

Presbytery of Redstone January 20, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The ecclesiastical and corporate meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone was convened at 1:04 p.m. on Saturday, January 20, 2018, at the First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, PA, and opened with prayer by Rev. Sue Washburn, Moderator. She announced that items of new business must be presented to the clerk before the end of worship.

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	<u>MINISTERS</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>
	Ross Bash, MAL	
	Sylvia Carlson, HR	
	James Farrer, HR	
	Charles MacPherson, HR	
	Skip Noftzger, EP	
	Michael Shepard, HR	
	Susan Speakman, HR	
Adah, Palmer Community		
Apollo, Poke Run	Pete Goetschius	Connie Cauvel
Avonmore, First	Larry Armstrong, SS	
Belle Vernon, First	Suzanne Currie	Bobbi Huebner
Belle Vernon, Harmony		Susan Nesti
Belle Vernon, Marion		Terry Diehl
Belle Vernon, Rehoboth	Alan Olson, IP	David O'Casek
Bolivar, United	James Sunseri, CRE	
Boswell, Covenant		
Brownsville, Calvin		
Brownsville, Ft. Burd	Katy Yates Brungraber	Kathy Haluska
Brownsville, Hopewell		
Colver		
Cresson		
Dawson, Tyrone		
Delmont		
Derry	Marnie Abraham Russell, SS	
Dunbar, First		
Dunbar, Laurel Hill		
Ebensburg, First		Martha O'Brien
Fairchance		
Farmington, Mt. Washington		
Fayette City, First		Bob Kubina
Fayette City, L Redstone		James Anderson
Greensburg, First	Martin Ankrum Nicole Atkinson, AP	Jerry Cumer Nancy Wallace Jim Kellam
Greensburg, Maplewood		

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Greensburg, Westminster	Donna Havrikso	Duffy Greba
Irwin, First	Ronald Wakeman	Mark Claycomb Ray Edelman
Irwin, West Hempfield		
Jeannette	William King, IP	
Johnstown, Bethany		
Johnstown, First		Sheila Farrer
Johnstown, Second		
Johnstown, Westmont	Craig Miller	Brian Misner Bernice Adams
Lake Lynn, Springhill		
Latrobe	Clark Kerr	
Latrobe, United		
Leisenring		
Ligonier, Pleasant Grove		
Lower Burrell, Grace		
Lower Burrell, Puckety		
Masontown	David Stewart, CRE	
McClellandtown	Lee McDermott	
Merrittstown, Dunlap's Creek		
Mt. Pleasant, Reunion	Sue Washburn, SS	Jeannette Lindsay
Murrysville, First	Ed Gray	Larry Senor
Murrysville, Newlonsburg	Marnie Silbert, AP	Barbara Rissler Colleen Dunwoody
Murrysville, Union		
New Alexandria, Community	Grafton Eliason, IP	Marsha Stallings
New Alexandria, Congruity	Cliff Foster	Sarabeth Stopansky
New Florence, Bethel	James Sunseri, CRE	
New Florence, Trinity	Anthony Catullo, SS	Janet Henderson
New Kensington, United	Wendy Keys	Julia Yockey
New Salem	William Wiegand, CRE	
North Huntingdon, New Hope	John Simpson, IP	Helen Connors
Patton		
Revloc		
Scottdale, Calvin	Leonard Morgan, CRE	
Smithfield, Grace Chapel	Lee McDermott	
Smock, Pleasant View	Laura Blank	
Trafford, Level Green	Geoff Rach	Cheryl Rhea
Uniontown, Tent		
Uniontown, Third	Colleen Molinaro, IP	
Uniontown, Trinity	James Gear	
Vanderbilt, E. Liberty		
Vandergrift		
West Newton, Sewickley	Eric Glisan, CRE	
West Newton, Sewickley U.		
West Newton, United		

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Windber, First		
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; Josh Scully, Moderator

Visitors: Mike Hurley, Pine Springs Camp; Barbara Locke, Windber, First; Bobbie Martin, Presbytery Staff; Michelle Naylor, Fayette City, Little Redstone; Jenny O'Casek, Belle Vernon, Rehoboth; Bill Uhlig, Windber, First

Teaching Elders Excused: Buell; Cahn; Carnahan; Close; Corey; Degitz; Hepler; Hess; Holben; Jalso; Keith; Klein; Lighthall; Lloyd; Macaleer; Maiman; Mason; Maxwell; McClure; Menchyk; Michael; Morrow; Murray; Pressler; Sharp, J.; Sharp, W.; Stevens; Stobaugh; Sweeney; Upton; Yuckman, C; Yuckman, M.; VanWyk

