

Presbytery of the Highlands
Stated Meeting
Commission on Ministry Report – Part 1
September 15, 2026

Items for Consent Agenda:

None.

Items for Action:

None.

Items for Report:

The COM reports the following from their June 2, 2026 meeting:

COM-1

The retired pastors gathering will be on July 14 at the Long Valley Presbyterian Church.

COM-2

Approved the following terms of call between:

- Trinity United Church, Warren and Rev. Amy Sandlin
- Oak Ridge Presbyterian Church, West Milford Presbyterian Church and Rev. Dr. Christopher Doyle
- Lower Valley Presbyterian Church, Califon and Rev. William “Tex” Culton
- Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains and Rev. Don Brown

COM-3

Approved the Charge for the Administrative Commission for United First Presbyterian Church of Amwell (Larisons Corner) and to recommend it to the ACC for approval.

COM-4

Approved a request from the Somerset Presbyterian Church for a session exemption for one year.

The COM reports the following from their August 4, 2026 meeting:

COM-5

Discussed the required denominational Boundary Training which is scheduled with Ministry Safe Training beginning in October. The COM will explore options for adjustment of the COM's review of Presbytery documents webinar.

COM-6

Approved the following terms of call between:

- Highlands Presbyterian Church, Long Valley and Elder Tricia Hayes, CRE
- Updated TOC for Trinity United Church, Warren and Rev. Amy Sandlin

COM-7

Approved the updated position description for Rev. Amy Sandlin, Trinity United Church, Warren.

COM-8

- Administrative Commission for United First Presbyterian Church of Amwell (Larisons Corner) was approved by ACC.

The following were appointed to serve on the Administrative Commission:

- Elder Gerald (Jerry) Chandler – First Presbyterian Church of Newton
- Elder Carol Skidmore - Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church
- Rev. Nancy Asbury, HR - Appointed moderator
- Rev. Scott Stolte - Lamington Presbyterian Church, Bedminister

COM-9

Approved the proposed Sabbatical for Rev. Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy, Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church, Stewartsville, for the summer of 2027.

COM-10

Approved updated position description for Elder Tricia Hayes and the Highlands Presbyterian Church, Long Valley. Elder Tricia Hayes began her work on July 1 and will be commissioned as a CRE at the September Presbytery Meeting.

COM-11

Approved the forming of a team to assist a session with a disagreement.

COM-12

Approved the COM 2027 Budget request to be sent to the Finance and Property Team.