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Commission on Ministry Report to Presbytery

Presbytery of Northeast New Jersey

November 21, 2023

A. Actions Taken by the Transitions Team (Convener Joan Davies)

Central, Montclair

The COM reviewed and **APPROVED** the Mission Study prepared by South Church and **VOTED** to permit them to move forward to form a Pastoral Nominating Committee.

First, Ramsey

A one year renewal of the temporary pastor covenant between **First Presbyterian Church Ramsey** and **Rev. Berj Gulleyan** was **APPROVED**.

B. Actions taken by the Administrative Team (Convener Rev. Shelley Gardener)

The Administrative team continued their work on both the Minimum Terms of Call policy and the development of a recommended process for healthy boundaries training and made recommendations on both to the full COM at their November meeting. They also continued their work on Validated Ministries beyond our congregations.

C. Actions Taken by the Membership Team (Convener Rev. Susan Friedl)

The membership team voted unanimously to **RECEIVE** Rev. Eid Abdelmasseh as a member of the presbytery, Transferring his membership from New Covenant Presbytery in Texas. He has recently moved to NJ and is working as a part time

chaplain. He hopes to develop a ministry with recent Egyptian immigrants in the Bayonne area.

D. General

Shelley Gardener brought 2 motions from the Admin Team to the full COM:

1. The updates to the 2024 minimum terms of call document, which include language to clarify manse values, as well as the required family medical leave. **APPROVED**
2. Recommendation that Safe Gatherings online modules be the format for boundary training for Teaching Elders and others on the pulpit supply list. This will be rolled out to those required to attend in 2024 and can be done online at peoples own pace and on their schedule. **APPROVED**

Jeremy Campbell updated the COM on what is known so far about the changes for the benefits plan of the board of pensions for 2025. Much information on this is available on the board of pensions “season of rebuilding” micro website <https://seasonofrebuilding.pensions.org/> and more will be available following the March 2024 BOP board of directors meeting when the plan will be approved.