

## September 2023 Nominating Committee Report:

Motion: The Nominating Committee brings these names forward to serve in the roles listed:

- **Ben Black, Vice Moderator, 2024**

Pastor Ben grew up in Erie, Pennsylvania. He and his wife Sarah have two girls - Maddie and Hope. Ben joyfully served as pastor to Forest Hills Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh from 2010-2018 before joining us at Cambridge Presbyterian in March 2018. He has a passion for music, roasting coffee, the outdoors, good food, and exploring the beaches and areas around Boston. Ben loves teaching and discussing elements of faith. Ben may no longer be in Pittsburgh but retains his loyalty to the Pirates and Steelers.

- **Sierra Mink, Nominating Committee, 2026**

Ruling Elder, Church of the Covenant

Sierra is a recent Young Adult Volunteer Alumna to the Boston Food Justice YAV program. She worked closely with the congregation of Eliot Church in Lowell, MA and was engaged with programs at Church of the Covenant (their 20s & 30s small group). She is now working at common cathedral — previously led by commissioned lay minister, Amanda Grant-Rose. At Lowell and common cathedral, her work in coordinating large events and engaging with youth groups were strengths to the congregations. Her passions to a ministry of presence is felt by all who she speaks with and her appreciation of an effective and efficient meeting are clear. She would be an asset on any committee but has a heart for mission and fellowship.

- **Maeve Hammond, Committee on Preparation for Ministry, 2026**

Teaching Elder

Maeve Hammond began her discernment into vocational ministry in 2018 as an undergraduate student at Davidson College in North Carolina while studying Hispanic Studies and English. Pursuing ordination in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), she graduated with her Master of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School in May 2022. Maeve has previously served as a Ministry Fellow at First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, Michigan and as a hospital, university, grief, and small-group chaplain. She is passionate about religious education, pastoral and spiritual care, social justice, and fellowship. Maeve is honored to be considered for the opportunity to serve as a Pastoral Resident at First Congregational Church in Winchester and support its many ministries. In her free time, Maeve loves to visit bookstores, be in nature, and spend time with her loved ones, including her cats Maizie and Barbie.

- **Ginny Coakley, Deacon, 2024**

Teaching Elder

Virginia "Ginny" Coakley was ordained by the Presbytery of Boston in 2015. She has served as Campus Minister, Transitional Pastor, and Solo Pastor. Currently, she serves as Interim Moderator for the Roxbury Presbyterian Church and as a Deacon for the Presbytery. She is the founder of Oasis Spiritual Direction and retreats, where she accompanies individuals and groups who desire to grow in their spiritual lives. In her full-time work, she assists families experiencing homelessness.

- **Katie Cole, Nominating Committee, 2025**

Teaching Elder

Katie is the interim pastor at Hartford Street Presbyterian Church in Natick, MA, and has served on the Nominating Committee for the past three years. Katie also joined the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO) Strategy Team in March. After having suffered a bike accident last November, Katie completed her first sprint triathlon in August.