

COM Liaison Meeting 2/20/18 – Rev. Tim Dooner and the Session of Thompson Memorial Presbyterian

1. Opening Prayer
2. Preparing to say, “Godspeed”
 - a. Request for dissolution
 - b. Congregational Meeting
 - c. Covenant of Closure
 - d. Terms of Departure
3. Preparing for immediate/short-term transitional leadership
4. Preparing for long-term transitional leadership
 - a. Session appoints an Interim Search Committee
 - b. Interim Search Committee creates Interim Job Description, which is approved by Session and COM
 - c. Interim Search Committee recommends Interim Pastor Candidate to Session for interview/approval
 - d. COPM/M approves Candidate (if necessary), COM approves 12-month contract
 - e. G-2.0405b - *Temporary pastoral relationships are approved by the presbytery and do not carry a formal call or installation. When a congregation does not have a pastor, or while the pastor is unable to perform her or his duties, the session, with the approval of presbytery, may obtain the services of a teaching elder, candidate, or ruling elder in a temporary pastoral relationship. No formal call shall be issued and no formal installation shall take place.*

Titles and terms of service for temporary relationships shall be determined by the presbytery. A person serving in a temporary pastoral relationship is invited for a specified period not to exceed twelve months in length, which is renewable with the approval of the presbytery. A teaching elder employed in a temporary pastoral relationship is ordinarily not eligible to serve as the next installed pastor, co-pastor, or associate pastor.

5. Mission Study (during Interim time)
6. Nomination of PNC, Orientation of PNC, Work of PNC (MIF, Identify Candidates, References/Approvals, etc.)
7. Transition from Interim to New Season of Installed Pastoral Leadership
8. Closing Unison Confession

God has put all things under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and has made Christ Head of the Church, which is his body. In affirming with the earliest Christians that Jesus is Lord, the Church confesses that he is its hope, and that the Church, as Christ’s body, is bound to his authority and thus free to live in the lively, joyous reality of the grace of God. In Christ the Church receives its truth and appeal, its holiness, and its unity.

The Church is the body of Christ. Christ gives to the Church all the gifts necessary to be his body. The Church strives to demonstrate these gifts in its life as a community in the world:

The Church is to be a community of faith, entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of losing its life.

The Church is to be a community of hope, rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that, in Christ, God is making a new creation. This new creation is a new beginning for human life and for all things. The Church lives in the present on the strength of that promised new creation.

The Church is to be a community of love, where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down.

The Church is to be a community of witness, pointing beyond itself through word and work to the good news of God’s transforming grace in Christ Jesus its Lord.

9. Questions? Tim Dooner, Tim@ValleyForgePres.org
10. Closing Prayer