

## **Rationale for Validation of Ministry of Rev. Michael Cuppett**

Rev. Cuppett was received in the Presbytery of Baltimore in 2022, when we validated his ministry in a chaplaincy residency. Since then his residency has ended and he has accepted a position as Communications and Operations Manager (COM) at Catonsville Presbyterian Church. In this position, he is responsible for the efficient administrative functioning of the church's operations and developing internal and external communications at CPC. The COM builds and improves relationships with internal and external audiences; raises the visibility of CPC's mission; facilitates use of the church's building and grounds by the Catonsville community; and manages day-of operations. This position did not require ordination, but benefits greatly by having an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament performing in it.

The ministry is "in conformity to the 'mission of God's people'" in that the position supports the activity and mission of the local Church in Catonsville and surrounding communities. It satisfies the standard of "Fidelity to God's Word" in that it is undertaken in service of a congregation of the PC(USA). The position is materially enhanced through the acts of pastoral care, missional reflection, and prior pastoral experience in congregational settings.

Rev. Cuppett continues as an active participant in the life of the Presbytery by regularly attending Gatherings and serving on the CPM and providing supply preaching. He is affiliated with Dickey Memorial Presbyterian Church and serves as a preacher and musician.

The Commission on Ministry unanimously and enthusiastically recommends the Validation of Rev. Cuppett's ministry.