

## Presbytery of Redstone September 20, 2016

### CALL TO ORDER

The ecclesiastical and corporate meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone was convened at 10:03 on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at the Pine Springs Camp, and opened with prayer by Rev. Peter Goetschius, Moderator. He announced that items of new business must be presented to the clerk before worship this morning.

### FORMATION OF THE ROLL

The Associate Stated Clerk, Rev. Cliff Foster, attested to the fact that a quorum was present in order to conduct the business of the meeting.

CHURCH	MINISTERS	ELDERS
	Lori Bass- Riley, MAL	
	Susan Blank, MAL	
	Sylvia Carlson, HR	
	Gary Close, HR	
	Jim Farrer, HR	
	Chuck MacPherson, HR	
	Becky Maiman, MAL	
	Skip Noftzger	
Adah, Palmer Community		
Apollo, Poke Run	Peter Goetschius	Connie Cauvel
Avonmore, First	Larry Armstrong, CP	
Belle Vernon, First		Bobbi Jo Huebner
Belle Vernon, Harmony	Glenn Hart, CRE	
Belle Vernon, Marion		
Belle Vernon, Rehoboth	Dick Klein	Paul Stratton
Bolivar, United	James Sunseri, CRE (**)	
Boswell, Covenant	James Stobaugh, CP	
Brownsville, Calvin	Aleda Menchyk, CP	
Brownsville, Ft. Burd		
Brownsville, Hopewell		
Colver	Laura Blank, CP (**)	
Cresson	Dave McCabe	Cathy Vargo
Dawson, Tyrone		
Delmont		David Washburn
Derry		
Dunbar, First		
Dunbar, Laurel Hill		
Ebensburg, First	Laura Blank, SS (**)	Jim Stratton
Fairchance		
Farmington, Mt. Washington		
Fayette City, First	Mike Shepard, SS (**)	Robert Kubina
Fayette City, L Redstone	Mike Shepard, SS (**)	
Greensburg, First	Martin Ankrum Nicole Atkinson	
Greensburg, Maplewood		

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Greensburg, Westminster	Donna Havrisko	
Irwin, First	Ronald Wakeman	Lauren Mazzei Ray Edelman
Irwin, West Hempfield		
Jeannette		
Johnstown, Bethany		
Johnstown, First	Alice Tondora	Sheila Farrer
Johnstown, Second		
Johnstown, Westmont	Craig Miller	Barb Lauf Deb Lichtenfels
Lake Lynn, Springhill		
Latrobe	Clark Kerr	
Latrobe, United		
Leisenring		
Ligonier, Pleasant Grove		
Lower Burrell, Grace	Ken Foust	Glenn Nordmark
Lower Burrell, Puckety	Kirk Orr	
Masontown	David Stewart, CRE	Greg Peccon
McClellandtown	Lee McDermott (**)	
Merrittstown, Dunlap's Creek		
Mt. Pleasant, Reunion	Sue Washburn, SS	
Murrysville, First	William King, IP	Carolyn Krudwig
Murrysville, Newlonsburg	Curtis Paul Marnie Silbert	Barbara Rissler Joyce Vernon
Murrysville, Union	Derek Campbell	
New Alexandria, Community		
New Alexandria, Congruity	Cliff Foster	
New Florence, Bethel	James Sunseri, CRE (**)	Cheryl Wieromiej
New Florence, Trinity		Gwen Gamble
New Kensington, United	Wendy Keys	Marie Davis
New Salem	William Wiegand, CRE	
North Huntingdon, New Hope	Brenda Barnes, IP	John Cherepko, Jr.
Patton	Dave McCabe (**)	
Revloc	David O'Hara, CRE	
Scottdale, Calvin		
Smithfield, Grace Chapel	Lee McDermott (**)	
Smock, Pleasant View	Anthony Catullo, IP	
Trafford, Level Green		
Uniontown, Tent		
Uniontown, Third	Colleen Molinaro, IP	Denise Engle
Uniontown, Trinity		Bill Long
Vanderbilt, E. Liberty		
Vandergrift		
West Newton, Sewickley		
West Newton, Sewickley U.	Glenn Hart, CRE (**)	

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West Newton, United		
Windber, First	Cynthia Cadenhead	
Notation:	(*) = pastor from another denomination (#) = pastor from another presbytery	(**) = pastor or CRE serving more than one church

