board of Pensions 2024 Churchwide Median, and will apply to all full time Pastors, Certified Christian Educators and Commissioned Ruling Elders. This amount will be pro-rated for those serving in part time positions.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. The Commission on Ministry recommends that Rev. Cassie Waits, Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Marietta, be elected as a member of the BCC Administrative Commission, with the departure of Dr. Renee Meyer.
2. The COM recommends that Rev. Y. Eunice Yang, a minister member in good standing of National Capital Presbytery, be granted permission to labor within the bounds of Cherokee Presbytery as a Chaplain at Northside Hospital in Forsyth/Cumming, beginning November 6, 2023.
3. The COM recommends that Rev. Stephanie N. Bishop, Interim Pastor at Light of Hope Presbyterian Church, be granted an exemption pursuant to G-2.0504c. to be the Installed Pastor at Light of Hope, by a three-fourths vote of the Presbytery.