



Beaver-Butler Presbytery

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To: 2017-2018 Presbytery Commissioners
From: The Beaver Butler Presbytery Meeting Task Force
RE: Presbytery Commissioner Training, November 14, 4:45 pm

Date: October 17, 2017

Dear Presbytery Commissioners:

Thank you so much for prayerfully seeking God's call and responding with a "yes" to serving as your congregation's presbytery commissioner for September 2017 through July 2018. Your saying "yes" is a big step in helping Beaver-Butler Presbytery become a more unified and Spirit-led presbytery.

Our next presbytery meeting is at 6 pm on November 14th. It will be held at Ohio United Presbyterian Church, which is at 1236 Longvue Avenue, Aliquippa, Pennsylvania. This would be the second meeting during which you would serve as presbytery commissioner.

Hopefully you already attended the September presbytery meeting, so you have some sense of how things are done. At the same time, we believe it is crucial that you understand in more depth the presbytery meeting process so that you will be more discerning and confident in participating in the presbytery meetings.

To help you understand in more depth, we will be holding a mandatory training session prior to the November meeting. The training session begins at 4:45 pm. Remember that you have to register prior to the meeting, so we ask that you get to the church by 4:30 pm to give you enough time to register and find a seat. It is important for you to be ready and in your seat by 4:45 pm so that we can be done prior to the start of the regular meeting at 6 pm.

The presbytery commissioner training will cover three topics: 1) *Understanding Calling and Discernment*, 2) *Creating a Community of Presbyters*, 3) *Understanding Our Process*. Your promptness will ensure that you become as clear as possible about what is expected of you as you serve your congregation and the presbytery in the coming year.

We truly are grateful that you said "yes" to his important calling. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

Blessings,

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