

Commission on Preparation for Ministry

March 2025

- At the December meeting the final assessment of Darnaby Kerns was conducted after he presided at the table during worship at the Presbytery meeting. After the final assessment the CPM certified Darnaby's readiness to be commissioned as a Commissioned Pastor. The Pastoral Transitions Commission was notified of Darnaby's readiness. CPM gives thanks to Jennifer Jones Powell & Ginny Shanda for serving as Darnaby's shepherd throughout his commissioning process.
- At the December meeting the CPM also formulated its goals as a commission for 2025. These goals include:
 - Working to have any current commissioned candidates complete training and process by the end of 2025.
 - Identify and share a process for candidates to access CPM funds earmarked for candidate support.
 - Visit 18 sessions to share about the commissioned pastor and ordination processes and encourage those sessions to identify people who might be interested.
 - Identify and undertake in-person and digital opportunities for facilitating vocational discernment.
 - Host one commissioned pastor open house for people to learn more about the program.
- The CPM has also expressed its deep gratitude for its outgoing members, Ginny Shanda, Rollin Tarter, Linder Jaeckels. We also expressed gratitude for outgoing CPM moderator Linda Kurtz for her great leadership.
- At the January meeting CPM welcomed new members Michael Bean, A.J. Strauch, Sylvia Carter, and Frank Pottorff.
- With Rollin Tarter's CPM term ending, both Michael Bean and Griffin Ryan volunteered to be co-shepherds for candidate Donna Phillips.
- Also at the January meeting CPM discussed the proposed Grant Support Application with further ideas discussed regarding duration, dollar amount, and application of funds. These revisions were reflected in the second draft that was approved and adopted by CPM at the February meeting. Thanks to Tommy Poe & Jennifer Jones Powell for their great work on this grant application!
- At the February meeting an updated version of the Commissioned Pastor policy document was discussed. The edits included revising language that has been changed in the newest edition of the Book of Order along with adding that a mentor after commissioning will be assigned by the presbytery. Before adopting, further clarification is needed on the up-to-date education requirements and wording surrounding "*examination by presbytery*" in the document.
- The CPM looks forward to the March meeting where we are planning to meet with Commissioned Pastor candidate Jon Roller for his final assessment.

*Respectfully submitted,
Scot Robinson, CPM moderator*