Teaching Elders Absent: Bass-Riley; Blank, S.; Cadenhead, B.; Cadenhead, C.; Campbell; Dormire; Durika; Foust; Galley; Graff; Hickok; LaSor; Manon; Marshall; McCabe; Paul; Shannon; Siddle; Tondora; Vickery

Commissioned Ruling Elders Excused: None

Commissioned Ruling Elders Absent: Hart; O'Hara; McElroy; Prinkey; Todero; Watson

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The Associate Stated Clerk called for the adoption of the Docket as printed in the Packet **by consent.**

INSTALLATION OF MODERATOR AND VICE MODERATOR

Rev. Sue Washburn (2017) led the Presbytery in the installation of 2018 Moderator Joshua Scully and Vice Moderator Colleen Molinaro using the liturgy from the Book of Occasional Services. Rev. Skip Noftzger presented Sue Washburn with a plaque commemorating her service to the Presbytery.

SEATING OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERS AND INTRODUCTION OF OTHER VISITORS

The Associate Stated Clerk, Rev. Cliff Foster, asked that Tyler Burch, a member of the Newlonsburg Church, be given the privilege of the floor so that he can address the presbytery later on.

The Moderator, Elder Joshua Scully, 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. Dr. Martin Ankrum mentioned that this congregation was formed in 1788 – and called

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attention to the ministry of Associate Pastor Niki Atkinson and the new Minister of Music Dr. John Salveson. He also gave directions to the various rest rooms in the building. This year the building will be 100 years old.

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Report of the Stated Clerk:

1. Correspondence Log:
 - 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. The task forces, networks, and ad hoc committees in existence as of December 31, 2017 were as follows:
 - a. Committees of Council
 1. Budget, Finance and Stewardship
 2. Communications
 3. Mission
 4. Staff Support
 - b. Committees of the Committee on Ministry
 1. AP/CRE Committee
 2. Examinations and Membership
 3. Search and Call
 4. Congregations and Leadership--Northwest – Districts I/II
 5. Congregations and Leadership-- East – District IV
 6. Congregations and Leadership-- South – District III
 - c. Discernment Teams
 1. Vandergrift
 - d. Networks
 1. Healing Prayer Ministry Network
 2. Voices for Justice
 3. Youth Ministry
 4. Geographic Districts – I; II; III; IV
 5. Women Clergy
 6. PEPSI
 7. Presbyterian Women
 8. Addictions Ministry
3. Pursuant to Book of Order D-5.0206b, the Stated Clerk shall report annually the roster of those members of the Permanent Judicial Commission whose terms have expired within the past six years. They are as follows:

Permanent Judicial Commission Roster (Terms expired within the last 6 years)
2017 – Rev. Marnie Silbert, Reve. Aleda Menchyk, Elder Leonard Morgan
2015 – Elder Vince Appleman, Elder Richard Currie, Rev. Douglas Stevens
2013 – Rev. Sylvia Carlson, Elder Robert Lightcap, Rev. John Sharp

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2011 – Rev. Marnie Abraham Russell, Rev. Clark Kerr, Elder Marge Montanari

4. It was **MSP** that the following Presbytery Officers be recognized as members of the Presbytery, with voice and vote, for their term of service:

Ruling Elder Joshua Scully-Moderator
Ruling Elder Leonard Morgan – Presbytery Council
Ruling Elder Belinda Lambie – Presbytery Council
Ruling Elder Jack Battenhouse – Presbytery Council
Ruling Elder Lynn Mance – Presbytery Council
Ruling Elder Susan Nesti – Presbytery Council
Ruling Elder Bobbi Jo Huebner – Presbytery Council
Ruling Elder Nancy Peters – Presbytery Council

5. It was **MSP** that the following Commissioned Ruling Elders be recognized as members with voice and vote as long as they are serving in that capacity:

Ruling Elder Eric Glisan, Sewickley, West Newton
Ruling Elder Glenn Hart, Harmony, Belle Vernon; Sewickley United, West Newton
Ruling Elder David McElroy, East Liberty, Vanderbilt
Ruling Elder Len Morgan, Calvin, Scottdale
Ruling Elder David O'Hara, Revloc
Ruling Elder Robert Prinkey, Marion, Belle Vernon; Tyrone, Dawson
Ruling Elder David Stewart, First, Masontown
Ruling Elder James Sunseri, Bethel, New Florence; United, Bolivar
Ruling Elder Denise Todero, Bethany, Johnstown
Ruling Elder Richard Watson, Leisenring
Ruling Elder William Wiegand, New Salem

6. It was **MSP** that the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and a representative from Pine Springs Camp, Presbyterian Women, and Redstone Highlands be given the privilege of the floor and recognized with voice and vote as long as they are serving in that capacity.

