

**Presbytery of Southern New England
Commission on Ministry**

Recommendation to establish an Administrative Commission
for the Presbyterian Church in the Meadows in Granby, Massachusetts

The Commission on Ministry recommends that the Presbytery **ESTABLISH** an Administrative Commission to work in partnership with the Session of the Presbyterian Church in the Meadows of Granby, MA, at their own request, to support the Church's continuing ministry and mission and its plans for the future.

When the Administrative Commission, in consultation with the Session, determines that the Presbyterian Church in the Meadows of Granby, MA is not able to continue as a congregation of the Presbytery, then the Commission shall have the power and authority to carry out all matters related to either a merger with another Church or Churches, or the dissolution of the Church, to include:

1. The assumption of original jurisdiction, in accordance with **Book of Order G-3.0303e**
2. The pastoral care of the members
3. The arrangement of an appropriate celebration of the ministry and mission of the congregation
4. The orderly dismissal of members to other congregations of their choosing
5. The securing, holding, and using of the properties of the congregation
6. The making of recommendations to the Presbytery about the sale or disposition of such property

Background and rationale: Communications from the current and former moderators from April 28th and September 8th, 2023, described the Session's understanding that the Church wishes to continue its ministry and mission as it is able and that the Session should plan for the long term disposition of the Church's property and other necessary actions. The Church has a strong desire to transfer the many acres of property to an environmental organization such as the Kestrel Land Trust. The role of the Administrative Commission would be to work with the Session of the Congregation towards their goals.