

Presbytery of the Highlands
Stated Meeting
Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report
January 22, 2022

Items for Consent Agenda:

CPM -1

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) moves that the Presbytery of the Highlands of New Jersey adopt the *Preparation for Ministry Policies* dated Nov. 2021. See Attached.

Items for Action:

None.

Items to Report:

CPM-2

November 15, 2021

- The committee met to consider revisions to the presbytery's Preparation for Ministry Policies. Additional changes were discussed at the meeting and subsequent emails.
- Summary of Revisions (from the former Newton Presbytery manual):
 - Updated to reflect name of the new presbytery.
 - Updated references to the Book of Order and PC (U.S.A.) "Advisory Handbook on Preparation for Ministry."
 - Revised and shortened the opening section to remove outdated information.
 - Revised language to be gender neutral.
 - Revised "Suitability for Ordered Ministry" section (page 8) to clarify that Inquirers are to submit written statements when applying for Candidacy.
 - Changed the Education requirements (page 13) to encourage rather than require that exegetical courses be taken in the original languages.
 - Edited for consistency in grammar and layout.
 - *Motion* (approved via e-vote, Dec. 15, 2021): To recommend that the Presbytery of the Highlands of NJ adopt the revised "Preparation for Ministry Policies" dated November 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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