

Presbytery Meeting Summary May 26, 2020

The Beaver-Butler Presbytery held its stated meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 using the Zoom online meeting format, due to continuing Coronavirus concerns and restrictions. Our **Vice-Moderator, Ruling Elder Judy Lipsak**, and our **Moderator, Rev. William Mumaw**, presided over the meeting.

After orienting the participants on matters of Zoom etiquette and modified procedures for an online meeting, Elder Lipsak read from “Jesus Always” by Sarah Young. She then offered prayer.

It was noted that representatives from The Synod of the Trinity and The Presbyterian Foundation were participating in the Zoom meeting.

Due to the on-line nature of the meeting, checks for **Capital Access Program grants** were mailed to the churches, rather than being presented in person.

ACTIONS TAKEN:

- Agreed without objection to conduct this stated meeting using the Zoom on-line format, not provided for by the Presbytery Manual, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Agreed to the modified and simplified agenda for the meeting.
- Agreed to the following ecclesiastical matters:
 - ✓ Approved, if the way be clear, the **PILP Loan Request** of the New Bethlehem Church, Aliquippa, in the amount of \$75,000 to renovate and enlarge the church manse;
 - ✓ Received the **Report of the Coordinating Team** – Minutes of March 4 and (Zoom) April 1, 2020 meetings;
 - ✓ Received the **Audit Report** from Cypher & Cypher, Years 2017 & 2018;
 - ✓ Received the **Report of the Stated Clerk**: 02/29-20 – 04/23/20;
 - ✓ Received the **Report of the Treasurer** – Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet – March 31, 2020;
 - ✓ Approved the **Minutes** of the March 24, 2020 stated Presbytery meeting (Zoom), which will be ratified at the next person-to-person Presbytery meeting;
 - ✓ Approved granting the status of **Honorably Retired to the Rev. Dennis Burnett**, effective August 1, 2020; and
 - ✓ Received the **Report of the 2019 Presbytery Minutes Synod Review** (*with thanks to Rev. Burnett for his work*).
- Accepted, with regret, the resignation of the **Rev. Dr. James Moran** as Chair of the Ministry & Vocation Committee.
- Agreed to extend the **Temporary Executive Presbyter Contract** on a month-by-month basis, effective August 1, 2020.
- Celebrated the Ministry of former Assistant Stated Clerk, the **Rev. Dennis Burnett**.

- Elected the **Rev. Nick Marlatt**, The Ohio Presbyterian Church, Aliquippa, as Chair of the Ministry & Vocation Committee.
- **Commissioned General Assembly Commissioners** Ruling Elder **Wayne “Chip” McCoy** and Teaching Elder the **Rev. Dr. Mary Kitchen**.
- Installed the **Rev. James Steiner** as Assistant Stated Clerk.
- Received a presentation (and video) from the **Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley** from the **Presbyterian Foundation**.
- Conducted Zoom break-out sessions, led by the **Presbytery Covenantal Task Force**.

OTHER INFORMATION OF NOTE:

- There were a total of 80 participants in the Zoom Presbytery meeting, which adjourned with prayer at 7:32 p.m. Registrations were received by email after the meeting.
- Appreciation was expressed to the people and pastor of the Concord Presbyterian Church, Baden (which had offered to host the meeting), and especially to Chele DiCioccio for her music.

NEXT MEETING:

The next stated meeting of the Beaver-Butler Presbytery will be at **6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 2020**. The meeting will be held using the Zoom format (this decided by the Coordinating Team at its June 4, 2020 meeting.)