

Committee on Ministry
Report of Central Arkansas Examination Subcommittee
Examination of MWS Emmett Powers for
Part Time Interim Pastor- First Presbyterian Church- Benton

October 28, 2019

Members of the Central Arkansas Examinations Subcommittee of the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of Arkansas met on October 28, 2019 at the office of the Presbytery of Arkansas to conduct the examination of MWS Emmett Powers for fit for the position of Part Time Interim Pastor- First Presbyterian Church- Benton

Members in attendance were: Retired MWS Sally Johnson, MWS Carol Clark, Retired MWS Don Campbell, MWS Fern Davis, Elder Jim Morehead and Elder Don Eilbott, moderator. Also attending was General Presbyter Stewart Smith. MWS Carol Clark also serves as liaison to the church

Carol Clark opened the meeting with prayer

Emmett is an ordained minister and member in good standing of the Presbytery of Arkansas. The position is a part time, not to exceed 19.5 hours per week, interim pastor. Salary of \$35,000. The covenant was presented and sets forth specific terms.

Emmett was examined by the Subcommittee for fit to the position as Interim Pastor for First Presbyterian Church- Benton

Specific emphasis was placed on issues concerning the understanding of the requirements of the position which are set forth in the Covenant. Inquiry was made as to salary and travel reimbursement requirements.

Members of the Session of FPC Benton present were Elders Elizabeth Kanus, Bill Ballard, and /David Monkus. Session members expressed the position of the Session and its concurrence in the Covenant. They expressed why they were drawn to Emmett. An excellent discussion was held. The departure of the previous minister was discussed. The health of the Church and congregation was discussed.

A discussion with Emmett was then held. There appeared to be a clear understanding of the mutuality of the agreement of the parties. Emmett has served as an interim on eight prior occasions. The departure of the previous minister was discussed. No specific problems were identified other than an employment issue with a staff member. Emmett had been advised of the situation and it will be addressed.

The Subcommittee unanimously sustained the examination on the issue of fit and recommended that the Covenant be approved.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Emmett.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don A. Eilbott", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Don A. Eilbott, Moderator