

## **Presbytery Meeting Summary November 19, 2024 Stated Meeting**

The Beaver-Butler Presbytery held its stated meeting at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at the New Sewickley Presbyterian Church, where Rev. Beth Wierman serves as Pastor. Moderator was Rev. Jamie Fowler, Vice-Moderator was Elder Dennis Krebs.

*Before the meeting, training was held for new Elder Commissioners (or anyone else wanting a refresher). Expect subsequent meetings to have similar training sessions.*

### **ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PRESBYTERY:**

- *Approved* the Presbytery Meeting Minutes, September 24, 2024
- *Received* the Coordinating Team Minutes, October 2, 2024
- *Received* the Stated Clerk Report, September-October 2024
- *Received* the Treasurer's Report, Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss, September 30, 2024
- *Approved* the dissolution of the call between Rev. James E. Salyers and Steffin Hill, Beaver Falls, effective December 31, 2024, *if the way be clear*, with the congregation's action on November 24<sup>th</sup>.
- *Approved* the formation of an Administrative Commission to provide a Service of Installation for Rev. Kalyn D. Stevwing at Ohio, Aliquippa. Kalyn was also introduced to and received by the Presbyters.

**STATED CLERK:** Randall explained how the Presbytery will analyze and vote upon recent Amendments (and one Ecumenical Agreement) approved at the recent 226<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. The Amendments and the Agreement have been referred to relevant Committees, and those Committees will make recommendations at the upcoming January 25, 2025 meeting. Commissioners will cast their votes approving or disapproving the recommendations. Randall encouraged churches and sessions to review, discuss, and pray over the changes.

**COMMITMENT TO COVENANT:** Executive Presbyter Tom Harmon reviewed the challenges and successes from 2024, and highlighted plans for 2025.

**GREETINGS FROM OUR ECUMENICAL PARTNER:** The Presbyters welcomed Rev. Liddy Barlow, Executive Minister, Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania. Christian Associates represents twenty-eight Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox church bodies in Southwest Pennsylvania. Beaver-Butler Presbytery has been part of Christian Associates for over fifty years (Tom has been the Executive Committee President the past two years). Liddy spoke extensively about Christian Associates' ministry and outreach. She spoke about ecumenical partnerships developed in the Presbytery.

**COLLABORATION, FELLOWSHIP, AND YOUTH:** Presbytery Youth Leadership Connection Director Diana Spencer promoted the Presbyterian Youth Triennium, to be held in Louisville, KY July 28-31. Youth should check it out! A report was given on a recent joint ministry event in Slippery Rock.

**SYNOD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:** Highlights from the recent Synod of the Trinity gathering were presented.

**CHURCH AND PASTOR ANNIVERSARIES:** The following were recognized and celebrated:

*Ministers:*

- 10 Years: James Benson, Andrew Smothers, Bonnie Taylor
- 40 Years: James Campbell, Rob Swinsburg

*Churches:*

- First, Rochester – 150 years
- Ohio, Aliquippa – 225 years

**NOMINATING AND REPRESENTATION:** The slate of Nominees for Moderator, Vice-Moderator, and the various Units and Committees were approved. Thanks were given to those who are concluding their terms of service.

**MODERATOR AND VICE-MODERATOR INSTALLATION:** 2025 Moderator Elder Dennis Krebs and 2025 Vice-Moderator Rev. Brian Hauser were installed. Thanks were given to Rev. Jamie Fowler, 2024 Moderator, as she is stepping down.

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**NEXT MEETING: Saturday, January 25, 2025, 10:00 AM (includes lunch!) – Old Union, Mars**

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS FROM MINISTRY & VOCATION:**

1. Approved contract between Rev. Dr. David Oyler and First, Beaver Falls
2. Approved contract between Rev. John Sweitzer and Frankfort, Frankfort Springs
3. Approved contract between Rev. Jason Sinagra and The PC, Prospect & Mt. Nebo, Prospect
4. Approved contract between Rev. Dr. Mary Kitchen and Faith, Butler and White Oak Springs, Connequenessing.
5. Concurred with The PC, Prospect and Mt. Nebo, Prospect to dissolve their PNC
6. Approved request waiver of rotation of Elder at The Presbyterian Church, Prospect.
7. The Calvary, Beaver Falls church building has been sold.

***SEPTEMBER HOST NEEDED! 2025 Presbytery Meetings***

Saturday, January 25 10:00 a.m. Old Union, Mars (Lunch)

Tuesday, March 25 6:00 p.m. Glade Run, Valencia

Tuesday, May 27 6:00 p.m. Crestview, Callery

Tuesday, July 22 6:00 p.m. Vanport/Park, Beaver (at Vanport)

***Tuesday, September 23 4:00 p.m. (Dinner) HOST NEEDED!***

Tuesday, November 18 6:00 p.m. Ohio, Aliquippa

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**OTHER INFORMATION:**

- There were a total of 89 participants at the meeting:
  - 30 Teaching Elders
  - 0 Corresponding Members
  - 31 Ruling Elders from 24 Churches
  - 5 Ruling Elders who are officers, CT, or Chair of a Committee or Unit
  - 23 Visitors