

Commission on Preparation for Ministry

February 2024

- At the December 2023 CPM meeting Ginny Shanda was elected to serve as moderator pro tem during the period of CPM Moderator Linda Kurtz Burch's sabbatical. (December 2023-February 2024)
- Also, in December the final assessment of Mikkel Hampton was conducted, and the CPM certified Mikkel's ready to be commissioned as a Commissioned Pastor. The Pastoral Transitions Commission was notified of Mikkel's readiness. CPM gives many thanks to Diehl Ackerman for serving as Mikkel's shepherd through the preparation process.
- At its January meeting the CPM interviewed Greg Cooper, a Commissioned Pastor, accepted him into the program, and welcomed him under the care of the CPM. Scot Robinson will serve as Greg's CPM shepherd.
- The CPM also at its January meeting conducted the final assessment of ordination-track candidate Sarah Smith and determined her readiness to seek a call pending her examination by the presbytery. These actions were relayed to the Pastoral Transitions Commission. CPM gives many thanks to Griffin Ryan for serving as Sarah's shepherd through the preparation process, and looks forward to
- Over the last few months, the commission has reviewed and revised the Commissioned Pastor application form, and at its February approved the final version.
- The CPM viewed and discussed the Examinee Support webinar, provided by the Presbyteries' cooperative Committee on Examination for Candidates, and will be instituting some of the suggestions made in the video.
- Assuming a positive presbytery examination of Sarah Smith, this commission will then have two ordination-track candidates and two commissioned pastor candidates under its care.
- The CPM has also expressed its deep gratitude for its outgoing members, Diehl Ackerman, Madeline Flannery, David Whiteman, and Missie Wood, and joyfully welcomed its new members Jim Dougans, Penny Lamb, and Jennifer Powell.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Shanda, CPM moderator pro tem