**By Virtue of Office:** John Dickson, Treasurer; Lynn Mance, Presbytery Council

**Visitors:** Greg Davis, Pine Springs Camp; Janet Henderson, New Florence, Trinity; Patty Herring, Smock, Pleasant View; Michael Hurley, Pine Springs Camp; Bobbie Martin, Presbytery Staff; Barry Poglein, New Florence, Bethel; Harry Springer, Uniontown, Trinity

**Teaching Elders Excused:** Brungraber; Cahn; Carnahan; Corey; Degitz; Eliason; Fuehrer; Hepler; Hess; Holben; Jalso; Keith; Lighthall; Lloyd; Macaleer; Maxwell; McClure; Morrow; Murray; Roof; Russell; Sharp, J.; Sharp, W.; Sherrill; Simpson; Stevens; Upton; Yuckman, C; Yuckman, M.; VanWyk; Vickery

**Teaching Elders Absent:** Currie; Durika; Galley; Graff; Hickok; Manon; Shannon

**Commissioned Ruling Elders Excused:**

**Commissioned Ruling Elders Absent:** Glisan; McElroy; Morgan; Prinkey; Smith; Toderro; Watson

**ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET**

The Moderator called for the adoption of the Docket as printed in the Packet **by consent**.

**SEATING OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERS AND INTRODUCTION OF OTHER VISITORS**

The Associate Stated Clerk, Rev. Cliff Foster, asked that the following Teaching Elders Susan Speakman, HR, from Lake Erie Presbytery, James Gear from Detroit Presbytery, and Alan Olson from Washington Presbytery be seated as Corresponding Members of Redstone Presbytery for this meeting. This was accomplished **by consent**.

The Moderator, Peter Goetschius, invited those who were attending a presbytery meeting for the first time to stand to be introduced. On behalf of the Presbytery, the Moderator welcomed each of the first time presbyters.

**ARRANGEMENTS**

Greg Davis welcomed the presbyters and introduced the members of the camp staff. He also told us that restrooms are available in Elijah House not very far away.

**STATED CLERK'S REPORT**

Skip Noftzger noted the clerk's correspondence log. He noted that there are changes in the Board of Pensions structure for families and church employees. Please check to see that you have properly updated your coverage.

**Report of the Stated Clerk:**

1. Correspondence Log:

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- a. During the period since the last regularly stated Presbytery meeting, all correspondence that was received was responded to and/or appropriately routed for review and response to the appropriate entity of Presbytery.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The Associate Stated Clerk of the Presbytery for Constitutional and Judicial Matters, Rev. Cliff Foster, notified the presbyters that a letter reporting an allegation has been received. An investigation committee has been established.

The Associate Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, Rev. Cliff Foster, presented the Consent Agenda. The following items **were approved by consent**:

### **From Executive Committee**

1. Following the review of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Stated Clerk and Associate Stated Clerk, it is **recommended** that the minutes of the Presbytery meeting of the May 17, 2016 be approved.

### **From the Council**

1. Council **recommends** that the Financial Reports presented to the Council and the Presbytery be received and filed for audit.
2. Council **recommends** that the Executive Presbyter, Treasurer, Mission and Pine Springs Camp reports presented to the Presbytery be received and filed.
3. Council **recommends** the adoption of the proposed 2017 Budget for consideration by the Presbytery for a "first reading." (*This presented for a First Reading. The Presbytery will take action at the November meeting.*)
4. Council **recommends** the adoption of the proposed revisions in the Presbytery Manual based upon established practices and procedures for consideration by the Presbytery for a "first reading." (*This presented for a First Reading. The Presbytery will take action at the November meeting.*)

### **From the Committee on Ministry**

1. Committee on Ministry **recommends** that the Record of the Review of Session Minutes and Church Registers for 2015 be received and filed.
2. Committee on Ministry **recommends** that the Rev. Susan Speakman (Honorably Retired, Lake Erie and former member of Redstone) be received as an Honorably Retired member of Redstone Presbytery.

**From the Committee on Preparation for Ministry** – No Report

**From the Nominating Committee** – No Report

**From the Committee on Representation** – No Report

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#### **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER**

Rev. Richard "Skip" Noftzger, Executive Presbyter, noted his written report. He also mentioned that the ministry of the church in Southwestern PA is not first person singular. It is our ministry.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Ruling Elder John A. Dickson, IV, Treasurer, presented the Financial Reports calling attention to the reports for August 2016. We are behind by 11% of the targeted goal for the year. He noted the church commitments. Those churches that are not at 67%, we ask you to prayerfully come up to date. We have an income challenge right now. Expenses are greater than revenue by \$9,515.

