

Commission on Preparation for Ministry

2023 Annual Report

- As 2023 nears its end, three ordination-track candidates remain under the care of the CPM along with four CP candidates. One ordination-track candidate and one CP candidate have completed all educational and process requirements except for their final assessments.
- This year we certified one candidate for ordination, Jeff Shaver, as ready to receive a call. We also accepted the transfer of another candidate for ordination, Marissa Carver, from the Greater Atlanta Presbytery to come under our care.
- We recommended two CP candidates for commissioning: Tommy Poe and Heather Ladick.
- Three potential CP candidates inquired about enrolling in the process; we currently anticipate two doing so in 2024.
- In response to the clarification to the ordination exam “Honor Statement” made by the Presbyteries’ Cooperative Committee on Examinations for Candidates (PCC) (which itself came in response to concerns raised regarding the Winter 2023 Bible Exegesis exam), the CPM created and approved a “Support for Ordination Exams” policy whereby we will provide resources and funding for mental health care for candidates taking ordination exams.
- We continue to work with the Leadership Development team on CP course materials to better understand and support CP preparation for ministry.
- In August CPM held its annual retreat and enjoyed the beauty and hospitality of Camp Burnamwood. We’re grateful to Rev. Scot Robinson and Rev. Griffin Ryan for their planning.
- Rev. Scot Robinson faithfully served as our clerk this year. Thank you, Scot!

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Linda Kurtz, CPM moderator