

CANDIDATES COMMITTEE

Annual Report 2011

The Candidates Committee seeks to provide support, nurture, and communication among those who are under care as inquirers or candidates and to assist the Session in fostering its relationship to those members of the congregation who are pursuing ordination as Ministers of Word and Sacrament. Members of Session who are acting as liaisons to inquirers and candidates serve on the committee. As part of its mission, the committee sponsors educational/fellowship gatherings for those under care, with a dual purpose of furthering their preparation for ministry and providing an opportunity for fellowship with other members of the congregation.

We are pleased to announce that Jane Duffield has accepted the position of Interim Associate Minister at The Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C. She writes:

As many of you already know, I have been called as the interim associate pastor for Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C. My interim contract is for a year but it may continue longer. My duties will include managing the church's extensive mission programs, pastoral care, and supervising the youth ministry associate. I also will preach between 10-12 times a year beginning on October 9.

Her ordination is this month. Rev. Barbara Davis will be attending.

Letitia Campbell writes:

In the last year, I have continued to work on my dissertation in Christian Ethics, which focuses on the history and ethics of short-term mission in the contemporary church. In August, I returned to northern Malawi to do additional fieldwork. During the last academic year, and again this fall, I have been teaching as part of Emory University's new Master's Degree in International Development Practice. This year, I am coordinating the community practicum component of the program. I have also been glad for the chance to teach adult education classes at several local churches on the topic of human trafficking and modern slavery. I plan to finish up my Ph.D. this year. I met with representatives of the CPM last summer when I was in New York City. They were very supportive, and encouraged me to think about moving ahead with ordination as soon as possible once my Ph.D. is completed.

Alison Geiger and Diane Ford continue to be certified ready for a call. Alison Geiger and Diane Ford have not responded to several attempts to contact by phone or email. We will continue to reach out to both in the coming months.

Members:

Rev. Barbara Senecal-Davis (staff liaison)

Nadya Robinson, Chair

Submitted by: Nadya Robinson, Chair