#### **PINE SPRINGS CAMP, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Mike Hurley showed a series of slides including positive evaluations received from families; the books that camp staff were reading together; and the reality that they had 850 overnight campers this summer, 130 day campers and 28 mission ex campers. He thanks the presbyters for their prayers in support of this ministry. There were 50 volunteer weekly directors and 10 nurses. 20 members of past staff came back as volunteers. One slide showed how presbyters can help the camp recruit campers.

Mr. Greg Davis, the Executive Director of Pine Springs Camp, called attention to a celebration on November 20 at the Willow Room in Belle Vernon, PA. We are at a very exciting time in the history of Pine Springs Camp – he is so thankful for the support since 1948 of Redstone and Washington Presbyteries. He mentioned that they are 1 year into a capital campaign and that as of today they are at 1,467,313 towards the goal of \$1.8 million. They will begin construction on the dining hall this fall. They still need \$350,000 to meet their goal. He shared with the presbyters a letter from Julia Schaming, from the First Presbyterian Church in Greensburg. She has decided to conduct a Christmas Bible School on December 3, 2016 from 1-4.

#### **MISSION COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL**

Rev. Sylvia Carlson, Chairperson of the Mission Committee, called attention to the possibility of a mission trip to South Sudan in 2017 and invited people to explore the possibility of welcoming a Syrian refugee family. She also directed presbyters to her written report which included: Three South Sudanese visitors were in the bounds of Redstone Presbytery from July 21-24. You may know that war broke out in Juba, the capital of South Sudan in early July, which resulted in the closing of the airport and the delay of the departure of our South Sudanese visitors for about a week. This also resulted in an increase in cost for their visit, since airline tickets can't be re-scheduled if the delay is due to an act of war. The visitors were: Rev. Deng Bol Atem, Deputy Moderator, South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church (SSPEC); Elder Daniel Kech Puoc, Finance Secretary, SSPEC, and Madam Achol Majok Kur (wife of Daniel), head of the Women's Desk, SSPEC. Rev. Curtis Paul and his family graciously hosted the three South Sudanese in their home during their stay in Redstone. Madam Achol was able to meet with Redstone clergywomen and with the members of the Redstone Presbytery PW Coordinating Team. The men met with some clergy men and also visited Pine Springs Camp. First Presbyterian Church of Greensburg held a pot luck dinner; the Paul's had a dinner at their home for members of Newlonsburg; Sue Washburn had a luncheon with members of Reunion church at her home; and the Redstone Mission committee met with them at the home of Sylvia Carlson. Our visitors led worship at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Greensburg on Sunday and enjoyed the corn roast that followed before they were transported to New Wilmington to attend the New Wilmington Mission Conference. The Sudan/South Sudan Mission Network will meet October 3 and 4 in Louisville, at Law's Lodge. Members of the Redstone Mission committee will be attending. If the way be clear, we would like to plan a Redstone

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mission trip to South Sudan for 2017. We would consider partnering with Shenango and Pittsburgh Presbyteries so that we don't strain the resources of our SSPEC partners. If you or someone you know might be interested, please call Sylvia Carlson at 724-755-2288.

We had a report on recent trips taken in conjunction with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and were updated on the flooding in Louisiana and the continuing work in West Virginia. The offering at the September meeting of Redstone Presbytery will be for PDA.

### 2017 HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Rev. Donna Havrisko invited presbyters to consider traveling to Israel and Jordan with others from the Presbytery in 2017. She spoke of her own travel to the Holy Land and the effect it had on her.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS LOOP

Rev. Laura Blank presented the Announcements Loop which featured:

### WORSHIP

A Service of worship was led by Teaching Elders Craig Miller, Colleen Molinaro, Skip Noftzger, and Curtis Paul; Commissioned Ruling Elder Glenn Hart; and Elder Bobbi Jo Huebner. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was included in the service of worship.

