

Committee on Ministry- Presbytery of Arkansas
Report of Central Arkansas Examinations Subcommittee
Examination of Max Murphy Hill
For Ordination

June 21, 2019

Members of the Central Arkansas Examinations Subcommittee of the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of Arkansas met on June 21, 2019 at the office of the Presbytery of Arkansas to conduct the examination of Max Murphy Hill for ordination.

Members in attendance were: Retired MWS Don Campbell, Elder Sid McCollum, Retired MWS Sally Johnson, Elder Jim Morehead, Elder Wendell Phillips and Elder Don Eilbott, moderator. General Presbyter Stewart Smith also attended a portion of the meeting. Stewart opened the meeting with prayer.

Max has graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity. Max has received a call for a combined campus ministry for Washington University and St. Louis University, both in St. Louis, MO. He is under care of the Presbytery of Arkansas. He will become a member of Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy. Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy would normally examine and ordain. However, Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy requires a course of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) which Max did not have as part of his studies.

Since this is an examination for ordination only, there is no examination for fit. Max advised that Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy had conducted a review for fit

His resume and Statement of Faith were received and reviewed.

Max 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 Max possesses a clear understanding of the Presbyterian Church and its mission. His theological training and references are sound. His responses on issues concerning sacraments and faith were in accordance with Presbyterian theology and polity. He shared his personal history and faith journey with the Subcommittee. All agreed that based on his responses that Max has the necessary training and maturity to be ordained.

Accordingly, on motion unanimously approved, the examination of Max Hill for ordination was sustained and his ordination is recommended to the Committee on Ministry and Presbytery.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Max.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Eilbott", enclosed within a circular flourish that extends to the right.

Don A. Eilbott, Moderator