

Report of the Commission on Ministry October 23, 2024

Action:

1. None

The Commission wishes to inform the Presbytery that, in accordance with the authority granted under Chapter 8 of the Bylaws of the Presbytery, it has:

1. Received the Rev. Pablo Diaz as a member from Peace River Presbytery.
2. Approved the contract extension of the Rev. Stacy Smith as Bridge Pastor at First, New Haven through November 1.
3. Added Stephen Beals to the PSNE pulpit supply list.
4. Welcomed David Bennett, GP Sabbatical Coverage consultant, david@psne.org, effective November 18, 2024.
5. Approved the following addendum to the PSNE compensation policy: “When a Transitional/Interim Pastor/Head-of-Staff is serving a church, the Session is encouraged to keep parity during this time, and/or to use a one-time bonus to compensate the Associate Pastor if additional work occurs prior to the beginning of the work of the Transitional/Interim Pastor. If the Session and/or affected Pastor(s) need help with these shifts in compensation, the COM is available as a conversation partner.”
6. Approve the following members of the commission to ordain Candidate Gerson Roca to the ministry of Word and Sacrament, on behalf of the Presbytery of Northern New England:
 - Rev. Dallas Bradel, Moderator
 - Rev. Dr. Shannan Vance-Ocampo, General Presbyter
 - Rev. Theodore J. DeMarco, Providence
 - Elder Peter Cameron, Calvin, Cumberland RI
 - Elder Matthew Harrison, Providence
 - Elder Ann Loeniskar, Haverhill, MA
 - Rev. Allen Timm, Corresponding Member, PNNE
 - Rev. John Sweet, Corresponding Member, Boston

Rev. Roca’s ordination took place on September 15, 2024 at 3:00 pm at Providence Presbyterian Church, Providence, RI, Rev. Deb Packard, Woodbury Union, preaching.