### ACTION AGENDA

#### Council

Elder Glenn Hart, presented the following report and action items of Presbytery Council:

#### Action Items

- It was **MSP** to revise the September Presbytery of Redstone agenda with the addition of a time to promote the 2017 Holy Land Pilgrimage preceding the Announcements Loop as approved.
- After discussion about all of the upcoming BOO amendments (See Appendix E) that will require deliberation and vote by the Presbytery, it was **MSP** to schedule the following and to announce at the September gathering.
  - November---Child/Youth protection policy, "parity," "Minister of Word and Sacrament," language on renunciation/restoration, other certifications, "caring for creation" in list of ministry of members.
  - January---Directory of Worship
  - March ---Language on participation in worship

#### Information

#### June 2016

##### Stated Clerk

- The Stated Clerk presented three requests to host the March, May and September, 2017 meetings from Ft. Burd, Brownsville, First Presbyterian, Irwin and The United Presbyterian Church of New Kensington respectively. It was **MSP** to accept the offers of hospitality and

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schedule those meetings at the requested locations. The site for the November meeting is still to be determined.

### **Executive Director of Pine Springs Camp**

- Executive Director Greg Davis provided a written report on the progress of the summer camping program. PSC remains on a similar “pace” to last year, but they are still hopeful that they might increase that number by the end of the summer (**There is still time to sign someone up for camp**).
- An update on the progress of the Pine Springs capital campaign showed the current pledges standing just short of 1.4 million.

### **Executive Presbyter**

- Skip Noftzger, Executive Presbyter, distributed a copy of the delegation from Redstone who will be participating in the Presbyterian Youth Triennium. Scheduled for later in July, we anticipate that it will be a great experience for high school students and adult chaperones alike.
- Reporting on the summary actions of the General Assembly, Skip offered reflections on the many transitions within our denomination and the General Assembly. These included transitions in leadership, transitions in confessions, and transitions in structure. Discussion ensued about the “best” way to have commissioners report to the Presbytery. After considering a special commissioners forum, it was decided to have them report as part of the September meeting instead.
- There was also discussion about how we may include the Confession of Belhar in some of the ways we organize presbytery meetings.
- The new CRE preparation and enrichment program, which will begin this fall, was presented. Members of the Council were encouraged to identify and solicit possible ruling elders to participate in this program.

### **SUBCOMMITTEES/NETWORKS**

#### **Staff Support**

- Glenn Hart reported on behalf of the Staff Support committee that annual evaluations have been completed. He noted that Skip, along with a member of the committee (Marnie Silbert) evaluated Bobbie. The committee, using written feedback from both within the presbytery and outside of it, completed an evaluation of the Executive Presbyter.
- He indicated that later in the summer the Committee, along with the Budget and Finance committee, will review the implications of the changes in the pensions program for each of our employees. Skip Noftzger offered a quick summary of the planned changes in the Board of Pensions offerings for 2017 and noted that we are awaiting pricing on the various plans. Specific recommendations will be provided to the Council at the August meeting.

#### **Communications**

- Sue Washburn reviewed the planned “Redstone Stories” schedule and solicited ideas for future bulletin inserts.
- She also called upon Lee McDermott to talk about the ongoing discussions within the committee concerning a possible program and/or resources on how congregations

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might provide support and ministry for people and families affected by drug addiction problems in our region. General discussion followed about the value and importance of such resources and how we might focus churches on what they might distinctively provide.

#### **Mission**

- Donna Havrisko reviewed the proposed schedule for the visitors from the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church. Three members of that partner church will serve as a delegation visiting the Presbytery of Redstone from July 19-24. Members were encouraged to promote participation at any of the planned events.
- Skip Noftzger offered a reminder about the upcoming New Wilmington Mission Conference beginning on July 23. He encouraged others to think about attending even if it is only for a day or two.

#### **Budget and Finance**

- Skip Noftzger provided a summary in minor changes made in the investment portfolio managed by Ameriprise. These changes were approved by the committee based upon a recommendation from Tim Henry, our advisor from Ameriprise.
- Craig Miller reported on the request from the Westminster Presbyterian Church for approval of their plans and expenditure of funds for improvements to their parking lot and facility. It was **MSP** to approve this request.
- Lee McDermott provided an update on the West Leisenring property. The property has been shown several times with some interest. There was a question about the original deed, but through research by a couple in the Smithfield congregation this has been located. The successor company to the original donor of the property has been contacted and is willing to relinquish rights to the property with the exception of oil and gas rights. He also noted that the contract with Howard Hanna was about to expire. It was **MSP** to renew the contract with Howard Hanna under the same terms as last year.

