

Presbytery of Redstone March 21, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The ecclesiastical and corporate meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone was convened at 6:04 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, at the Ft. Burd Presbyterian Church in Brownsville, Pennsylvania, by the Moderator, Teaching Elder Sue Washburn and opened with prayer.

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.

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>MINISTERS</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>
	Susan Blank, MAL	
	Sylvia Carlson, HR	
	Jim Farrer, HR	
	Skip Noftzger	
Adah, Palmer Community		
Apollo, Pine Run		
Apollo, Poke Run	Peter Goetschius	Connie Cauvel
Avonmore, First		
Belle Vernon, First	Suzanne Currie	Bobbi Jo Huebner
Belle Vernon, Harmony		Susan Nesti
Belle Vernon, Marion		Laurie Davison
Belle Vernon, Rehoboth	Alan Olson, IP	Paul Stratton
Bolivar, United	James Sunseri, CRE (**)	
Boswell, Covenant		
Brownsville, Calvin	Aleda Menchyk, SS	
Brownsville, Ft. Burd	Katy Yates Brungraber	Melvin Baxter
Brownsville, Hopewell		
Colver	Laura Blank, SS (**)	
Cresson		
Dawson, Tyrone		
Delmont	Caroline Vickery	Lynn Mance
Derry		
Dunbar, First		
Dunbar, Laurel Hill		Sherry Scully
Ebensburg, First	Laura Blank, SS (**)	Judy Carl
Fairchance		
Farmington, Mt. Washington		
Fayette City, First		Robert Kubina
Fayette City, L Redstone		James Anderson
Greensburg, First	Nicole Atkinson	
Greensburg, Maplewood		
Greensburg, Westminster	Donna Havrisko	
Irwin, First	Ron Durika	Ray Edelman John Brosnahan Fred Westcoat Phyllis Neral

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Irwin, West Hempfield	Peggy Shannon	Deb Immel
Jeannette	Robert Fuehrer	Nancy Peters
Johnstown, Bethany		
Johnstown, First	Alice Tondora	Sheila Farrer
Johnstown, Second		
Johnstown, Westmont		Bernice Adams Debbie Lichtenfels
Lake Lynn, Springhill		
Latrobe		
Latrobe, United		
Leisenring	Richard Watson, CRE	
Ligonier, Pleasant Grove		
Lower Burrell, Grace	Ken Foust	
Lower Burrell, Puckety	Kirk Orr	Sophia Earhart
Masontown		
McClellandtown	Lee McDermott	
Merrittstown, Dunlap's Creek		
Mt. Pleasant, Reunion	Sue Washburn, SS	
Murrysville, First	William King, IP	Jim Stange
Murrysville, Newlonsburg		John Daller
Murrysville, Union	Derek Campbell	
New Alexandria, Community		
New Alexandria, Congruity	Cliff Foster	Kathy Hamilton
New Florence, Bethel	James Sunseri, CRE (**)	Florence Shearer
New Florence, Trinity		
New Kensington, United		
New Salem	William Wiegand, CRE	Barbara Kipila
North Huntingdon, New Hope	Brenda Barnes, IP	Bill Siebert
Patton		
Revloc		
Scottdale, Calvin		
Smithfield, Grace Chapel		
Smock, Pleasant View	Anthony Catullo, IP	Carole Rittenhouse
Trafford, Level Green	John Simpson, IP	Tom Postupac
Uniontown, Tent		
Uniontown, Third	Colleen Molinaro, IP	
Uniontown, Trinity	James Gear	
Vanderbilt, E. Liberty		
Vandergrift		
West Newton, Sewickley		
West Newton, Sewickley U.		
West Newton, United		
Windber, First		
Notation:	(*) = pastor from another denomination	(**) = pastor or CRE serving more than one church

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By Virtue of Office: Lynn Mance, Presbytery Council; Josh Scully, Vice-Moderator

Corresponding Members: Rev. Doug Portz, Board of Pensions, Pittsburgh Presbytery

Christian Educators:

Visitors: Herman Carl, Ebensburg; David Deutsch, Trafford, Level Green; Karen Goetschius, Apollo, Poke Run; Barry Poglein, New Florence, Bethel

