

Presbytery Meeting Summary Stated Meeting March 23, 2021

The Beaver-Butler Presbytery held its stated meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23, 2021, using the Zoom online meeting format. **Moderator Elder Judy Lipsak**, and **Vice-Moderator, Rev. Ron Schermerhorn**, presided over the meeting. The meeting began with a Service of Installation for Rev. Dr. Thomas L. Harmon, Executive Presbyter.

ACTIONS TAKEN:

Worship Service of Installation:

- Rev. Dr. Thomas L. Harmon was installed as Executive Presbyter
- Rev. Dr. Charles B. “Chip” Hardwick (Presbytery of the Miami Valley), Transitional Synod Executive, Synod of the Covenant, delivered the message, “Shepherds and Harvest”

Agreed to the following ecclesiastical matters:

- Received the Report of the Coordinating Team – (Zoom) Minutes of December 6, 2020, and January 6, 2021;
- Received the Report of the Assistant Stated Clerk, January 1, 2021 – February 28, 2021;
- Received the Report of the Treasurer – Profit/Loss & Balance Sheet – Year-End 2020, January 2021;
- Approved Minutes of the previous Presbytery meeting: (Zoom) Minutes of January 23, 2021, which will be ratified at the next person-to-person Presbytery meeting.

Stated Clerk’s Report:

- The Stated Clerk reported that two Remedial Cases had been filed against the Presbytery with the Synod of the Trinity. The Clerk explained that a Remedial Case is a written statement alleging an irregularity in a particular decision or action, or alleging a delinquency. He further explained that no additional information could be shared until the Remedial Cases are heard by the Permanent Judicial Commission of the Synod of the Trinity.

Executive Presbyter Report:

- Executive Presbyter Tom Harmon reported on his activities since taking office February 15

From the Coordinating Team:

- In response to the January 23rd Presbytery meeting motion to send the November 4, 2020 Coordinating Team Minutes back to the CT for review, the CT reviewed the minutes and approved them as written.
- The Presbytery received the November 4, 2020 minutes.

From the Ministry & Vocation Committee (for Information):

- North Sewickley, Elwood City: Approved formation of a Pastor Nominating Committee
- Ambridge United, Ambridge: Joint ministry Agreement with Zion’s First Lutheran Church, Ambridge (ELCA)
- Rev. Bonnie Taylor serving White Oak Springs part-time
- Approved one-year term limit waivers for two elders at First Presbyterian, Darlington
- Jon Nelson moderating Westminster, Evans City

From the Ministry & Vocation Committee (Floor Actions) - Presbyters:

- Approved the Terms of Call Spreadsheet
- Dismissed Rev. Mark Boyd to The Presbytery of West Virginia
- Dismissed Rev. Dr. Graham Standish to Pittsburgh Presbytery
- Examined and approved for presbytery membership a (confidential!) Candidate to serve as Pastor and Moderator of the Mars U.P Church, Mars

From the Nominating & Representation Committee:

- Nominated and elected Elder Kerry Dowdy to the Mission and Compassion Committee, and Rev. Dena Roy as Chair of the Encouraging Churches to Flourish Unit

There were a total of 92 participants at the meeting:

- 28 Teaching Elders
- 33 Ruling Elders from 28 Churches
- 2 Corresponding Members
- 5 Ruling Elders who are officers, CT, or Chair of a Committee or Unit
- 24 Visitors

Newly-Installed Executive Presbyter Tom Harmon offered some final remarks and closed the meeting with prayer, 7:00 p.m.

Next Stated Meeting:

The next stated meeting of the Beaver-Butler Presbytery will be at **6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, Zoom Format.**