

**Report of the Commission on Ministry
May 9, 2026**

Moment of Memory:

Elder Penelope "Penny" Lee Webster

For Presbytery Action:

1. The COM recommends the following policies for a second/final reading:

These are new policies for the Presbytery. A first reading occurred on February 4, 2026. These are now presented for a final vote today.

- a. Policy on the Dissolution of Pastoral Relationships
- b. Policy on Commissioned Ruling Elders

The Commission wishes to **INFORM** the Presbytery, in accordance with the authority granted under Chapter 8 of the Bylaws of the Presbytery, of the following actions:

1. Received William Evertsberg, retired, from Chicago Presbytery
2. Dismissed Ed Sackett to New Covenant Presbytery
3. Finalized Guidelines for Ministerial Relief Fund Monies, these will be placed on the PSNE website
4. Approved a letter to be sent to the New England Synod of the ELCA at their request to formally invite the Rev. Elian Scott, First Presbyterian Church, New Haven: A Letter of Invitation to Extended Service For an Ordained Minister of A Full Communion Partner Church Body

The Commission's next meeting is May 6, and we expect to distribute a report from that meeting by May 7 with any additional business or information for the May Presbytery Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
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Rev. John Merz
co-chairs