Teaching Elders Excused: Ankrum; Armstrong; Buell; Cadenhead, C.; Cahn; Carnahan; Close; Corey; Degitz; Eliason; Hepler; Hess; Holben; Jalso; Keith; Kerr; Keys; Lighthall; Macaleer; MacPherson; Mason; Maxwell; McClure; Miller; Morrow; Murray; Paul; Roof; Sharp, J.; Sharp, W.; Sherrill; Silbert; Stevens; Upton; Yuckman, C; Yuckman, M.; VanWyk; Wakeman

Teaching Elders Absent: Galley; Graff; Hickok; LaSor; Manon; McCabe; Russell; Stobaugh;

Commissioned Ruling Elders Excused:

Commissioned Ruling Elders Absent: Glisan; Hart; O'Hara; McElroy; Morgan; Prinkey; Stewart; Toderò;

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The docket as presented by Moderator Sue Washburn was adopted *by consent*.

SEATING OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERS AND INTRODUCTION OF OTHER VISITORS

The Moderator requested, from the Associate Stated Clerk, the list of any corresponding members in attendance. It was **MSP** to seat as a corresponding member for this meeting, Rev. Doug Portz, member of Pittsburgh Presbytery, from the Board of Pensions.

The Moderator, Teaching Elder Sue Washburn, 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

Rev. Katy Brungraber told the presbyters that in 2 years this congregation will celebrate its 50th anniversary. They rebuilt their church after a fire. They have an outreach into the Brownsville community.

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

The Stated Clerk called attention to the following report.

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.
2. As of the 2017 deadline for statistical reporting to the General Assembly, 70 churches have filed at least portions of their annual statistical reports for 2016. The following churches failed to submit their Annual Statistical Report in a timely fashion: Covenant; Calvin, Brownsville; Dawson; Mt. Washington; Pleasant Grove and Sewickley. A summary report was provided in the appendices.
3. The list of proposed presbytery meeting dates for the 2018 calendar year approved by the Council were presented.
 - January 20, 2018 (Saturday)
 - March 20, 2018 (Tuesday)
 - May 15, 2018 (Tuesday)
 - September 18, 2018 (Tuesday)
 - November 17, 2018 (Saturday)

Requests to serve as the host of any of these gatherings may be submitted to the Council through the Stated Clerk.

4. The Stated Clerk presented the relevant dates and procedures for submission of either overtures or concurrences for the 2018 General Assembly.
5. The Associate Stated Clerk reported to the Presbytery that an allegation had been received by referral from a session and an investigating committee appointed.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Associate Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, Rev. Cliff Foster, presents the following Consent Agenda.

The consent agenda was approved as presented.

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 January 21, 2017 be approved.

From the Council

1. Council recommends that the Financial Reports presented to the Council be received and filed for audit.
2. Council recommends that the reports of the Stated Clerk and Associate Stated Clerk be received and filed.
3. Council recommends the approval of Overture 16-G (replicated in the Revised Directory of Worship).

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From the Committee on Ministry

1. Committee on Ministry recommends the approval of the waiver request for limitation of terms for Cheryl McGrady on behalf of the Calvin, Brownsville church.
2. Committee on Ministry recommends the approval of the waiver request for limitation of terms for Deacon Elaine Paul on behalf of the New Salem church.

From the Committee on Preparation for Ministry

From the Nominating Committee

From the Committee on Representation

From the Discernment Teams

1. The team recommends the report of the Vandergrift discernment team as included in this packet be received and filed.

WORSHIP

The Presbytery moved to worship led by Teaching Elders Katy Brungraber, Colleen Molinaro, and James Gear. Liturgists included Deacon Kristi Harden and Elder Lynn Rankin. Assisting with the Lord's Supper were Elders John Di Dominic, Dave Pursglove, and Darrell Smith. Music was provided by the group, "Outpost" from the host congregation and the organist, Cindy Bernot. Worship included celebration of the Lord's Supper and opportunities to witness to God's grace in our midst.

REPORTS

TREASURER

In the absence of Treasurer, John Dickson, Rev. Pete Goetschius reviewed the written report and answered questions concerning the financial statements for the first two months. We are \$20,000 behind our budget for the year to date.

SYNOD COMMISSIONER

Rev. Lori Bass-Riley, Synod commissioner offered a report about the regional gatherings of the Synod of the Trinity. She reviewed the possible contents of the program and encouraged others to participate in the southwest region gathering in Morgantown on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at First Presbyterian Church. The northwest region will meet at Camp Crestfield on May 12. These gatherings are a part of the celebration of the 300th anniversary of the Synod of the Trinity.

