

BEAVER- BUTLER PRESBYTERY



Weekly Update for July 9, 2024

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*The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it...*

Psalm 24:1

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by Darla Carter, *General Assembly News*

Commissioners to the 226th General Assembly



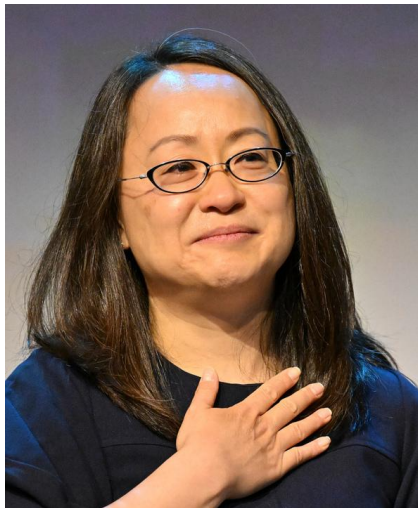
Co-moderators of the 226th General Assembly following their election.
Photo by Rich Copley

have chosen two South Carolina pastors, the Rev. CeCe Armstrong and the Rev. Tony Larson, to be the next Co-Moderators. They will serve a two-year term and are the fifth straight team of Co-Moderators to win election.

Armstrong and Larson were elected Sunday night by a vote of 249 to 171 during an evening plenary in the Salt Palace Convention Center in Utah. Soon afterward, they were installed by their predecessors, the Rev. Ruth Faith Santana-Grace and the Rev. Shavon Starling-Louis, who received a standing ovation for their service and gave the victorious team a glimpse of what lies ahead.

“You will have the privilege and the burden of representing the Presbyterian Church, at home and abroad, speaking with the church and to others outside the church, all of this that Christ might be glorified and made more fully known,” Santana-Grace said.

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The Rev. Jihyun Oh Elected As Stated Clerk

During Monday’s General Assembly in Salt Lake City, The Reverend Jihyun (pronounced “Jee-hun”) Oh was elected and then installed as the next Stated Clerk of the General Assembly. The margin was 420-2. After the vote was announced, the assembly gave her what can only be described as a standing Oh.

“I love this church, the part of the body of Christ that is the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.),” Oh told the assembly. “I love this church for who we have been, warts and all, and for who we are now, and who we will become as we faithfully discern God’s call for us.”

The Reverend Dr. Sallie Watson, moderator of the nominating committee said “Someone along the way said to me, ‘Jihyun is always the smartest person in the room—any room.’ But along with her intelligence, we were impressed with her wisdom, moved by her humility, thrilled with her passion for soccer, delighted by her sense of humor, and just blown away by the breadth and depth of her experience in, and love for, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A).”

Oh, who’s currently director of Mid Council Ministries in the Office of the General Assembly, begins her new work on August 1.



Peacemaker to Visit

Dumitru Roibu of Moldova will be visiting our presbytery as our peacemaker. He will arrive on Thursday, September 19 and depart on Wednesday, September 25. This will allow us to welcome Dumitru to our September Presbytery Meeting.

Dumitru is Executive President of YMCA Moldova. He has served as World YMCA Youth Empowerment assistant and YMCA Change Agent (a global leadership program), and participated in YES (Youth Engagement in Sports) and TTT (Training The Trainers) seminars.

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Dinner with Missionary Partners

Wednesday, July 31, 6 p.m.

Fellowship Hall, Trinity Church
107 Staley Avenue, Butler

Covenant Church invites you to meet Cathy Chang, Juan Lopez, & Aurélie Chang-Lopez, Mission co-workers in the Philippines. They have been serving since 2015 at the invitation of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines and other Asian partners.

Please RSVP by Sunday, July 14 to Ann Morrison at annfmorrison@gmail.com or 724-487-4900.

The Chang-Lopez's will also be making a presentation at the July Beaver-Butler Presbytery Meeting.

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Rummage Sale

Saturday, July 27, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Valencia Church
80 Sterrett Street, Valencia
724-625-2002

Donations of items in clean and working condition will be accepted **Monday, July 22-Thursday, July 25**—no clothing, shoes, TVs or computers. No donations will be accepted on Friday.

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Behind the Scenes

by Randy Hobson, *General Assembly News*

For the first time since 2018, commissioners and advisory delegates of the 226th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) are together for in-person plenaries. To make that happen requires a lot of planning, preparation and prayer. Those who have seen the action behind the stage describe it as the PC(USA)'s own version of mission control.

Directing such an event requires someone who understands staging as well as the needed technology to make the Assembly a meaningful experience for attendees. Nathan Young has been a part of producing the General Assembly for years and provides a little peek into how this all comes together.

