

Presbytery Meeting Summary September 26, 2017

The Beaver-Butler Presbytery held a stated meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at the **Mars United Presbyterian Church, Mars**, where **Rev. Edward Boyce** is Pastor. Our Moderator, **Elder Tom McMeekin**, presided over the meeting. **Elder Dr. Ira Baumgartel**, Clerk of Session of our host church, welcomed the presbyters.

ACTIONS TAKEN:

- Agreed to the following ecclesiastical matters:
 - ✓ Approved the Minutes of the July 18, 2017 stated Presbytery meeting.
 - ✓ Approved the Treasurer's Report for January-July 2017.
 - ✓ Approved the Report of the Coordinating Team in the form of Minutes.
- Approved the **transfer** of the **Glade Run Church's cemetery** to the Glade Run Cemetery Association.
- Elected as Synod of the Trinity Commissioners (Class of 2020) **Elder Sydney Fisher** and **Rev. Dr. Judy Angleberger**.
- Elected **Rev. Dr. Peter deVries** to serve on the Permanent Judicial Commission of the Synod of the Trinity (Class of 2023).
- Approved a **2.9 percent Cost of Living increase for Presbytery Staff for 2018**.
- Approved the **terms of call for the Executive Presbyter for 2018**. The approved terms reflect a 2.9 percent increase.
- Received, for its First Reading, the proposed **2018 Administrative (Per Capita) Budget**. This budget, if approved for its Second Reading in November, would result in a 2018 Per Capita Apportionment as follows:
Presbytery - \$29.44, Synod - \$2.30, G.A. - \$7.73, for a total of \$39.47 per member.
- Agreed to the following recommendations from the Ministry and Vocation Committee:
 - ✓ To approve the **Temporary Supply** contract (40% of time) for **Rev. Joseph Tagliaferre** with the **Union Church, Clintonville** effective October 1, 2017. Rev. Tagliaferre will remain a member of Shenango Presbytery, where he serves a church part-time. **CRE Chuck Cline** will remain as Moderator for the Union church.
 - ✓ To approve a **Temporary Supply** contract for **Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Clifton** with the **Concord Church, Baden** effective October 1, 2017. Rev. Clifton is an Elder in the PC(USA) and an honorably retired American Baptist pastor. **Rev. Nick Marlatt** will remain as Moderator for the Concord/Baden church.
 - ✓ To approve a **5.4 percent increase in the minimum terms of call for 2018**. The Ministry and Vocation Committee also recommends a **2.9 percent Cost of Living increase for 2018 for other staff and pastors above minimum**. (The 5.4 percent includes this 2.9 percent, plus a 2.5 percent adjustment to stay on a par with similar presbyteries in the Synod of the Trinity.)

- Examined **Rev. Rob Dale Swinsburg** and agreed to receive him as a member of the Presbytery, and to concur with the action of the **Westminster Church, Sarver, to call him as their Pastor**, beginning October 16, 2017.

OTHER INFORMATION OF NOTE:

- During the beginning worship time a sermon was preached by the **Rev. Dr. William Jackson**, who until recently was Co-Interim Pastor for our host church.
- **International Peacemaker, Rev. Pek Muan Cuang**, a member of the **Presbyterian Church of Myanmar** (formerly known as Burma) was welcomed to this Presbytery meeting, and an informative interview with him was conducted by **Rev. Jim Sawyer**.
- The following **anniversaries** for pastors (years since ordination) and churches (years since established) were recognized by the Presbytery:

Ministers:

10 years: Rev. Derek Marotta, Rev. Paul Merrill, and Rev. Jason Sinagra
 25 years: Rev. Greg Wiest
 40 years: Rev. Clark Sawyer (Honorably Retired)

Churches:

125 years (est. 1892): Mars United Presbyterian Church, Mars
 150 years (est. 1867): First Presbyterian Church, Beaver Falls
 185 years (est. 1832): Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, Shippingport

- For this meeting our Moderator, **Elder Tom McMeekin**, wore a **kilt of the Campbell tartan** in memory of his mother, who was a Campbell.
- A delicious dinner featuring ham loaf and a variety of fruit pies was prepared and served by members of the Mars U.P. Church.
- During the closing worship time the presbyters shared together in **Communion**. Presiding at the Lord's Table was our host pastor, **Rev. Edward Boyce**. Our Moderator also participated in leading the service.
- A total of 109 persons attended the meeting.
- The meeting adjourned with prayer at 8:20 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

The next stated meeting of Beaver-Butler Presbytery will be at **6:00 p.m.** on Tuesday, **November 14, 2017** at the **Ohio United Presbyterian Church, Aliquippa**, where **Rev. Nicholas Marlatt** serves as Pastor.