

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS
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The Committee on Ministry is pleased to introduce to you, by way of the following brief biographical information, these ministers of the Word and Sacrament who have requested transfer of their membership to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon. They will be introduced to the Presbytery during the Committee on Ministry report and be given an opportunity to make comments and respond to any questions. COM has interviewed them and enthusiastically endorses them for membership in the Presbytery.

Laura Joost-Kuhn

Laura has been called as Part-time Pastor to Alpine Community Presbyterian Church and will become the first installed pastor of this congregation since the church was organized on Sunday, July 9, 1995. Laura received her B. A. Degree in English and French from Oregon State University and her M. Div. from the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. She was ordained in 2002 and her first pastorate was for a small rural congregation in central Iowa. While serving this congregation she was also employed by the Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church as Minister of Presence for the people of the Meskwaki Nation. Subsequently Laura became Pastor for a congregation off the Bishop Paiute-Shoshone Reservation in Bishop California. Her service to the wider church includes membership on the First Responders Team, Bishop C; the Permanent Judicial Commission of Nevada Presbytery, the Special Development of People Committee of North Central Iowa Presbytery; the Native American Committee on Ministry for the Iowa Conference of the United Methodist Church and as Board Chair for the Mid-Iowa Housing Association. Laura comes to us from Cascades Presbytery.

Kenneth Page

Ken has been called as Pastor to Orangewood Presbyterian Church. He received his BA in Psychology from Duke University and his M. Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary. He was ordained in 1990 and called as Associate Pastor to The Setauket Presbyterian Church, Setauket, NY. Since 1995 Ken has served as Pastor to The Great Island Presbyterian Church in Lock Haven Pennsylvania. His service beyond the local congregation includes membership on the Presbytery Council of Northumberland Presbytery prior to his election as its Vice-Moderator and then Moderator. He has served Northumberland's Worship and Nurture Committee, their Interpretation and Support Committee and chaired the Krislund Camp and Conference Center. Ken was instrumental in starting Habitat for Humanity in his local community and served as its President for 8 years. During his service to the Great Island congregation a contemporary worship service was added, a 40 Days of Purpose Campaign was initiated and a small group ministry was formed. Ken comes to us from Northumberland Presbytery.