

Presbytery Meeting Summary September 28, 2021 Stated Meeting

The Beaver-Butler Presbytery held its stated meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, using a Hybrid format, in-person and via Zoom. The meeting was hosted by Covenant Church, Butler, where John Silbert serves as pastor. *This was the first time presbyters were able to be face-to-face in 18 months!* Moderator Elder Judy Lipcsak presided over the meeting.

OPENING WORSHIP:

Opening music was offered by a Slippery Rock Brass Ensemble, led by Covenant Choir Director, E. Joey Caponera, composer. The message was provided by the **Rev. Helivao Poget**, Director of Ministry to Marginalized People, Madagascar Mission. Rev. Poget joined us via video, to speak about her outreach to marginalized and disadvantaged persons in Madagascar. Rev. Poget's presentation may be seen on the Presbytery's YouTube Channel, or by contacting the Presbytery office.

STATED CLERK REPORT:

- Clerk Byers referred the presbyters to two additional reports regarding the installations of the Rev. Todd Allen, Park Church, Beaver, and the Rev. Brian Hauser, Mars Church, Mars.
- Remedial Case 2021-1, filed against Beaver-Butler Presbytery with the Synod of the Trinity will be heard by the Synod Permanent Judicial Commission on October 2, 2021.
- Remedial Case 2021-2, filed against Beaver-Butler Presbytery with the Synod of the Trinity will be heard by the Synod Permanent Judicial Commission on October 9, 2021.
- Clerk Byers announced to the Presbytery that after 28 years in the Office of the Clerk, he will be retiring as Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, effective December 31, 2021. The Clerk emphasized the honor and privilege it was for him to serve.

STATED CLERK TASK FORCE:

A Task Force has been formed to identify and nominate a Stated Clerk to replace Rev. Byers. The Task Force will include:

- Rev. Bob Mathias (Personnel)
- CRE Chuck Cline (Nominating)
- Elder Judy Lipcsak (Presbytery Moderator), and
- Executive Presbyter Rev. Dr. Tom Harmon

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER REPORT:

Rev. Dr. Harmon reflected upon his past seven months service as Executive, including churches and sessions visited.

COORDINATING TEAM:

Agreed to the following ecclesiastical matters:

- Received the Report of the Coordinating Team – (Hybrid) July 7, 2021 Minutes;
- Received the Report of the Assistant Stated Clerk July 1 – August 31, 2021;
- Received the Report of the Treasurer - Profit /Loss & Balance Sheet July 31, 2021;
- Approved Minutes of the previous Presbytery meetings: (Zoom) July 27, 2021 Regular Meeting;

- *Ratified* (Zoom) Presbytery Meeting Minutes of:
 - March 24, 2020
 - May 26, 2020
 - July 28, 2020
 - September 22, 2020
 - November 17, 2020
 - January 14, 2021
 - January 23, 2021 (Special meeting)
 - March 23, 2021
 - May 25, 2021
 - June 17, 2021 (Special Meeting)
 - July 27, 2021
- Approved The Presbyterian Church of Prospect to sell its manse.

Celebrated the following Minister Ordination Anniversaries:

- 10 Years: Connie Frierson, Mark Allio
- 25 Years: Judy Angleberger, Keith Black, John Porter
- 40 Years: John Tuft
- 60 Years: Tom Clyde, Bill Jackson, T. Neil Severance
- 70 Years: John Shettel

The following Church Milestones were celebrated:

- 150 Years: Jefferson Center Presbyterian, Saxonburg
- 175 Years: North Sewickley Presbyterian, Ellwood City

MINISTRY & VOCATION COMMITTEE:

The Ministry & Vocation Committee moved, and the presbytery approved, an increase of 3.5% in the 2022 Minimum Terms of Call for Ministers of Word and Sacrament and Certified Christian Educators.

Additional MVC Items, for Information:

1. Accepted the resignation of Rev. Robert Saul, with regret.
2. Granted status of Honorably Retired to Rev. Vicki R. Kennedy, effective November 1, 2021.
3. Authorized the addition of the Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation (IPLF) Program, a local, more convenient CRE training program to the BBP CRE policies.
4. Approved Jim Paff (North Sewickley) and Tim Casey (Mt. Pleasant, Darlington) to begin IPLF CRE training.
5. Approved Rev. Dr. Judy Angleberger as Moderator, Mt. Pleasant, Darlington.
6. Approved Ministry Information Forms:
 - a. North Sewickley
 - b. Glade Run
 - c. Frankfort
7. Elected the following Ordination Exam Readers (October 4-8, 2021):
 - a. Rev. Dr. Mary Kitchen (H.R.) – Minister
 - b. Elder Kathleen Davis (The Hill, Butler)
 - c. Rev. Nick Marlatt (Ohio U.P.) – Alternate
8. Accepted the resignation of Rev. Rosalyn Kummer, with regret.
9. Approved 1-year Term Limit Waiver for Elder at Mt. Pleasant, Darlington.

NOMINATING & REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE:

The presbytery approved the following nominations:

- Elder Denise Hobough (Concord, Hooker), Ministry & Vocation, Class of 2023
- Rev. Robert Goossen (North Sewickley, Ellwood City), Ministry & Vocation, Class of 2022

- Elder Dr. James “Chip” Weisgerber (Westminster, Evans City), Ministry & Vocation, Class of 2022
- Rev. Jason Sinagra (Prospect/Mt. Nebo), Encouraging Churches to Flourish, Class of 2022

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

The Personnel Committee moved, and the presbytery approved, a 3.5% COLA for 2022 for the Presbytery Staff.

The presbyters approved the Executive Presbyter’s 2022 Terms of Call as presented.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The presbyters watched a brief video describing and discussing the 2022 Budget in “Narrative Format.” The video is on the presbytery’s YouTube site for viewing by Sessions and Congregations.

Actions Taken:

- Approved the 2022 Per Capita amount at \$31.52 per member.
- At the Church Session’s request, the Presbytery will match \$.50 per dollar, up to the Church’s assessed and remitted Synod and/or GA Per Capita. The deadline for this match will be December 1, 2022.
- Approved the 2022 Budget.

OTHER INFORMATION OF NOTE:

- There were a total of 95 participants at the meeting:
 - 43 Teaching Elders
 - 32 Ruling Elders from 28 Churches
 - 1 Corresponding Members
 - 6 Ruling Elders who are officers, CT, or Chair of a Committee or Unit
 - 13 Visitors