#### **Presbyterian Women**

- Susan Nesti gave a report on the Spring Retreat of the PW within the Presbytery of Redstone with the Susan Blank serving as the keynote speaker on storytelling.
- She also promoted the New Windsor mission trip which still has openings.
- The Fall Gathering was announced to be in Third Presbyterian, Uniontown for October.

#### **August 2016**

##### **Moderator**

- Moderator reported the following items which were approved by consent since the last meeting:
  - Rehoboth Presbyterian Church request to proceed with HVAC installation in education building at a cost of \$46,000 for which they have the funds already resulting from an estate gift.
- Moderator called upon Sheila Farrer, Redstone commissioner to the Synod of the Trinity. Ms. Farrer presented the two primary questions from the Synod for which she was seeking input and discussion.
  - What Biblical “story” most describes your Presbytery at this time? Why?



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- What justice issues need the most attention in our region of the church or are generating the most active engagement by congregations?
- Upon some discussion of both questions, Ms. Farrer encouraged Council members to email her with further thoughts and ideas about both questions.

### **Stated Clerk**

- The Stated Clerk presented the correspondence log since the last Presbytery meeting for review by the Council.
- Based upon the request of Rev. Jim Farrer and the Healing Prayer Ministry Network, it was MSP to affirm the offering of the October 2017 Pilgrimage and to permit its promotion through materials and testimonials at the upcoming Presbytery meetings by former participants.
- The Stated Clerk noted the need still exists for a host for the November presbytery meeting.
- The Stated Clerk presented a proposed list of Manual “revisions” submitted by all of the Clerks. These revisions reflect existing practices of the Presbytery of Redstone’s operations. After reviewing, it was **MSP** to approve the suggested revisions and present to the Presbytery for a first reading in September and a second reading and vote in November.

### **Executive Director of Pine Springs Camp**

- Executive Director Greg Davis provided a written report on the progress of the summer camping program. PSC continued to increase slightly in resident campers as it has for the last several years. Greg also shared the breakdowns based upon presbyteries and other groups. He also shared information about the current progress of the “Faith for the Future” Capital Campaign. He noted that the Annual “Friends” Dinner will be held on November 20, 2016 at the Willow Room.

### **Executive Presbyter**

- Skip Noftzger, Executive Presbyter, discussed the startup of the new CRE training and preparation program which is being conducted as a joint venture of Redstone, Washington and Upper Ohio Valley Presbyteries. There are fifteen students enrolled with five of them coming from Redstone Presbytery. The program is being subsidized by a grant from the Synod of the Trinity and may serve as a model for other presbyteries.
- Rev. Noftzger also announced the upcoming fall District III gathering on October 20, 2016 at the Fort Burd Presbyterian Church, Brownsville.

### **Child Protection Policy**

- Skip Noftzger reported on the necessity of approving a Child Protection Policy for the presbytery. Each council (session, presbytery, synod, GA) is required to have a policy. After some discussion, Skip suggested that we have a small ad hoc committee to work with him and the “draft” that he had prepared. Belinda Lambie and Jack Battenhouse volunteered to serve on the ad hoc committee. While a draft has circulated among the task force, they have not been able to convene to review in person. Consequently, action on the Child Protection Policy was delayed to a future meeting.

### **Committee on Ministry**

Rev. Martin Ankrum presented the following report and action items for the Committee on Ministry:

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### Action Items

- Committee on Ministry **recommends** the approval of the 2017 minimum terms of call for installed pastors to remain the same as the 2016 minimum terms of call.
- Having approved the contract for Dave Stewart to serve the Masontown congregation as a Ruling Elder Commissioned to Particular Service (CRE), Committee on Ministry **recommends** his commissioning at this meeting. The commissioning service took place at that time.
- On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Rev. Martin Ankrum presented the following candidates for examination to be received into the Presbytery of Redstone: Rev. James Gear and Rev. Alan Olson.
  - Elder Harry Springer and Elder Bill Long testified to the valid congregational meeting and vote of 47-0, as well as the PNC search process and discernment of calling Rev. Gear to this pastoral service. The terms of call were presented and exceeded the Presbytery minimums. Upon successful examination, it was **MSP** to receive the Rev. James Gear pending transfer from Detroit Presbytery and to approve the call of the Trinity Presbyterian Church, Uniontown, for him to serve as pastor effective September 21, 2016, and that he be named moderator.
  - Upon successful examination of Rev. Olson, it was **MSP** to receive Rev. Olson as a member of the Presbytery of Redstone pending his transfer from Washington Presbytery. The contract for Rev. Olson to serve as the Interim Pastor of the Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon had been approved previously by the Committee on Ministry.
- An investiture service led by the Moderator and Executive Presbyter was conducted for Revs. Susan Blank, James Gear, and Alan Olson where they were presented with the symbol of ministry within Redstone, stoles made by the Rev. Susan Blank.
- **MSP** to designate Rev. Richard Klein as Honorably Retired effective October 1, 2016.