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER

Executive Presbyter Skip Noftzger provided a written report and then presented remarks on the strategic priority of "Equipping Leadership" as both a value for congregations and for us as a presbytery. Presbyters engaged in small group discussions and prayer around the topic. He commented on his first Presbytery meeting, even before his official starting date, in March of 2013. (insert content.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS LOOP

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Rev. Laura Blank presented the Announcements Loop lifting up:

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR FILM SERIES

Thursdays at 6 PM: March 23, March 30, April 6

“Living on One Dollar” at Ebensburg (4 American students live on \$1/day in rural Guatemala)

“Salam Neighbor” at Colver (Filmmakers live in UN camp to understand the Syrian refugee crisis)

“Blood Brother” at Colver (Young American moves to India to live with HIV positive children)

All screenings are free! www.colverpresbyterian.org www.ebensburg-presbyterian.com

CRAFT SHOW

March 25th, 9 AM-4 PM

Murrysville, Union (724-337-3042, www.unionpresbychurch.com)

Table space for vendors available for \$20

INTO THE LIGHT PRAYER SERVICE

March 26th, 7 PM

Mount Pleasant, Reunion (724-547-2980, www.reunionpresby.com)

Sponsored by Addiction Task Force: candlelight service of prayer, scripture, testimony and song

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SPRING GATHERING

April 1st, 9 AM-2:30 PM

Trafford, Level Green

Cost \$10

Search for Presbyterian Women on www.redstone.org for registration details

MISSION COWORKERS MARK & MIRIAM ADAMS

April 12th, Noon

Light lunch & discussion

Contact church office to RSVP

Johnstown, First (814-536-8141, www.1stpresjohnstown.org)

GOOD FRIDAY “TGIF”

April 14th, 8:30 AM-1 PM

Age 3 through 8th Grade

Breakfast and lunch provided during this day of laughter and learning

Apollo, Poke Run (724-327-5536, pokerunchurch.com)

RUMMAGE SALE

April 21st, 8 AM-3 PM & April 22nd, 8 AM-2 PM

Greensburg, First (724-832-0150, fpcgreensburg.com)

Donations accepted beginning 3/1 on the stage in the Fletcher Room

No TVs, cribs or car seats. Contact Lynne Raine 724-672-6738 or Barbara Burchill at 724-838-1546

5th ANNUAL RAISE THE ROOF SPAGHETTI DINNER

May 6th, 4-7 PM

\$7 per person, 12 and under \$3, Basket & Prize Raffle

Benefiting the Bethany Presbyterian Church Roof Fund

Johnstown, Bethany (814-539-9194, www.bethanyjohnstown.com)

FRIENDSHIP DINNER

2nd Wednesday of Every Month, 5-6 PM at New Kensington, United (724-339-6618, tupcnk.org)

SOUP FOR THE SOUL LUNCHEON

2nd Wednesday of Every Month, doors open at 11:30, Soup’s on at noon

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Apollo, Poke Run (724-327-5536, pokerunchurch.com)

INTO THE LIGHT: JOIN THE CONVERSATION

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

redstonetogether.blogspot.com (read online daily, or download a complete pdf)

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

****the videos shown in today's announcements are produced by our ecumenical partners in the UCC, and can be found by searching for "One Great Hour of Sharing" on youtube.com****

Additional resources can be found at www.pcusa.org/give-oghs

FOR MORE INFORMATION CHECK OUT:

redstone.org; redstonetogether.blogspot.com; pcusa.org/news

[facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com), search "Presbytery of Redstone"

NEXT PRESBYTERY MEETING

May 16th, 6-9 PM at Irwin, West Hempfield

PINE SPRINGS CAMP

1.6 million dollars has been raised of the 1.8 million dollar goal. 157 is the number of individuals who have already given; 41 church groups have contributed. He showed a photo of The Refuge, the project under construction. 556 total campers are registered as of today. Their registrations are above the year before. They still want everyone to know that there are 82 days until camp starts. They are celebrating 70 summers of ministry this summer. Saturday, June 24 from 11-4 is the celebration of the dedication of The Refuge. 40x80 is the size of the new adventure fort. They will also have belayed-in tree climbing. 15,000 to 20,000 is what they hope to raise on Monday, May 22, at their annual Scholarship Golf Outing at the Latrobe Country Club. Redd up day is Sat May 13-3:30. Bring a potluck to share. They need 25 new benches for the new dining hall. They have design packets available for making the benches. They would need to be delivered before camp begins.

