

## **Presbytery Meeting Summary Special Meeting January 14, 2021**

The Beaver-Butler Presbytery held a special meeting on Thursday, January 14, 2021, using the Zoom online meeting format. **Moderator Elder Judy Lipcsak**, and **Vice-Moderator, Rev. Ron Schermerhorn**, presided over the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was:

- To examine and elect The Rev. Dr. Thomas L. Harmon as Executive Presbyter at the Terms of Call noted,
- To authorize the Moderator to appoint a Commission to install Rev. Harmon, and
- To dismiss the Executive Pastor Nominating Committee with thanks.

Vice-Moderator Rev. Schermerhorn offered a brief meditation and prayer. Moderator Lipcsak called upon Nominating Committee Chair Rev. James Steiner, who spoke about the search process, and how the Committee concluded Rev. Harmon was their choice. Moderator Lipcsak opened the meeting for questions of Rev. Harmon. After a time for questions, the examination was suspended, Rev. Harmon left the meeting, and the presbyters held a discussion. The examination was sustained, and the presbyters voted using the Zoom “polling” function, as well as by phone. ***The vote was unanimous to call Rev. Harmon as Executive Presbyter.***

Rev. Harmon returned to the meeting, and Committee Chair Rev. Steiner prayed for Tom. The Nominating Committee was dismissed with thanks, and Rev. Harmon adjourned the meeting with prayer, 7:13 PM

### **OTHER INFORMATION OF NOTE:**

- There were a total of 74 participants at the meeting:
  - 35 Teaching Elders
  - 29 Ruling Elders from 17 Churches
  - 1 Corresponding Members
  - 4 Ruling Elders who are officers, CT, or Chair of a Committee or Unit
  - 5 Visitors