

Introducing the NEW and IMPROVED (hopefully)

Committee On Ministry

We are excited to introduce a NEW structure for the Committee on Ministry. We hope it will prove to be more user friendly. According to the Book of Order, “the Committee on Ministry (is) to serve as pastor and counselor to the ministers and Certified Christian Educators of the Presbytery . . .” (G-11.0501)

Now, be honest, is that what you think of when you think of Committee on Ministry? We didn't either! And so, we decided to try something different.

We have taken our committee and broken it up into eight teams of 2 or 3. Each team was assigned a group of about 6 churches which they are to care for. The teams and church groupings were assigned regionally, so churches and COM representatives are relatively close geographically.

The idea is that these teams contact their churches, pastors, clerks and sessions. They may come to worship, or attend a special event at your church. Hopefully, relationships will develop and when you have a question, or a problem you will know your contact. Your team will walk you through the process for a pastor leaving, acquiring an interim, assembling a Pastor Nominating Committee, formulating a Church Information Form, etc. What ever you might need from COM, your team will be your first contact.

Ideally, every team would have 3 members; a mix of clergy and lay, one from each “class,” so that only one would be likely to “roll off” the committee in any given year, thereby adding some continuity.

Find your church in the left hand column and you will find your team in the right hand column. Contact information for all Committee on Ministry members can be found in the Presbytery Directory.

Church Groups	COM Team Members
PCOC, PCOS, Trinity, Concord Calvary, Hanover, Elsmere	David Teager (Elder) John Dean (Hon. Retired Clergy) Mae Hall (Elder)
Westminster, 1 st & Central Greenhill, Lower Brandywine, Community New Castle	David Ganfield (Elder) Lois Lehman (Hon. Retired Clergy) Bruce Gillette (Clergy)
Red Clay, Limestone, White Clay Newark, Christiana, St. Andrews	Bob Undercuffler (Hon. Retired Clergy) Venetta Stewart (Elder)

	Nora Andresen (Elder)
Pencader, Head of Christiana, Elkton Rock, Port Deposit, Chesapeake City Perryville	Billie Brightwell (Clergy) Pat Singleton (Clergy) John Paderson (Clergy)
West Nottingham, Delaware City Port Penn, Forest, New Covenant Smyrna, Dover, Chestertown	Randy Clayton (Clergy) John Ames (Hon. Retired Clergy) Roberta Bell (Elder)
Milford, Easton, Coolspring Georgetown, Lewes, Westminster (Reh) Midway	Sally Cordrey (Elder) Ed Gazze (Elder)
Seaford, Faith Chapel, Buckingham Ocean City, Makemie Manokin	Bev Bailey (Elder) Don Rising (Clergy) Kerry Schull (Clergy)
Frankford, Ocean View, Pitts Creek Beaver Dam, Rehoboth, Wicomico	Lee Johnson (Elder)
At-Large Clergy, Specialized Ministry Those not formally connected to a local church.	Doug McPheeters (Clergy)

Some of you have already met your COM teams and begun working with them. If you have not, they should be getting in touch with you in the near future. We hope that this will help us to keep in touch with you, the pastors and churches of our Presbytery, and in so doing, to support, encourage and equip you in your ministries.

Yours in Christ,

Doug McPheeters
Chair, Committee on Ministry