

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Presbytery of Southern New England

February 16, 2022

Information item

Since the last Presbytery meeting: CPM met on January 11 with Teresa Waggener from the Office of Immigration Issues/Office of the General Assembly. She shared her power point presentation “All the Gifts Necessary to be the Body of Christ” and a discussion followed regarding our international students and ways the Office of Immigration Issues can be of help to our students.

The committee also attended two sessions: CPM Basics Part One and Part Two: What Every Committee Member Should Know: presented by Tim Cargal, Office of the General Assembly and had a discussion at our meeting on the roles and responsibilities of our CPM committee, the Inquirer and Candidate, the Session and the Presbytery. We also discussed the current Ordination Exams, their History and Purpose, and the role the Committee should take in consulting, advising and counseling our students.

Information Item

On August 14, 2021, CPM and Stated Clerk David Baer met with then Candidate Gerson Roca (Providence: Providence, RI) with the purpose of completing his Polity Ordination Exam Requirement. At that time Gerson ran a Mock Session Meeting with proper Book of Order citing’s. On September 11, 2021, CPM met with Candidate Gerson Roca to complete his Exegesis Ordination Exam Requirement. Gerson presented a Biblical Exegesis Paper and led a Bible Study on Mark 8:27-38. This completed his Ordination Exam requirements and CPM voted Gerson Roca Certified Ready to Receive a Call. This motion was reported at the November 21, 2021, Presbytery Meeting.