

Presbytery Meeting Summary May 28, 2019

The Beaver-Butler Presbytery held a stated meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 in the **Ohio U.P. Church, Aliquippa**, where the **Rev. Nicholas Marlatt** serves as Pastor. Our **Moderator, Rev. Randall Clow**, and **Vice Moderator, Rev. Bill Mumaw**, presided over the meeting. **Elder Lynn Smith** of our host church welcomed the presbyters.

The Presbytery's **opening worship** was led by **Rev. Clow**. Based upon Habakkuk 2:1-3, he delivered a brief message entitled, "*How's Your Vision?*" in which he encouraged the presbyters to stand on the watchtower with Habakkuk, seeking the Lord's vision for the flocks entrusted to our care. An **offering of \$543.50** to support the Mission Budget was gathered. The hymn *It Is Well* was offered as a **solo by Alaina Stroud**, who sang while playing the ukulele, accompanied by **Shirley Fluharty**, pianist.

The Presbytery recognized the **50th anniversary** of **Rev. Robert W. Kennedy's ordination** as a Minister of Word and Sacrament.

A Capital Access Program **grant of \$2,000.00** was presented to the elder commissioner representing the **Union Presbyterian Church, Clintonville**, to assist the church in replacing its parking lot.

ACTIONS TAKEN:

- Agreed to the following ecclesiastical matters:
 - ✓ Approved the **Minutes** of the March 26, 2019 stated Presbytery meeting.
 - ✓ Received the Report of the Stated Clerk, the **Rev. David Byers**.
 - ✓ Received the **Treasurer's Report** for January-March 2019.
 - ✓ Approved the **Report of the Coordinating Team** in the form of Minutes.
- Agreed, upon recommendation of the Ministry and Vocation Committee, to receive **Rev. Stephen P. Gutridge** (from the Ohio Valley Presbytery) into our Presbytery's membership, and to appoint him as Moderator and **Transitional Pastor/Interim of the Glade Run Presbyterian Church, Valencia**, effective June 1, 2019.
- Pending the anticipated call to **Rev. Jamie Leah Fowler** (of Lake Erie Presbytery) to serve as **Pastor of the Concord Presbyterian Church, Baden**, effective August 1, 2019, agreed to receive her into our Presbytery's membership, appoint her as Moderator of the Concord church of Baden, approve her pending terms of call, and empower the Moderator of Presbytery to form a commission to install her as Pastor.
- Learned that the Synod of the Trinity's **review of the minutes of Beaver-Butler Presbytery** took place on May 2, 2019. There was one Exception (no record of an annual review of CRE's). There were no Delinquencies.
- Received a report of the **Dream Team**, which is comprised of eight representatives of the Shenango and Beaver-Butler presbyteries. A summary of the responses to the *Presbytery Dreamin'* questionnaire was provided. Progress toward a **shared vision of a reimagined presbytery that would encompass both presbyteries** was presented in the form of the *Dream Team's Summary of Vision, Values and Direction* (which is available through the Presbytery Office).
- Agreed to the following matters as recommended by the Ministry and Vocation Committee:

- ✓ Received the **2019 Terms of Call Report**, which outlines compensation for each church's pastoral leadership.
- ✓ Extended the **Temporary Pastoral Relationship** between **CRE Eva-Maria Barr** and the **Service Presbyterian Church, Aliquippa**, through 2019.
- ✓ Granted permission for **Elder Ron McKissick** to **administer the Lord's Supper** in the **Faith Presbyterian Church, Butler**.
- ✓ **Dissolved the Designated Pastoral Relationship** between **Rev. Janet Hufford** and the **Jefferson Center Presbyterian Church**, effective June 1, 2019; and authorized her membership transfer to the Presbytery of Scioto Valley.
- ✓ Granted the status of **Honorably Retired** to **Rev. Deborah Huffmyer** effective June 30, 2019. Her service as **Interim Pastor** of the **North Branch Presbyterian Church, Monaca**, will end that date.
- ✓ Granted the status of **Honorably Retired** to **Rev. David Byers**, effective September 1, 2019, and dissolved his Pastoral relationship with the **Vanport Presbyterian Church** effective that date. Rev. Byers will continue serving as the Presbytery's Stated Clerk for the foreseeable future.

OTHER INFORMATION OF NOTE:

- A total of 105 persons attended the meeting, which adjourned with prayer at 8:55 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

The next stated meeting of Beaver-Butler Presbytery will be at **6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23, 2019** at the **Mount Chestnut Presbyterian Church, Butler**, where **Rev. Ron Schermerhorn** is Pastor.

Teaching and Ruling Elders and young adults (ages 17-24) are encouraged to prayerfully consider applying to serve as Commissioners or Young Adult Advisory Delegates to the 224th General Assembly which will meet in Baltimore, MD, June 20-27, 2020. Additional information, application forms, and timelines are available through the Presbytery Office.