

Commission on Ministry

Chairperson of Full Committee for 2017 – Mr. Jay Bender jaybender@ec.rr.com

- **East Community** (Brunswick, Carteret, Craven (Croatan and Trinity/Havelock Churches), Duplin, Jones, Lenoir (Pink Hill Church), New Hanover, Onslow, Pender Counties and Wayne (Rios de Agua Viva Church) Counties)

Co-Chairs – Rev. Robbie Phillips – phillips1@coastalnet.com
Rev. Tim Havlicek – thavlicek@firstpresmhc.org

Usual Meeting Dates – 12:30 pm on first Tuesday of each month
Wallace Presbyterian Church, Wallace, NC

- **Central Community** (Bladen, Columbus, Cumberland, Robeson, and Sampson Counties)

Chair – Rev. Jim Randall – pastorjim@macphersonchurch.com

Usual Meeting Dates – 1:00 pm on second Wednesday of each month
MacPherson Church, Fayetteville

- **West Community** Harnett, Hoke, Lee, Moore, and Scotland Counties, Montgomery (Biscoe Church), and Robeson (Lumber Bridge Church) Counties.

Chair – Rev. Rick Martindale – revmartindale@hotmail.com

Usual Meeting Dates – 2:00 pm on first Thursday of each month at
Brownson Memorial, Southern Pines, NC

Mission and Responsibilities

To serve as pastor and counselor to teaching elders, ruling elders commissioned to pastoral service, and certified Christian educators of the presbytery; to facilitate the relations between the presbytery and its congregations, teaching elders, ruling elders commissioned to pastoral service, and certified Christian educators; and to settle difficulties on behalf of the presbytery where possible and expedient and to provide for the training, examination and commissioning of ruling elders to particular pastoral service. (G-3.0307; 2.0903; 2.10)

The **responsibilities** of the Commission on Ministry and its three Community Commissions are spelled out in the *Commission on Ministry Handbook* and include:

1. To develop, review and revise annual goals, objectives, and action plans, to keep full minutes of meetings and actions and to report to the Presbytery on any actions taken on its behalf;
2. to facilitate Church-Pastor relations;
3. to work with the Missional Communities to develop strategies for the mission of the church in its area;
4. to work through each of the Missional Community's Commissions on Ministry with the churches in the Missional Communities and their leadership groups to address specific needs as they apply to the work of the Committee on Ministry;
5. to carry out the constitutionally-assigned functions of examining, receiving, counseling, and dismissing ministers;

6. to carry out a preliminary examination of candidates for ordination who shall ordinarily preach a sermon before the Presbytery or one of its Missional Community Gatherings as part of the floor examination for ordination;
7. to arrange for the introduction of new teaching elders (ministers) to the Presbytery including sharing of their statements of faith and biographical sketches;
8. to coordinate the training and examination of ruling elders who sense a call to particular pastoral ministry as Commissioned Ruling Elders and provide for their oversight and continuing education;
9. to minister to the ministers and their families;
10. to counsel with the Pastor Nominating Committees, and to advise the Sessions of vacant churches with regard to pastoral services;
11. to carry out applicable provisions of the sexual misconduct, ethics, and boundary training and certification policies;
12. to examine non-PC(USA) ministers being considered for pastoral leadership by congregations in the Presbytery and to provide training and support to any of those permitted to serve congregations of the Presbytery;
13. to work with the Missional Community Mission Coordinators in providing care for churches and their pastors, in counseling churches with regard to pastoral services, and in addressing conflicts and issues that may arise including the appointment of Committees of Inquiry or Administrative Commissions;
14. to appoint Pastoral Teams to work congregations discerning their relationship with the PC(USA) as outlined in the Presbytery's Separation Policy.