

## I –Committee on Ministry (COM) Responsibilities Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley

### Resource: COM History

#### **The Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley:**

- Granted to dissolve pastoral relationships in accordance with the *Book of Order* G-14.0602 (March 15, 1986);
- Granted authority to execute calls and dismissals when there is common agreement among all parties to the contract (March 17, 1990);
- Voted Maternity/Paternity Leave should be incorporated into Terms of Call (September 27, 1988);
- Authorized COM to administer the Presbytery's Salary Supplement Fund before 1991;
- Granted authority to approve all controversial requests of pastors to labor within and outside the bounds of the Presbytery, as in the *Book of Order* G-11.0401b (November 14, 1992);
- Voted to require participation in the Early Ministry Institute of the Synod (November 14, 1992)
  - Ministers serving their first call to parish ministry must use one (1) week of their study leave per year for three (3) years to attend the Institute;
  - Churches must put \$500 of study leave money into the pastor's Terms of Call each year to cover the Institute expense;
- Approved and assigned oversight of the Sexual Misconduct Policy and Procedures to the COM (January 19, 1993);
- Assigned oversight of the Commissioned Lay Pulpit Supply & Commissioned Lay Pastor Certification & Compensation to COM (January 19, 1993);
- Assigned oversight of the Policy on Commissioned Lay Pastors to COM (September 22, 1998);
- Voted to approve the Guidelines on Payment for Session Moderators (February 5, 2000);
- Assigned responsibilities to COM for the Policy on Administrative Commissions for the purpose of installing a pastor (June 13, 2000);
- Authorized COM Liaisons to serve as moderators of Session for churches to which they are assigned when the church is without a pastor or moderator;

*List to be brought up to date from June 2000 to February 2019...*

#### PSV Assembly passed on February 9, 2019 the following:

- 1) Confirmed that policies belong to the Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley. Any amendments to or elimination of these policies is done by the Presbytery.

- 2) Confirmed that COM procedures, forms, and resources belong to the Committee on Ministry. Any amendments or elimination of these is done by COM.
- 3) Each item adopted by PSV or COM respectively will be added to the PSV website and *COM Manual & Resources*. Old items being replaced will be removed from the PSV website and COM Manual to be archived.
- 4) Reaffirmed that PSV will support and assist COM in its work to enact these policies, procedures, forms, and resources on behalf of the Presbytery.

PSV Assembly approved on March 30, 2019 the following:

I. COM Responsibilities

Policy: Committee on Ministry Established

II. On Calling a Pastor

A. Installed: Policy: Ordination/ Installation of Ministers of Word and Sacrament