

Presbytery of the Highlands
Stated Meeting
Committee on Ministry Report – Part 1
November 12, 2024

Items for Consent Agenda:

None.

Items for Action:

None.

Items to Report:

From the October 1, 2024 meeting:

COM-1

Approved a Board of Pensions exemption to the Milford Presbyterian Church and provided a process for the Session and Congregation for moving forward with transitioning Rev. Dr. Linda Erkert-Bullock from an installed pastor (101) to non-installed (108) in order for them to take advantage of the Covenant Pastors package and Medical coverage from another source.

COM-2

Approved the Installation Commission for the Rev. Eric Lai, Taiwanese American Fellowship Presbyterian Church, Hillsborough.

COM-3

Removed Rev. Chet Penza, HR, from the rolls. Rev. Penza renounced jurisdiction of his ordination in the PCUSA upon joining a United Methodist Congregation.

COM-4

Approved the final Discernment Report for First Presbyterian Church of Boonton and granted permission to move forward with the election of Pastor Nominating Committee.

COM-5

Approved the position description of Executive Director/Wild Seed Pastor for Lisette Gonzalez Sosa at the Sanctuary and Seed New Church Development as a validated ministry.

COM-6

Approved presenting Lisette Gonzalez Sosa to the presbytery for examination for ordination at either a special meeting or the November presbytery meeting.

COM-7

Recommended to the ACT to approve the position description for the Administrative Commission of the First Presbyterian Church of Ogdensburg to assist the congregation with moving forward with dissolution of the congregation in 2025.

COM-8

Presbytery leader provided an update to the COM on the Ryan Irmer vs The Highlands Presbytery appeal to the General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission. The appeal will be heard by the GAPJC on October 18.