MISSION COMMITTEE

Rev. Sylvia Carlson spoke on behalf of the Mission committee about the ongoing concerns in South Sudan and the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church. She mentioned that Sunday night on 60 Minutes, there was a piece on the famine in South Sudan. A short clip was shown from the BBC regarding the famine in South Sudan. She also made presbyters aware of the PC(USA) Action Alert re: the state of famine in South Sudan. She invited presbyters to consider whether they would like to join a group hoping to travel to Juba, South Sudan in early 2018, conditions on the ground permitting.

She noted that a team from a number of churches in Redstone Presbytery is doing work with the Presbytery of West Virginia Advocacy and Work camps and PDA in West Virginia this week. Please let the Presbytery office know if you have a work camp project planned in 2017.

ACTION AGENDA

Council

Action items

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Pete Goetschius, Chair of Council in presenting their report introduced Ruling Elder Lynn Mance and Teaching Elder Alice Tondora from the Addictions ministry network to present additional worship and ministry resources. Alice Tondora has noted that two ministry opportunities have evolved. Please go to Redstonetogeher.blogspot.com or the Presbytery Facebook page for information about upcoming events sponsored by the Addictions Ministry Network. On Sunday, March 26 at 7 p.m. there will be a service based on the Taize model of scripture and song, and include several testimonies from people who have overcome their addictions. Elder Lynn Mance led us in a litany called "Into the Light."

Information

Committee on Ministry

Action items

Rev. Colleen Molinaro, in the place of Chair Martin Ankrum, introduced the Rev. Doug Portz for a presentation on behalf of the Board of Pensions concerning all of their various programs and assistance. He brings greetings from the Board of Pensions. If anyone has questions regarding the benefits program, he is available to talk to them. The board of pensions has been providing funds for over 300 years. The BOP has adjusted to the everchanging nature of health care around us. The plan has moved away from the one size fits all, and has made it more flexible. There is now an option to provide lay employees with parts of the program. The pension fund will increase all the pension credits by 2% July 1. 32 million a month is paid out each month in pensions.

Every year the church needs to identify a person to take care of the employment agreement and the selection of benefits during the October - December timeframe. The Teledoc program is offered. Pharmacy plan has changed. If you see anything about the pre-retirement seminars, you are encouraged to attend them. Check out all of the supports for families. There is the employee assistance program, also. Behavioral Health through Cigna. 800-773-7752

Information

Committee on Preparation

Action Items

- Caroline Vickery, chair of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry recommends David Deutsch to be enrolled as a candidate within the preparation process of the Presbytery of Redstone.

David is a member of the Level Green Presbyterian Church in Trafford. He is enrolled in his "Middler" year at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Having been endorsed by the Level Green session, he has been under the care of the CPM as an inquirer for just over one year. He is doing his Field Education at First Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh.

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It was **MSP** to move David Deutsch from inquirer to candidate. Upon being received, Moderator Sue Washburn led the Presbytery in a service taking David “under care as a candidate” of Redstone Presbytery.

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Nominating Committee

Ruling Elder Barry Poglein, presented the following report of the Nominating Committee:

Action Items

- The Nominating Committee recommends the following people to serve as ordination examination readers for the 2017-8 year.

Ruling Elder Lynn Mance
Ruling Elder Ray Edelman
Teaching Elder Ken Foust
Teaching Elder Caroline Vickery

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.

Information

NEW BUSINESS

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

ATTENDANCE REPORT

In attendance were 31 Teaching Elders, 3 Commissioned Ruling Elders, 29 Ruling Elders, 2 By Virtue of office, and 6 visitors, for a total in attendance of 71. There were 45 churches without elder representation.

The Presbytery was adjourned with prayer by Moderator Sue Washburn at 8:47 p.m. with the benediction prayer pronounced by Rev. Katy Brungraber.

The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone will take place on May 16, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at the West Hempfield Presbyterian Church, Irwin.

Sue Washburn, Moderator

Sylvia Carlson, Recording Clerk

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