### Information

#### June 2016

Search and Call – On behalf of the sub-committee, Len Morgan reported the following Search Updates:

- Uniontown, Trinity – PNC are focused on one candidate.
- Level Green - **MSP** to post MIF online.
- **MSP** to approve the CRE agreement between First Presbyterian Church Masontown and Dave Stewart. Commissioning Service at the September Presbytery Meeting
- Recommissioning Service should occur for all CREs.

Examination – On behalf of the sub-committee, Martin Ankrum reported the following:

- Orientation and Mentoring process should merge together.

Care of Congregations – Jim Farrer reported the following:

- The Committee continues to encourage prayer for the congregations and sending cards. Tonight we pray for Ebensburg, Fairchance, Mt. Washington, Fayette City, Little Redstone, Greensburg First, Maplewood, Westminster, Irwin First, and West Hempfield.

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- The Good Neighbor Program continues to be worked on.

Care of Church Professionals – Mike Shepard reported the following:

- The Committee will begin to discuss the Terms of Call to have to present at the September Presbytery meeting.
- Tonight we pray for Daniel Chow, Gary Close, Keith Conover, Carol Isley Corey, Suzanne Currie, Gene Degitz, Lisa Dormire, Ron Durika, Grafton Eliason and Jim Farrer.

### COM Chairperson's Report

**MSP** to change starting time for the meeting from 7:00 to 6:30 for committees and have the meeting start at 6:45.

### August 2016

Search and Call – On behalf of the sub-committee, Len Morgan reported the following Search Updates:

- Uniontown, Trinity – Scheduled candidating/congregational meeting 8-28.
- First, Murrysville PNC has started working on MIF.
- Pleasant View, Smock still working on MIF.
- **MSP** for the approval of the MIF from Third Presbyterian Church.

Examination – On behalf of the sub-committee, Cliff Foster reported the following:

- Orientation and Mentoring - established that the first 6 months the committee will mentor new pastors. After 6 months they will be assigned a personal mentor.
- August 26<sup>th</sup> the committee will have an examination of the candidate for Trinity.

Care of Congregations – Marie Davis reported the following:

- The Committee continues to encourage prayer for the congregations and sending cards. Tonight we pray for Jeannette, Bethany, First, Second Johnstown, Westmont, Springhill Furnace, Latrobe, United Latrobe, Leisenring and Pleasant Grove.
- The Good Neighbor Program continues to be worked on.

Care of Church Professionals – Mike Shepard reported the following:

- **MSP** the approval to keep the Minimum Terms of Call for 2017 the same for installed Teaching Elders.
- **MSP** to approve the committee recommendation to encourage congregations to consider salary increases for continuing pastors based upon length of faithful service and in conjunction with recognition of a particular congregation's finances.
- **MSP** the "Honorably Retired" status for Rev. Richard Klein effective October 1, 2016. We will honor him at the September Presbytery meeting.
- Skip will discuss BOP information with churches /" temporary pastors.
- Tonight we pray for Cliff Foster, Ken Foust, Bob Fuehrer, Neal Galley, Eric Glisan, Pete Goeschius, Don Graff, Glenn Hart, Donna Havrisko, and Jim Hepler.

### Unfinished Business

Workshop on September 10<sup>th</sup> for CRE/AP. It is open to all.

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Search and Call – On behalf of the sub-committee, Len Morgan reported the following Search Updates:

- **MSP** the approval of the MIF from Pleasant View Presbyterian Church, Smock.
- **MSP** the approval of the Interim Pastor contract for Rev. Alan Olson and Rehoboth.
- **MSP** the approval for West Hempfield to nominate their PNC.
- COM Liaison for Rehoboth will be Bobbi Jo Huebner.

Examination – On behalf of the sub-committee, Martin Ankrum reported the following:

- The committee examined Rev. James Gear, Rev. Alan Olson, and Rev. Susan Speakman.
- The committee will schedule orientation for Revs. Gear and Olson.
- **MSP** Rev. Gear and Rev. Olson to be examined at Presbytery.
- **MSP** to put Rev. Speakman on the Consent Agenda.

