

Presbytery Meeting Summary Stated Meeting May 25, 2021

The Beaver-Butler Presbytery held its stated meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, using the Zoom online meeting format. Moderator Elder Judy Lipsak and Vice-Moderator, Rev. Ron Schermerhorn presided over the meeting.

ACTIONS TAKEN:

Agreed to the following ecclesiastical matters:

- Received the Report of the Coordinating Team – (Zoom) Minutes of March 3, 2021;
- Received the Report of the Assistant Stated Clerk March 1, 2021 – April 30, 2021;
- Received the Report of the Treasurer - Profit /Loss & Balance Sheet –March 2021;
- Approved Minutes of the previous Presbytery meeting: (Zoom) Minutes of March 23, 2021, which will be ratified at the next person to person Presbytery meeting.

Stated Clerk's Report:

Stated Clerk Byers reported that The Synod of the Trinity Minute Review was held on April 21, 2021 with the following evaluation:

One Exception: Listing the Minimum Terms of Call for Christian Educators. No Delinquencies

The reviewer reported that the Minutes were a pleasure to review. They were at once eloquent, informative and very well organized.

Executive Presbyter Report:

Rev. Dr. Harmon reflected on the past year's challenges, and encouraged the presbyters to consider the opportunities that lie ahead. He also asked everyone to remember self-care and rest.

General Assembly Commissioner Task Force:

Rev. Dr. Judy Angleberger spoke about the 225th General Assembly, June 18 – July 9, 2022. Instead of attending in person, the Assembly will be a hybrid, with a mix of in-person and online meetings. Judy encouraged the presbyters to pray about becoming a Commissioner. She especially asked the presbyters to think about young persons who might be Youth Advisory Delegates.

Mission & Compassion Ministry Unit:

Elder Kim Boyd (Calvin, Zelenople) introduced Corresponding Member the Rev. Joshua D. Heikkila (Twin Cities Area Presbytery), Presbyterian Mission Agency Liaison for West Africa. Josh spoke about his call to mission, and his experiences in West Africa. He took time to thank those churches who have supported his ministry over the years, and encouraged everyone to consider the mission field.

Rev. Beth Wierman spoke about the **Matthew 25 Ministry**. In her remarks, she invited everyone to participate in the Ministry. She emphasized the words "invitation" and "focus." Not a program, but an invitation to look to the future. She encouraged the presbyters to visit the site for more information

- Building congregational vitality
- Dismantling structural racism
- Eradicating systemic poverty

Ministry and Vocation Committee (for information):

- Rev. Bonnie Taylor will be completing her service to White Oak Springs, Connoquenessing and Faith, Butler on May 31, 2021.
- Approved Rev. Jamie Fowler to Moderate First, Monaca Session.
- Approved Prospect/Mt. Nebo to form a PNC.
- Approved Rev. Bob Edmundson to Moderate Prospect & Mt. Nebo Sessions.
- Approved Frankfort, Frankfort Springs to form a PNC.
- Approved Rev. Dr. Mary Kitchen to Moderate White Oak Springs, Connoquenessing, and Faith, Butler Sessions.
- Accepted the resignation of Rev. Stephen Gutridge from MVC, with regret.
- Approved Elder Ron McKissick to serve communion at White Oak Springs.
- Approved the Temporary Supply Contract of CRE Tom McMeekin and Westminster, Evans City.
- Reported the election of Rev. Mark Allio (Carlisle Presbytery) as pastor at Jefferson Center, Saxonburg.
- Reported the election of Rev. Brian Hauser (Kiskiminetas Presbytery) as pastor at Mars United Presbyterian Church, Mars.

Nominating and Representation Committee:

Nominated and elected:

- Elder Andrew Why (First, Beaver Falls) as Coordinating Team Chair, Class of 2022
- Rev. Doug Dorsey (Saxonburg Memorial, Saxonburg) to the Coordinating Team, Class of 2023.

There were a total of 72 participants at the meeting:

- 26 Teaching Elders
- 35 Ruling Elders from 30 Churches
- 1 Corresponding Member
- 3 Ruling Elders who are officers, CT, or Chair of a Committee or Unit
- 7 Visitors

Presbytery Moderator Elder Judy Lipcsak closed the meeting with prayer, 7:24 p.m.

The next Stated Meeting of the Beaver-Butler Presbytery will be at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, Zoom Format.