

Commission on Preparation for Ministry
Presbytery of Southern New England
May 2026

Information items

Since the last Presbytery meeting:

1. The Commission met on March 6, 2026. We continue to discuss the CRE Policy being put together by PSNE along with Northern New England and Boston Presbytery's. We also are continuing to update our CPM Manual. We then spent time discussing our current students under care.
2. The Commission met on April 23, 2026. We met with **Candidate Heather Gordon** (Noroton Pres.: Darien, CT) for her Annual Consultation. Since she last met with us in September 2024, she got married and last summer gave birth to twin boys. She is back working full-time at the Noroton Pres. Church in the area of youth and children's ministry. We discussed possible CPE and Field Education Programs. We then met with **Elder Katie Mills** (First Pres.: New Haven, CT) who was applying to become an Inquirer. Katie first was enrolled in the Religion and Ecology Masters Degree Program at Yale Divinity School, and then through a process of discerning; which involved a summer internship at Duke Farms Church in, NC, she changed to the Master of Divinity Program at YDA and will graduate this May. She is enrolled in a CPE program for next summer and currently serves as Director of Intergenerational Faith Formation at FPCNH. It was M/S/V favorably for Katie to be enrolled as an Inquirer. Susan Olson agreed to be her Liaison.
3. Shannan was able to attend and participate in the ordination of **Jin Hwa (Deborah) Lee** who was ordained and installed as the pastor of the Bovina United Presbyterian Church in Bovina Center, NY which is in Susquehanna Valley Presbytery on Sunday, April 26. Congratulations to Deborah!
4. Currently under care of the Presbytery are 2 Inquirers, 2 Candidates, and 3 Certified Ready to Receive a Call.