

Presbytery of the Highlands
Stated Meeting
Commission on Preparation for Ministry Report
May 12, 2026

Items for Consent Agenda

None.

Items for Action

None.

Items for Report:

From the November 10, 2025 meeting:

CPM-1

Laura Choi (Candidate – certified ready to receive a call): Laura will continue under care of CPM until such time as she receives a call.

CPM-2

Jessica Fisher (Candidate – certified ready to receive a call): Per Jessica's request, her current status is 'on hold.' Policy language needs to be updated and more specific about guidelines/limitations/timelines regarding a person's 'on hold' status. Until such time, things remain 'status quo.'

CPM-3

Ben Willans (Candidate): COM approved Ben's request to a validated ministry in Scotland as the Health and Social Care Chaplain for NHS Highlands (Scotland). We expect that he will meet with Presbytery for (Zoom) examination at their February meeting with possible in-person ordination in March.

CPM-4

Patricia 'Tricia' Hayes (Aspirant for CRE): We expect Tricia's to have met all CRE requirements in November. Tricia's consultation will be held in December, and if the way be clear at that meeting, she will be certified ready to receive a call.

CPM-5

Joe Martinoni (CRE Aspirant): Joe's annual consultation was held. He is progressing in his course work. Joe is doing his field ed at the Mine Hill Presbyterian Church.

CPM-6

2026 Exam Readers were appointed and approved: Rev. Tim Clarkson (Union Hill Presbyterian - Denville/First Presbyterian Church of Succasunna) and RE Dan Mullen (Oak Ridge Presbyterian Church)

From the December 8, 2025 meeting

CPM-7

Benjamin Willans (Candidate): Ben was approved for examination at the February Presbytery meeting.

CPM-8

Patricia 'Tricia' Hayes (CRE Aspirant): Tricia's Annual Consultation was held. At this point, we are still waiting for receipt of one document. Pending receipt of that document, Tricia was certified ready to receive a call. At that time, if the way be clear, she will be certified ready to receive a call, and COM will be notified.

CPM-9

The proposed new CPMLD (Leadership Development) job description was discussed.

CPM-10

CPM's next meeting is 'on hold' pending training for the new teams and leaders.

From the April 13, 2026 Meeting

CPM-11

Joe Martinoni (CRE Aspirant): Joe was approved for a \$1,000 grant.

CPM-12

CPM is working on understanding and developing its new responsibilities as regards Leadership Training. They will begin to develop a study on The Six Great Ends of the Church, such study to be held sometime in 2026.

CPM-13

A major focus this year for CPM will be recruiting/nurturing CRE candidates to help fill pulpits. Because of this goal, work needs to be done on promoting the CRE program(s).

CPM-14

It was determined monthly meetings will be held the second Monday of each month (except the months of June, July, August and December unless necessary) at 3 pm (zoom).

CPM-15

The 2026 CPM Commission consists of the following members: RE Ken Nickel, RE Mel Prestamo, Rev. Linda Gaden, Rev. Pam Osborne, Co-Moderators Rev. Kathi Heath and Rev. Chris Doyle, and Resource Staff/Stated Clerk Rev. Steve Shussett.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Heath and Chris Doyle, CPM Co-Moderators