

Report of the Commission on Ministry

February 11, 2025

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. **Approved** the extension of the contract between First, New Haven and the Rev. Dr. Stacy Smith through February 2025
2. **Dismissed** the Rev. Dr. Stacy Smith to the Presbytery of Northern New Jersey
3. **Approved** the 2025 sabbatical plan for the Rev. Dr. Terrlyn Curry Avery
4. **Granted** permission to the Rev. Kymberley Clemons-Jones, Long Island Presbytery, to labor within the bounds from January-March 2025, if the way be clear
5. **Granted** permission to the Rev. Jeffrey Hutchinson (ECO) to preach at Greenwood.
6. **Recommended** that the Board of Trustees set aside an initial minimum of \$25,000 for support of pastors and congregations disproportionately affected by the Board of Pensions changes in 2025 (namely, those with children and those who have had BoP grants that are ending)
7. **Approved** the formation of the Head of Staff PNC at Greenwich.
8. **Approved** Jinny Smanik as moderator of Crossroads, Waterford including her moderation work since October 25.
9. **Counseled** The Rev. Iktae Kim and Deacon Ji Young Kim (Connecticut Korean Church), and the Rev. Josh Park (Assistant Stated Clerk and Manager for Korean-speaking Councils Support, OGA).
10. **Approved**, if the way be clear, the Terms of Call as presented and to receive the Rev. Emily Scott as a temporary member of Presbytery for the term of her service at FPCNH.

11. **Granted** permission to Joan Priest to labor outside the bounds and to validate her ministry as Interim Pastor at United Reformed Church, Somerville, NJ under the Formula of Agreement. Kate will reach out to the COM of the Presbytery of the Highlands of New Jersey.
12. **Appointed** Pam Spence-Bakker as Moderator pro tem at Babcock, Ashaway, as of the start of Bea Hoover-Mulvany's medical leave.
13. **Celebrated** the appointment of the Rev. Chris Caton to the Groton Congregational, UCC, if the way be clear.
14. **Recommended** \$2,000 be provided to the Safety Plans Task Force for furtherance of their work.