7. The stated meetings for 2018 have been scheduled as follows:

January 20, 2018; 1:00 p.m.; First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg
March 20, 2018; 6:00 p.m.; First Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon
May 15, 2018; 6:00 p.m.; Latrobe Presbyterian Church
September 18, 2018; 6:00 p.m.; Redstone Highlands, Greensburg
November 17, 2018; 9:00 a.m.; Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church, Dunbar

8. The Stated Clerk provided the 2017 Necrology Report of Ruling and Teaching Elders.

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9. Equalization

On December 31, 2016, there were 88 ministers of Word and Sacrament on the rolls of the Presbytery, 18 of who were living outside of the bounds of the Presbytery. There were 70 churches entitled to be represented by 83 ruling elder commissioners. There were also 11 ruling elders commissioned to particular service and 7 ruling elders by virtue of office. On December 31, 2017, 91 ministers of Word and Sacrament were on the rolls of the Presbytery, 18 of who were living outside the bounds of the Presbytery. There were 70 churches entitled to be represented by 83 ruling elder commissioners. There are also 11 ruling elders commissioned to particular service and 8 ruling elder presbyters by virtue of office.

Based upon the “goal of numerical parity of teaching elders and ruling elders,” the “principles of participation” and the need to communicate the plan for the determining commissioners, the Presbytery has adopted a plan [Book of Order; G-3.0301; Manual; 1.1003] designating the number of commissioners based upon church membership (table below) and designating other ruling elders by virtue of office to be given the privilege of voice and vote at all Presbytery meetings [Manual; 1.1009]. Although with this plan, there is an imbalance regarding the number of eligible ruling elder commissioners (actually more than ministers), the actual participation patterns still reflect a greater number of ministers participating. In 2017, minister of Word and Sacraments members outnumbered ruling elder members in attendance by an average of 4 per meeting. Consequently, in order to continue to aspire to the goal of balance, the current larger number of possible ruling elder commissioners based upon the current plan should be retained until actual participation rates change. Therefore, I do not recommend any equalization adjustment at this time.

Equalization Plan - Church List/# of commissioners

Adah, Palmer Community - 1	Fayette City, Little Redstone - 1	Murrysville, Union - 1
Apollo, Poke Run - 1	Greensburg, First - 3	New Alexandria, Community - 1
Avonmore, First - 1	Greensburg, Maplewood - 1	New Alexandria, Congruity - 1
Belle Vernon, First - 1	Greensburg, Westminster - 1	New Florence, Bethel - 1
Belle Vernon, Harmony - 1	Irwin, First - 4	New Florence, Trinity - 1
Belle Vernon, Marion - 1	Irwin, West Hempfield - 1	New Kensington, United - 1
Belle Vernon, Rehoboth - 1	Jeannette, First - 1	New Salem - 1
Bolivar, United - 1	Johnstown, Bethany - 1	North Huntingdon, New Hope - 1
Boswell, Covenant - 1	Johnstown, First - 1	Patton - 1
Brownsville, Calvin - 1	Johnstown, Second - 1	Revloc - 1
Brownsville, Ft. Burd - 1	Johnstown, Westmont - 3	Scottdale, Calvin - 1
Brownsville, Hopewell - 1	Lake Lynn, Springhill Furnace - 1	Smithfield, Grace Chapel - 1
Colver - 1	Latrobe - 2	Smock, Pleasant View - 1
Cresson - 1	Latrobe, United - 1	Trafford, Level Green - 2
Dawson, Tyrone - 1	Leisenring - 1	Uniontown, Tent - 1
Delmont - 1	Ligonier, Pleasant Grove - 1	Uniontown, Third - 2
Derry - 1	Lower Burrell, Grace Community - 2	Uniontown, Trinity United - 1
Dunbar, First - 1	Lower Burrell, Puckety - 2	Vanderbilt, East Liberty - 1
Dunbar, Laurel Hill - 1	Masontown, First - 1	Vandergrift - 1
Ebensburg - 1	McClellandtown - 1	West Newton, Sewickley - 1

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Fairchance - 1	Merrittstown, Dunlap's Creek - 1	West Newton, Sewickley United - 1
Farmington, Mt. Washington - 1	Mt. Pleasant, Reunion - 1	West Newton, United - 1
Fayette City, First - 1	Murrysville, First - 1	Windber, First - 1
	Murrysville, Newlonsburg - 2	

10. The Stated Clerk provided the current Rolls of the Presbytery and Continuing Members.

11. The dates for the 2017 Session Minutes Reviews are:

January 27, 2018 - Westmont Presbyterian Church, Johnstown 11:15 a.m. (preceding Enrichment Day Event)

February 19, 2018 - Presbytery Office 6:00 p.m.

