

Presbytery Meeting Summary March 25, 2025 Stated Meeting

The Beaver-Butler Presbytery held a stated meeting at 6:00 P.M. Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at the Glade Run Presbyterian Church, Valencia, where Rev. Andrew D. Smothers serves as Pastor. Moderator was Elder Dennis Krebs, Vice-Moderator Rev. Brian Hauser.

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:

1. Received the Coordinating Team Minutes, February 5, 2025
2. Received the Stated Clerk's Report, January-February 2025
3. Received the Treasurer's Report – Balance Sheet & P&L January 2025
4. Approved the Presbytery Meeting Minutes, January 25, 2025
5. Received the Report of the 2025 Pastors' Terms of Call

COMMISSIONING OF ELDER TAMMY HALL AS COMMISSIONED PASTOR:

Moderator Krebs led the commissioning of Elder Tammy Hall (Vanport) to serve as Commissioned Pastor to the First, Darlington and The Galilean, New Galilee Churches. Tammy and the Presbyters responded to the various personal and constitutional questions. The Presbyters congratulated Tammy as she was commissioned.

STATED CLERK REPORT:

The 227th General Assembly (2026) in Milwaukee, WI is being planned! Please pray "...the Lord [will send] laborers into his harvest..." and consider attending the General Assembly. Randall also noted the annual Session Minutes review events that are upcoming, asking Clerks to sign up.

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER REPORT:

Rev. Dr. Tom Harmon gave a brief update on organizational changes at the PC(USA) headquarters. He offered insights on national trends across churches, and addressed changes facing Beaver-Butler Churches in particular. He closed with words of encouragement regarding what lies ahead for us.

MISSION AND COMPASSION MINISTRY UNIT:

Judy emphasized that M&C "stands ready" to support mission efforts across the Presbytery. Churches are encouraged to apply for mission grants. She also encouraged churches to do a "deep dive" into what are good mission projects nearby.

COLLABORATION, FELLOWSHIP, & YOUTH MINISTRY UNIT:

Mark offered some exciting news – CFY wants to give you money! What type of ministry could you start if you had 500.00? 1,000? CFY members are willing to come to churches to have a conversation about what could be done with other churches in their community for God's glory. Applications for the grants are on the Presbytery website.

EQUIPPING LEADERS MINISTRY UNIT:

Elder Kerry Dowdy thanked everyone who attended the Leadership Training Event this year. She also thanked those who volunteered their time to lead the various sessions and presented results from surveys taken after the event.

NOMINATING AND REPRESENTATION: Two Nominees for positions on Ministry & Vocation and Personnel were approved. Continue to pray about where God might be calling YOU in 2026!

CAMPING ASSOCIATION / CAMP LAMBEK GREETINGS:

Rev. Dennis Molnar presented a “bird’s eye view” from Camp Lambec. Brochures were sent to all the churches in the Presbytery – please promote the Camp! There were some delays in their summer projects, as the Camp received 5 feet of snow in November. He promoted Wet’N’Wild, Wetter “N” Wilder, Music Camp, and Family Camp. The week of April 27, church workers are encouraged to come up for some retreat time – the event is free for all workers. Plans are underway for a Spiritual Formation retreat in the fall, as well as a fishing retreat. An Open House is set for Saturday, May 17. Workdays are listed on the Camp Facebook page.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS: MINISTRY AND VOCATION...

1. Approved the Contract between C.P. Carmen Shullo and Trinity, Butler
2. Approved the Contract between Rev. Kelly Angleberger and Clinton, Saxonburg
3. Approved the Contract between Rev. Jeff Curtis and Highland, Slippery Rock
4. Approved the Contract between Rev. Robert Saul and North Branch, Monaca
5. Concurred with Concord, Baden and Rev. Jamie Fowler for Jamie to opt out of the Transitional Pastor’s Health Care Plan and to contribute to her 403b Fidelity Retirement Plan
6. Approved Rev. Doug Dorsey to moderate the Jefferson Center, Saxonburg Session
7. Approved Rev. Judy Angleberger to moderate the First, Monaca Session
8. Approved Rev. Larry Maley to moderate the Vanport, Beaver Session
9. Certified Candidate Matt Meyer ready to receive a Call

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 27, 6:00 PM – Crestview, Callery

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(Office to close early on those dates)

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

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

Tuesday, September 23 4:00 p.m. (Dinner) New Bethlehem, Aliquippa

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

OTHER INFORMATION:

- There were a total of 75 participants at the meeting:
 - 30 Teaching Elders
 - 24 Ruling Elders from 18 Churches
 - 3 Ruling Elders who are officers, CT, or Chair of a Committee or Unit
 - 18 Visitors