

**Living Water Association – Heartland Conference
Committee on Ministry, Quarterly Report – September 12, 2026**

The Committee on Ministry postponed their meeting scheduled for September 3 due to an ongoing Fitness Review

Actions of each Working Group during the last quarter included:

Credentialing (*Minutes August 13, 2026*)

Approved standing applications and renewals:

- Natalie Peterman, approved for first-time license at St. John's UCC in Dover
- Nick Nicholson, approved for ministerial license at First Congregational Church in Ravenna

Discernment: (*Minutes August 20, 2026*)

- Katie Howe approved for Ordination Worship

Oversight: (*Minutes July 18, 2026*)

- HPFM on Family Systems with Barry Chance on September 23
- Progress report on Eli Klingensmith's program of growth; expected completion extended 90 days for physical health reasons
- Jim Painting granted active standing (from exempt) to serve at Zoar UCC
- Reinstatement progress reports on two additional clergy
- SPIRE Center to consider a program on grieving the loss of a spouse.
- Situational Support System and Implicit Bias training is available through MESA.

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