

Pastor Parish Relations Committee (PPRC)
Monday, January 8, 2024

The PPRC first met alone, and later in the meeting jointly with the Governing Board and Transition Team.

PPRC Attendees: James Quinn, Frances Dearing, Helen Johnson, Jonathan Carroll-Nellenbeck, Alex Hunt, John Nutter, Christy Leshner, Rev. Stephen Cady

Endorsement of Candidates for the Ministry from the Church:

Rev. Dr. Cady introduced Kellie Barbato, a member of Asbury First and the Church Choir. Ms. Barbato and PPRC members discussed her personal and educational background and her interests in, and calling to, ministry in the United Methodist Church, specifically in hospital chaplaincy. At the conclusion of the discussion, the PPRC voted to endorse Kellie Barbato to the upcoming Church Conference as a candidate for ministry.

The PPRC also voted to re-affirm its prior endorsements of Ian Urriola, a graduate of Wesley Theological Seminary, and currently a Chaplain and Director of Spiritual Development and Outreach at Shenandoah University, and of Michael Mullin, a graduate of Colgate Rochester Crozier Divinity School, and currently Minister for Discipleship and Youth at Asbury First.

Joint Meeting with Governing Board, Transition Team, and Rev. Ted Anderson

District Superintendent Suzanne Block, Rev. Ted Anderson and Mary Connors Anderson joined the meeting. District Superintendent Block introduced Rev. Anderson as the proposed Interim Senior Minister appointed by Bishop Burgos to serve Asbury First from March 1, 2024 through June 2024. Rev. Anderson discussed his beliefs, philosophies, views and experience, and Mary Anderson also spoke briefly. A discussion ensued. Many members of Asbury First know, like and respect Rev. Anderson, and the news was greeted with enthusiasm. Rev. Block and Chair Jim Quinn discussed Rev. Anderson's compensation and Jim Quinn shared this information with the Committee, after which he signed the necessary compensation forms. Rev. Anderson's appointment will be announced in the 11 am service on January 14 and by letter and email to the congregation.