

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

Policy: Committee on Ministry Responsibilities

The Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley shall maintain a Committee on Ministry (COM) to fulfill the following duties and responsibilities on behalf of the Presbytery (as outlined in the *Book of Order* Chapter G-3.03 and the PSV Manual of Operations):

- To facilitate the relations between the presbytery and its congregations, pastors (includes Commissioned Lay Pastors and ministers of Word and Sacrament), and certified Christian educators;
- To advance the health, vitality, and well-being of all ministers of Word and Sacrament and congregations associated with the Presbytery. It shall serve as pastor, counselor, and advisor to ministers of Word and Sacrament, Commissioned Lay Pastors, those serving in pastoral roles, and congregations.
- To settle difficulties on behalf of the presbytery where possible and expedient;
- To facilitate the presbytery's reception and oversight of lay pastors and ministers of the Word and Sacrament members; approval of calls for pastoral services and invitations for temporary pastoral services; oversight of congregations without pastors; dissolution of relationships; dismissal of members; and the relationship between member congregations and pastors.

The COM shall be composed of nine (9) to twelve (12) persons bearing in mind the principles of unity in diversity in *Book of Order* F-1.0403.

All actions carried out as a result of COM's delegated authority must be reported to the presbytery at its next regular meeting.

The presbytery will assist COM in its work as called upon.

Book of Order G-3.0307