Presbytery of Great Rivers

Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report

April 29, 2023

UPDATES:

* The winter exam results show that Mackenzie Jager has completed both the Polity and Biblical Exegesis exams satisfactorily.
* The committee met in a special meeting on Tuesday, February 14th to examine Bryan Burris, a Disciples of Christ pastor who wishes to become a PCUSA minister of word and sacrament. The Committee on Ministry had asked that we assess his qualifications and give our recommendation of next steps in the process. It was MSA that by examination the Committee on Ministry is satisfied with Brian Burris’ qualifications to transfer his ordination to the PC(USA) and so recommend that to the Committee on Ministry.
* The committee met in-person on Thursday, March 16th in Bloomington, Illinois to conduct the interview for readiness to receive a call with candidate Mackenzie Jager. A sermon was successfully given and interview done to ascertain progress on her process. She continues to work at 2nd Bloomington and participate in the Clinical Pastoral Education Program she began in the fall. Completion of that program is expected by the end of May with a report sent to the committee assessing her work there.
* The remaining dates for regularly scheduled Committee on Preparation for Ministry meetings in 2023 are Wednesday, June 21 and Wednesday, October 18 at 9:30 a.m.