March 20, 2018 - Belle Vernon, First 5:00 p.m. (preceding Presbytery meeting)

May 15, 2018 - Latrobe Main Street 5:00 p.m. (preceding Presbytery meeting)

CONSENT AGENDA

The Associate Stated Clerk for Constitutional and Judicial Matters, 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 November 18, 2017 be approved.

From the Council

- Council recommends that the Financial Reports presented to the Council and the Presbytery be received and filed for audit.
- Council recommends that the reports of the Executive Presbyter, Stated Clerk, Associate Clerk, Mission Chair and Pine Springs Camp Executive Director as presented to the Council and the Presbytery be received and filed.
- Council recommends that the 2016 audit presented to the Council (Trustees) be received and filed.

From the Committee on Ministry

- The Committee recommends that Presbytery grant the request of the Derry Presbyterian Church for a waiver of rotation for Ruling Elders Judy Skoloda and John Walkinshaw and Deacon Ronald George.
- The Committee recommends that Presbytery grant the request of the Merrittstown, Dunlap's Creek Presbyterian Church for a waiver of rotation for Ruling Elder Joan Moore.
- The Committee recommends that Presbytery grant the request of the Scottdale, Calvin Presbyterian Church for a waiver of rotation for Ruling Elders Barb Watson and Kathee Ramsey and Deacons Jane Reynolds and Susan Shannon.
- The Committee recommends that Presbytery grant the request of the Jeannette, First Presbyterian Church for a waiver of rotation for Ruling Elder Nancy Peters.
- The Committee recommends that Presbytery grant the request of the Bolivar, United Presbyterian Church for a waiver of rotation for Ruling Elder Andrew Bimeal.

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- The Committee **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request of the New Kensington, United Presbyterian Church for a waiver of rotation for Ruling Elder Julia Yockey and Deacon Karen Grillo.
- The Committee **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request of the Fairchance, First Presbyterian Church for a waiver of rotation for Ruling Elder Marcia Grimm.

From the Committee on Preparation for Ministry – No Report

From the Nominating Committee – No Report

From the Committee on Representation – No Report

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ruling Elder John A. Dickson, IV, Treasurer, presented the Financial Reports calling attention to the reports for 2017. He noted the following: Year to date contributions received total \$323,205 or 81% of the budget. Therefore, revenue expectations fell short by \$73,802 for the operating year. Total income inclusive of other sources such as Temporarily Restricted, Investments, and Miscellaneous income totaled \$43,102 for the month and \$390,336 at year end. Annual income at year end was 92% of budget or \$24,380 less than budget.

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER REPORT

Rev. Richard "Skip" Noftzger, Executive Presbyter, provided a written report for 2017 and preached the sermon for Presbytery worship.

WORSHIP

The Presbytery joined in worship under the leadership of Teaching Elders Martin Ankrum, Nicole Atkinson, Colleen Molinaro and Skip Noftzger; Ruling Elders Joshua Scully and Bobbi Jo Huebner; and with the support of Dr. John Salvesson, Minister of Music and Organist and members of the Chancel Choir of First Presbyterian Church. Worship included the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

ANNOUNCEMENTS LOOP

Rev. Laura Blank presented the Announcements Loop which featured:

- **223rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY** – June 16 through June 23, St. Louis, MO.
- **ENRICHMENT DAY**
- January 27th, 11:15 Clerks review minutes, 12:15-4:13 Worship & Workshops
- Johnstown, Westmont (814-536-0796, westmontpc.org)
- **PANCAKE DINNER FOR REDSTONE MISSION TEAM**
- February 13th, Time TBA
- New Alexandria, Congruity (724-668-7740, www.congruitychurch.org)
- **CONFIRMATION RETREAT**
- April 13-14
- Pine Springs Camp
- See Skip for more information
- **BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BICENTENNIAL**
- 450-recipe cookbook, ornaments embossed with an image of the church
- Both, \$10 each. See Jim Sunseri (814-948-7330, jsunseri@hotmail.com) or Barry Poglein

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- **FOR MORE INFORMATION, CHECK OUT:**
- redstonepresbytery.org
- redstonetogether.blogspot.com
- pcusa.org/news
- [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com), search "Presbytery of Redstone"
- **NEXT REDSTONE PRESBYTERY MEETING**
- Tuesday, March 20th, 2018
- 6-9 PM
- Belle Vernon, First

