

## Commission on Preparation for Ministry

### 2024 Annual Report

- As 2024 nears its end, one ordination-track candidate remains under the care of the CPM along with three CP candidates. One CP candidate has completed all educational and process requirements except for their final assessment; the two others are on track to finish the process in 2025.
- This year we certified two candidates for ordination as ready to receive a call! Sarah Smith was examined by this presbytery for ordination and ordained to her work as palliative care chaplain with UK HealthCare. More recently, Marissa Carver was successfully examined by the Mid-Kentucky Presbytery for ordination, and we congratulate her on accepting the call to serve as pastor of South Frankfort Presbyterian Church. Many thanks to Griffin Ryan for serving as shepherd for both Sarah and Marissa.
- We recommended CP candidate Mikkel Hampton for commissioning.
- CP candidates Jon Roller and Greg Cooper enrolled in the process.
- We continue to work with the Leadership Development team on CP course materials to better understand and support CP preparation for ministry.
- The presbytery reduced the size of the commission from 12 to 9 members to more accurately reflect the scope of our work at this time.
- In August CPM held its annual retreat and enjoyed the beauty and hospitality of Camp Burnamwood. We're grateful to Scot Robinson and Griffin Ryan for their planning.
- Scot Robinson faithfully served as our clerk this year. Thank you, Scot!
- The CPM has also expressed its deep gratitude for outgoing members Ginny Shanda, Rollin Tarter, and Linder Jaeckels, and looks forward to welcoming new members in January.

It has been a privilege to serve as moderator of this commission for the past two years. I am grateful to the members of the commission for their dedication to our work and their deep care for our candidates (and the churches they are or will be called to serve). I am sad to be leaving, but rejoice that my colleague Scot Robinson has accepted the nomination to lead this body in 2025!

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Linda Kurtz, CPM moderator