

**Susquehanna Valley Presbytery
Report of the Committee on Ministry
September 17, 2016**

Committee on Ministry Actions for Assembly Information:

- **Worked with congregations, sessions, and pastors to address concerns, challenges, and transitions in their ministries.**
- **Met with representatives of two congregations to hear the results of Mission Studies.**
- **Appointed a small group to discuss and make recommendations for the restructuring of the Committee on Ministry’s work: Doug Horne, Robert Peak, Patricia Raube, and Marena Vittorio Schindler.**
- **At the request of the Sessions, added Bainbridge First, Deposit First, East Guilford United, and Nineveh Presbyterian Churches to the list of SVP Churches for whom commissioned ruling elders may preside at the Lord’s Table.**
- **At the request of a Pastor Nominating Committee, interviewed two candidates for ministry in SVP.**
- **At the request of a Session, interviewed a candidate for transitional ministry in SVP.**
- **Granted permission to the Bainbridge First, Dryden First, and Northminster congregations to form Pastor Nominating Committees.**
- **Requested that the SVP Cabinet appoint an Administrative Review Team for the Hobart Presbyterian Church.**
- **Voted that non-Presbyterian Church (USA) pastors who enter into a contract for pastoral services with an SVP congregation be required to take a class in Presbyterian Polity.**
- **Received and Approved contract for Ruling Elder George Carruth as Part-Time (20 hours) Commissioned Lay Pastor for United Presbyterian Church of Cincinnatus, NY, effective June 20, 2016- June 19, 2017:**

Cash Salary:	\$ 20,865.00
Social Security Offset:	\$ 1,596.00
Board of Pensions Dues:	\$ 0
Mileage Reimbursement:	\$ 2,000.00
Study Allowance:	\$ 700.00
Vacation: 4 weeks, including 4 Sundays. Study Leave: 2 weeks, including 2 Sundays.	

- **Received and Approved contract for the Rev. Paul Hamilton as ¼ time Stated Supply Pastor for First Presbyterian Church of Unadilla, NY, January 1, 2016- December 31 2016:**

Cash Salary:	\$ 4990.00
Housing Allowance:	\$ 11,000.00
Dental Plan:	\$ 780.00
Total Effective Salary:	\$ 16,770.00
Study Allowance:	\$ 300.00
Vacation: 4 weeks, including 4 Sundays, Sunday after Christmas.	
Study Leave: 2 weeks, including 2 Sundays.	

- **In concurrence with the Committee on Ministry of the Geneva Presbytery, Approved Teaching Elder Cheryl Ann Elfond as Full-Time Transitional Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Horseheads, NY, August 1, 2016- July 31, 2017:**

Cash Salary:	\$32,200.00
Housing Allowance:	\$20,000.00
Total Effective Salary:	\$52,200.00
Social Security Offset:	\$ 3,993.00
Board of Pensions Dues:	\$18,270.00
Continuing Education Expenses:	\$ 2,500.00
Professional Expenses (including mileage):	\$ 2,540.00
Vacation: 6 weeks, including 6 Sundays. Study Leave: 2 weeks, including 2 Sundays.	

- **Received and Approved contract for the Rev. Michael Krembs as ¼ time (one quarter) Temporary Supply Pastor for Ross Memorial Presbyterian Church, Binghamton, NY, June 20, 2016- June 19, 2017:**

Retirement fund:	\$9,999.96
Cash Salary:	\$ 80.04
Social Security Offset:	\$ 771.00
Study Allowance:	\$ 250.00
Vacation: 4 weeks, including 4 Sundays. Study Leave: 2 weeks, including 2 Sundays.	

The MOD Squad

What is the MOD Squad? It is a team charged with pursuing 'Models of Discipleship: Being the Church', as a continuance of our Assembly Workshop in September, 2015, with Erin-Cox-Holmes. The Team, which at this time includes George Budine, Douglas Hatch, JoAnn Aymar, Mark Montfort and Lisa Ruth Mays, has met twice to begin the conversation on the ways we (PSV) can support churches in our Presbytery. Our conversations have been focused around the ways to encourage congregations and ways in which to offer Spiritual Development, Practical Education (and resources), and Personal Experience. This is a very beginning step toward equipping congregations to work within and energize their current context as they also look to the future of their ministry.

COM Co-Chairs Bea Mooney, (RE, Delhi First) Patricia J. Raube, (TE, Endicott Union)