ACTION AGENDA

COUNCIL REPORT

Rev. Sue Washburn presented the following report and action items from the Council:

- It was **MSP** to interrupt the meeting in order to hold the meeting of the corporation for the Presbytery of Redstone.
- Rev. Pete Goetschius opened the meeting of the corporation with prayer and moderated the meeting of the corporation where it was **MSP** to elect the following officers:
 - Rev. Sue Washburn, President
 - Rev. Richard Noftzger, Secretary
 - John Dickson, Treasurer
 - Gerald Cumer, Assistant Treasurer.
 - It was **MSP** to authorize those officers and Roberta Martin, Bookkeeper, to sign checks on behalf of the Presbytery.
- It was **MSP** to adjourn the meeting of the corporation with prayer and return to the ecclesiastical meeting of the Presbytery.
- On behalf of Council, Rev. Sue Washburn presented, with a recommendation for concurrence, the Overture on South Sudan passed by Shenango Presbytery. It was **MSP** for the Presbytery of Redstone to concur with this overture.

Information Items (as published)

- Rev. Sue Washburn introduced Tyler Burch who offered reflections upon the Confirmation Retreat and encouraged congregations to participate in the 2018 Confirmation Retreat offering. He mentioned the mixers that were used to help people to get to know each other. They engaged in Bible study and had a campfire complete with S'mores and also were engaged in team-building activities.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT

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

- It was **MSP** to approve the request effective immediately for dissolution of First Presbyterian Church, Windber and to have the Moderator appoint an Administrative Commission authorized to consider, decide, and conclude matters related to the dissolution of the First Presbyterian, Windber congregation. Two elders, Bill Uhlig and

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Barb Locke, from the church spoke about the decision to dissolve the congregation. The congregational meeting was held December 10 – and the vote was 11-0 to close. Josh Scully led the presbytery in prayer for the Windber congregation.

- Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Ministry, it was **MSP** to renew all of the current commissioned pastor agreements pending submission of adequate compensation terms. The Moderator led the Presbytery in a service of recommissioning of current commissioned pastors who were present.

Information Items (as published)

- Rev. Jim Farrer, from the Committee on Ministry presented information about the upcoming Enrichment Day (1/27) and commends it to you for your participation in leadership development.
- The Committee on Ministry presented and provided information on the new structure for connecting with congregations and leadership through individual liaisons.
- Prayers were offered and cards signed for the list of pastors.
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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

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

- On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Susan Nesti nominated Elder Glenn Hart to serve on the Committee of Ministry, class of 2020. It was **MSP** to elect the nominee.

ADDITIONS MINISTRY NETWORK REPORT

- Rev. Lee McDermott introduced the presbyters to the upcoming “Hope in a Bag” collection being conducted across the Presbytery.

HEALING/PRAYER MINISTRY NETWORK REPORT

- Rev. Jim Farrer presented a report on behalf of the ministry and work of the Healing and Prayer Ministry Network within the Presbytery.

PINE SPRINGS REPORT

Mr. Mike Hurley, the Summer Camp Director of Pine Springs Camp, stated they have raised 1.6 million of the 1.8 million pledged. The A-frame fireplace has been redone. The nurse’s station will now be the whole building where the offices used to be. The offices have moved to the Refuge. He noted upcoming retreats. They will be having PSC Skates at the Delmont rink. May 30 the staff begins to arrive. Last year was the highest number of campers in many years.

MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT

Rev. Sylvia Carlson, Chairperson of the Mission Committee, announced that the Redstone Mission Team will be traveling to Fayetteville, NC to stay at the Highland Presbyterian Church and work with United Methodist Committee on Relief on rehabilitation of homes in the wake of Hurricane Matthew. This group has members from at least 5 Redstone congregations. She invited presbyters to share information about any upcoming mission trips with the presbytery

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mission committee. The mission committee would like very much to know the ways that our congregations are engaged in mission locally and globally.

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 33 clergy and 5 Commissioned Ruling Elders, 28 elders (representing 23 congregations), 0 Christian Educators, 3 by virtue of office, and 6 visitors for a total of 75. There also were 33 clergy excused, 20 clergy absent, 6 Commissioned Ruling Elders absent and 47 congregations without elder representation.

AJOURNMENT

It was MSP to adjourn with prayer at 4:05 p.m.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Niki Atkinson offered the benediction prayer.

The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone will take place on Tuesday, March 20 at 6 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon.

Josh Scully, Moderator

Sylvia Carlson, Recording Clerk