[Watch video...](#)



Vacation Bible Schools

Churches in our presbytery are holding Vacation Bible Schools throughout the summer. The Presbytery has compiled a list especially for churches who are not holding their own.

Please download and post the **final updated list** so that families in your church and community will know about these wonderful opportunities.

[Download and post the list...](#)

CHURCH EVENTS

Support and promote worship, fellowship, fundraising events
by congregations in our presbytery.

RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, July 27, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Valencia Church—80 Sterrett Street, Valencia
724-625-2002

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DINNER WITH MISSIONARY PARTNERS

Wednesday, July 31, 6 p.m.

Covenant Church
In Fellowship Hall, Trinity Church—107 Staley Avenue, Butler

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

Please share these opportunities with your congregation.

God's Got a Recipe—Community VBS

Westminster United with St. John's UCC and St. Peter's Lutheran
St. John's Church, Evans City
Sunday-Wednesday, July 7-10, 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Thursday, July 11, 10-11 a.m.

Proclaim the Good News—An Adult VBS

Covenant United Church
Tuesday, July 9, Wednesday, July 10, Thursday, July 11, 2-4 p.m.

Shake It Up Cafe—Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe

Crestview Community Church, Callery
Monday-Thursday, July 15-18, 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Scuba Community VBS

Mars Church, Mars
Sunday-Thursday, July 14-18, 6-8:20 p.m.
Special Start— 5 p.m. on Sunday

Camp Firelight—Community VBS

Highland Church, Slippery Rock
Sunday-Thursday, July 14-18, 5:15-8 p.m.

Mystery Island: Searching for God's Covenants

Glade Run Church, Valencia
Monday-Thursday, July 15-18, 9-11:30 a.m.

Scuba—Undersea Adventure

Plains Church, Cranberry Twp.
Monday-Friday, July 15-19, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Scuba

Park United Church with St. Peter's Reformed Church
St. Peter's Church, Zelienople
Sunday-Thursday, July 21-25, 6-8:30 p.m.

The Great Jungle Journey

New Bethlehem Church, Aliquippa
Monday-Friday, July 22-26, 5:45-8:30 p.m.

Friends

North Sewickley Church
Sunday, July 28, 7-8 p.m.—Opening Family Fellowship
Monday, July 29-Thursday, August 1, 6-8 p.m.
Kids After Dark—7th Grade and up, 8:15-10 p.m.

Surf Shack

Calvin Church, Zelienople
Monday-Thursday, July 29-August 1, 6-8 p.m.

Scuba: Diving into Friendship with God

East Butler Church, East Butler,
Monday-Thursday, July 29-August 1, 6-7:30 p.m.

[*Download the final updated list for additional information...*](#)

PRESBYTERY EVENTS

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NEW WILMINGTON MISSION CONFERENCE (NWMC)

Friday, July 19-Wednesday, July 24

Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA

PRESBYTERY NIGHT AT NWMC

Sunday, July 21, 4:30-8:30 p.m.

For leaders in Shenango, Eastminster and Beaver-Butler Presbyteries

WEE KIRK CONFERENCE

Monday-Wednesday, October 14-16

Laurelville Mennonite Church Center, Mt. Pleasant, PA

SYNOD OF THE TRINITY EVENTS

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PRESBYTERY NEWS

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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Church Worship Accompanist

Vanport Church, Vanport

Bookkeeper (Part Time)

Plains Church, Cranberry Twp.

THE PRESBYTERY OFFICE

Regular Office Hours

Monday-Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
or by appointment.

2024 Holiday Schedule

New Year's Day...January 1
Martin Luther King Day...January 15
President's Day...February
19 Memorial Day...May 27
Juneteenth...June 19
Independence Day...July 4

2024 Presbytery Meetings

Saturday, January 27, 10 a.m.

Lunch

North Sewickley, Ellwood City

Tuesday, March 19, 6 p.m.

Calvin, Zelienople

Tuesday, May 28, 6 p.m.

Concord, Baden

Labor Day...September 2
Veterans' Day...November 11
Thanksgiving Day...November 28
Christmas Eve...December 24
Christmas Day...December 25
Christmas Week...December 26-29

Tuesday, July 30, 6 p.m.
Clinton, Saxonburg

Tuesday, September 24, 4 p.m.
Dinner
Hosted by First, Darlington and
The Galilean, New Galilee
New Galilee Community Center

Tuesday, November 19, 6 p.m.
New Sewickley, Rochester

Beaver-Butler Presbytery Center

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Presbytery Weekly Update

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contact ChrisAnn at chrisanngoossen@beaverbutler.org. To access back issues,
go to beaverbutler.org/weekly-update-e-newsletter/.

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