

## Commission on Ministry

At its stated meeting on September 28, 2021, the Presbytery approved the following motion:

The NJMCAC/Presbytery Council **RECOMMENDS** that the Presbytery **CONSTITUTE** the Committee on Ministry as a standing Administrative Commission of the Presbytery, and **AUTHORIZE** the Commission to act on behalf of the Presbytery as indicated below (powers reserved for the Presbytery are noted as such):

Book of Order (G-3.0307)	Functions	Delegated authority
<b>COM</b>		
Reception and oversight of minister of the Word and Sacrament members	Receive an honorably retired, validated or at large minister from another presbytery	COM
	Validate a call to validated ministry for minister requesting membership, or for minister member moving into new validated ministry	COM
	Approving a minister of another Christian denomination becoming a PCUSA pastor	Presbytery
	Approve laboring outside the bounds of this presbytery.	COM (and other presbytery)
	Grant Honorably Retired status	COM
	Annually approve contracts for temporary pastors	COM
	Annually approve terms of call	COM
Approval of calls for pastoral services and invitations for temporary pastoral service	Approve a call for a current minister member of this presbytery to serve a congregation, and the terms of call or contract. Approve receiving a minister from another presbytery or denomination to serve a congregation, and the terms of call or contract. This would include. laboring in the bounds of the presbytery	COM (And other presbytery for laboring in our bounds)
	For those seeking first call: Examine for ordination, approve validation of call (either in a congregation or validated ministry), and terms of call	Presbytery
	Approve the Administrative Commissions for an ordination/installation	COM
	Approval of Ministry Information Forms/Job Descriptions	COM
Oversight of congregations without pastors	Appoint session/congregational meeting moderator	COM
Dissolution of relationships	Dissolve relationships of ministers no longer serving ministerial function, where requested by the congregation and the minister	COM
Dismissal of members	Dismiss a member in good standing and without pastoral charge to another presbytery	COM
Close relationship with member congregations	Approve a location change	Presbytery

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<b>COM</b>		
Close relationship with member congregations (cont'd)	Organize, merge, dismiss, or dissolve congregations	Presbytery, either in plenary session, or through an AC appointed for one or more of these particular purposes
	Create or abolish associate pastorates, at the request and in consultation with the session of the particular church	COM

All actions taken on behalf of the Presbytery shall take immediate effect, and shall be reported at the next Stated Meeting, or at a Special Meeting held earlier, at which time the Presbytery may, if it so chooses, rescind or amend them. The Committee on Ministry will henceforth be referred to as the *Commission* on Ministry, and the Stated Clerk is authorized to make the appropriate changes to the Manual of Operations.