

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT



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The Committee on Ministry – (COM) supports National Capital Presbytery’s (NCP) responsibilities for the care, oversight, and accountability for ministers of word and sacrament and certified Christian educators. These include examining, receiving, and dismissing minister members; offering encouragement and support to teaching elders and educators; seeking healthy relationships between pastors and congregations; and helping congregations secure appropriate pastoral leadership and educators in times of transition.

The work is carried out by five teams of elected teaching and ruling elders – Care, Congregational Transitions, Examinations, Ministry Relations, and Specialized – The COM Coordinating Commission provides oversight. COM’s responsibilities derive from the Book of Order, G-3.0306 and G-3.0307. For information on the Committee or to review COM documents including the work of each team, policies and procedures, visit: www.thepresbytery.org – pull down documents tab and then select Committee on Ministry.

Received/Introduction to the Presbytery -

- Rev. Robert Bayley** – Honorably Retired, Patuxent
- Rev. George Bolton** – Associate, Westminster, Alexandria
- Rev. Kenneth Brandt** – Honorably Retired
- Rev. William Garrison** - Minister Member at-large
- Rev. Patrick McElwaine** - Geneva
- Rev. Yeonik Park** – Korean of Rockville
- Rev. Heather Shortlidge** -Transitional minister New York Avenue
- Rev. Stephen Sapp**-Honorably Retired

Entrance Examination Report -

Rev. William Garrison (At large) – Sustained the successful examination of the Rev. Bill Garrison and subsequent recommendation that he be received as a minister member in National Capital Presbytery. [CTC evote 9/28/19]

Rev. Heather Shortlidge (New York Avenue) – Sustained the successful examination of the Rev. Heather Shortlidge, transitional pastor at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church and subsequent recommendation she be received as a minister member in National Capital Presbytery. [CTC evote 9/28/19]

Contracts and Terms of Call Agreements -

Patuxent: Approved the Stated Supply contract between the Rev. Robert Bayley and the Session of Patuxent Presbyterian Church in California, Maryland for the period of one year beginning 1 October 2019. [CTC 9/5/19]

Burke: Approved the Stated Supply contract between the Rev. David Ensign and the Session of Burke Presbyterian Church for the period of one year beginning 4 November 2019. [CTC e-vote 10/18/19]

Church of the Redeemer: Approved the Stated Supply contract between the Session of the Church of the Redeemer and the Rev. Sterling Morse for the period of one year beginning 1 September 2019. [CTC e-vote 10/18/19]

Lewinsville: Approved the Stated Supply contract between the Session of Lewinsville Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Annamarie Gronenbloom for the period of one year beginning 1 December 2019. [CC evote 10/23/19]

Dissolution/Termination of Pastoral Relationship/Honorably Retired Status –

Christ: Approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Geoff McLean and the congregation of Christ Presbyterian Church effective 2 November 2019. This action was taken upon the request of the Rev. Geoff McLean and with the concurrence of Christ Presbyterian Church at a duly called congregational meeting held on 27 November 2019. Rev. McLean will become the Associate General Presbyter of South Florida Presbytery. [CTC e-vote 10/28/19]

Clarendon: Approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Rev. David Ensign and the congregation of Clarendon Presbyterian Church effective 27 October 2019. This action was taken upon the request of the Rev. David Ensign and with the concurrence of Clarendon Presbyterian Church at a duly called congregational meeting held on 27 November 2019. Rev. Ensign will become the Interim Pastor at Burke Presbyterian Church effective 4 November 2019. [CTC e-vote 10/28/19]

Korean Presbyterian Church Rockville: Approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Heemoon Youn and the congregation of Korean Presbyterian Church Rockville effective 27 October 2019. This action was taken at the request of the Rev. Heemoon Youn and with the concurrence of Korean Presbyterian Church Rockville. Rev. Youn is retiring after 25 years of faithful service and is awarded honorably retired. [CTC e-vote 10/28/19]

Validated Ministry –

Received the Rev. William Garrison as member-at-large [COM 10/15/19]

Healthy Boundaries Schedule -

Healthy Boundaries Training is being assessed and revised.
