

*Presented for first reading at the November 17, 2017 meeting of Presbytery.*

*Presented for second reading and vote today, February 10, 2018, at meeting of Presbytery.*

So that the COM may respond more quickly to congregations which are in distress (rather than waiting up to four months for the next presbytery meeting); “The Presbytery authorizes the Commission on Ministry to appoint an Administrative Commission as needed to help heal and reconcile congregations in distress/schism. The Commission on Ministry will assign the goals/boundaries for the Administrative Commission created as needed for each particular situation, based on the needs of the Congregation. This fulfills the Presbytery’s responsibility as listed in the Book of Order, G3.0301c, which states that the Presbytery is responsible for ‘promoting the peace and harmony of congregations.’”

*There was discussion about the wording of "fulfills the responsibility".... and it was suggested that we consider "allows for one means of fulfilling the responsibility"..... however, since it was a first read, we didn't wordsmith it except to note that that was part of the concern expressed.*