

### **FOR PRESBYTERY ACTION**

1. The Committee on Ministry moves that the Presbytery receive **Rev. Robert Greer** as an Honorably Retired Clergy member, if the way be clear, upon his dismissal by the Presbytery of Northumberland. Robert is a retired pastor he and his wife have moved to Bristol, RI to be near family. His statement of faith is attached as Reference H-1.  
A celebratory prayer will be offered.
2. The Committee on Ministry moves that the Presbytery receive **Rev. Emily Heath** into membership as a member at large, if the way be clear, upon her dismissal by the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta. Emily is serving as full time chaplain with Hospice Services of Massachusetts. Her statement of faith is attached as Reference H-2.  
A celebratory prayer will be offered.
3. The Committee on Ministry moves that the Presbytery approve the terms of call for parish clergy listed in the attached 2008 Pastoral Compensation Report. (**Reference H-5**)

### **FOR PRESBYTERY INFORMATION**

1. Rev. John Webster thanked John Berman, Susan Trucksess, John Ferguson, Tom Taylor and Dave Teague (as co-chair but continuing member) for their service to the Committee on Ministry.
2. The Committee approved the request by the Barrington session to increase the minimum and maximum salary figures to \$65,000 and \$72, 000, respectively.
3. The Committee acknowledged Rev. Tom Fisher for his 50 years of ministry.
4. The Committee voted to dismiss Rev. Blair Moffett to the Presbytery of Northern New England.
5. Rev. James Mahan was installed as Pastor at Stamford: Turn of River on March 30, 2008. The minutes of the Administrative Commission are attached as Ref. H-3.
6. The Committee approved Rev. Susan Arner's request to have her installation on April 20, 2008 at Greenwich: First during the 10 am worship service. The minutes of the Administrative Commission are attached as Ref. H-4.
7. The first of the Fourth Cluster lunches was held at New Haven: First. There were over a dozen in attendance and those who attended were very positive about the experience and several raised the possibility of future such gatherings. The question of a report made during to the presbytery as a part of the COM report may be appropriate.
8. It is the policy of this Presbytery that the offering at installations and ordinations go to the Ministerial Relief Fund. With several of installations or ordinations now happening during the Sunday morning worship service, the Committee voted to offer the churches three options:
  - (1) a direct gift to the fund (average amount has been \$800),
  - (2) a special second offering for the Ministerial Relief Fund,
  - (3) or the loose change in the sole offering.The Committee requested the Stated Clerk to inform the churches, as needed.
9. The Committee accepted the resignations of Rev. Frances Unsell and Elder Elaine Tilton (W. Hartford: Westminster), with regret.
10. The minutes of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Stated Meeting incorrectly reported Rev. James Mahan salary as \$33,500. The salary should have been stated as \$34,500.