Care of Congregations – Ron Durika reported the following:

- The Committee continues to encourage prayer for the congregations and sending cards. Tonight we pray for Grace Community, Puckety, Masontown, McClellandtown, Dunlap's Creek, Reunion, Murrysville, Newlonsburg, Union and Community United.
- The Good Neighbor Program continues to be worked on.
- Representatives met with pastor and session at the United Presbyterian Church of New Kensington.

Care of Church Professionals – Mike Shepard reported the following:

- Skip reminded that the BOP Employment agreements (Benefits Connect) are due by the end of September.
- Tonight we pray for Joey Hickok, Doug Holben, Tom Holslag, Alex Jalso, Peter Keith, Clark Kerr, Wendy Keys, Bill King, Dick Klein and Steve LaSor.

### **Unfinished Business**

Northeast Wee Kirk Conference good for fellowship, understanding and help for small congregations. Jim Farrer will lead District 3 on October 20th.

### **Committee on Preparation for Ministry**

No oral report was given but the following information items were included in the packet:

#### **Information**

- David Deutsch, inquirer within the preparation process of Redstone Presbytery has enrolled in his second year at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. The Committee met with him on September 14 to review his progress academically, spiritually and in ministry experiences.
- Richard Watson, candidate under care of Redstone Presbytery (currently CRE at Leisenring) signed up and sat for the Bible Content Examination. Rick passed the BCE successfully and should be congratulated as he continues his journey through enrollment in the program offered through Dubuque Theological Seminary.

### **Nominations Committee**

Rev. Curtis Paul presented the following report and action items of the Nominating Committee:

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- The Nominating Committee places in nomination RE Joshua Scully, Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church to serve as Vice Moderator, 2017. (this office will be elected at the November stated meeting, Manual 2.1201)
- MSP to elect the following persons to the Offices/Classes indicated:

#### **PRESBYTERY COUNCIL:**

Susan Nesti (2) District II, Belle Vernon, Harmony (2019)  
Leonard Morgan (1) District III, Scottdale, Calvin (2019)  
Rev. Niki Atkinson (1) District II, Greensburg, First (2019)  
Cheryl Rhea (1) District II, Trafford, Level Green (2019)

#### **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY:**

Jim Stratton (1) District IV, Ebensburg (2019)  
Rev. Marnie Russell (2) District II, Derry (2019)  
Rev. Cliff Foster (2) District I, New Alexandria, Congruity (2019)  
Rev. Jim Farrer (2) District IV, Honorably Retired (2019)  
Rev. Carole Isley Corey (2) District IV, Honorably Retired (2019)  
Linda Loesch (2) District I, Murrysville, Newlonsburg (2019)

#### **COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY:**

Rev. Tony Catullo (1) District III, Smock, Pleasant View (2018)  
Rev. Ross Bash (2) District I, Member at Large (2019)

#### **PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION:**

Nancy Vernon (1) District III, Uniontown, Trinity (2019)  
Glenn Hart (1) District III, Belle Vernon, Harmony (2019)

#### **PINE SPRINGS CAMP:**

Rev. Laura Blank (2) District IV, Colver/Ebensburg (2019)  
Robin Toops (1) District II, Irwin, First (2019)

#### **COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION:**

Donald Strickler, (1) Fayette City, Little Redstone

There being no further nominations from the floor the above nominees, **it was MSP** that the slate of nominees be elected to serve in the capacities to which they were nominated.

### NEW BUSINESS

*There was no new business for the Presbytery at this time.*

### ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Associate Stated Clerk, Rev. Cliff Foster gave the attendance report. He reported that there were 37

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clergy and 5 Commissioned Ruling Elders, 23 elders (representing 20 congregations), 2 Christian Educators, 2 by virtue of office, 3 corresponding members, and 5 visitors for a total of 77. There also were 31 clergy excused, 7 clergy absent, 7 Commissioned Ruling Elders absent and 50 congregations without elder representation.

**AJOURNMENT**

It was **MSP to adjourn** with prayer at 2:20 p.m.

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Curtis Paul offered the benediction prayer.

***The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone will take place on Saturday, November 19, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Poke Run Presbyterian Church, Apollo.***

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Peter Goetschius, Moderator

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Sylvia Carlson, Recording Clerk