

Committee on Ministry- Presbytery of Arkansas
Report of Central Arkansas Examinations Subcommittee
Examination of Jocelyn Wildhack for
Ordination

January 22, 2020

Members of the Central Arkansas Examinations Subcommittee of the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of Arkansas met on January 22, 2020 at the office of the Presbytery of Arkansas to conduct the examination of Jocelyn Wildhack for ordination, and for membership in the Presbytery of Arkansas.

Members in attendance were: Retired MWS Don Campbell, MWS Fern Davis, Elder Sid McCollum, Retired MWS Sally Johnson, MWS Carol Clark, MWS Alisa Secrest, Elder Wendell Philips, Elder Jim Morehead and Elder Don Eilbott, moderator. General Presbyter Stewart Smith also attended the meeting. Stewart opened the meeting with prayer.

Jocelyn has graduated from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN with a Bachelor of Science - Human and Organizational Development and from Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA, with a Dual Degree - Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Practical Theology.

She is currently serving at Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center, Little Rock, AR as Camp and Events Coordinator. She has been approved by the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. This is an examination for ordination only. She is being ordained to a Validated Ministry at Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center. In addition, she will serve as leader of Forest Church which has received support from both the 1001 New Worshipping Communities program of PCUSA and also the Presbytery of Arkansas. There is no examination for fit. The Committee on Ministry has approved the position as a Validated Ministry.

Her resume, Application for Validated Ministry, and Statement of Faith were reviewed.

Jocelyn was examined at length by all members of the Subcommittee. The examination was on each of the following areas:

- Christian Faith
- Bible and Views in Theology
- Views Regarding the Sacraments
- The Government of the PCUSA
- Denominational Commitment, Collegiality, Working with others
- Personal Integrity, Maturity, Character, Wholeness
- Ongoing Ministry Vocation
- Vision and Leadership Capacity and Skills

- Pastoral Sensitivity

It was apparent that Jocelyn's faith journey is significant. Her past service in a variety of positions has well prepared her for the ministry. These positions include service at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt, Nashville, TN, as a Clinical Pastoral Education Intern, at Columbia Theological Seminary Center for Lifelong Learning, Atlanta, GA, as a Seminary Service (Work-Study), and at Presbyterian Church Camp and Conference Association as a National Conference Program Assistant.

She possesses a clear understanding of the Presbyterian Church and its mission. Her parents are both ministers. Her theological references are sound. Her responses on issues were in accordance with Presbyterian theology and polity. She shared her personal history and faith journey with the Subcommittee. All agreed that based on her responses that Jocelyn meets the requirements to be ordained.

The subcommittee then met privately and unanimously sustained the examination for ordination and for membership in the Presbytery of Arkansas and recommends approval of same to the Committee on Ministry- Presbytery of Arkansas.

The Subcommittee recommends that the Committee consider the selection of a mentor to assist and be available to Jocelyn as she enters a new community and a new position.

Jocelyn provided the required forms which were delivered to Stewart for delivery to the Stated Clerk.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Jocelyn.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don A. Eilbott", written in a cursive style with a large loop at the end.

Don A. Eilbott, Moderator