

Presbytery of Redstone May 15, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The ecclesiastical and corporate meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone was convened at 6:07 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at the Latrobe Presbyterian Church and opened with prayer by the Moderator, Joshua Scully.

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>
	Lori Bass-Riley, MAL	
	Susan Blank, MAL	
	Bruce Cadenhead, MAL	
	Cynthia Cadenhead, MAL	
	Sylvia Carlson, HR	
	James Farrer, HR	
	Jay Lewis, HR	
	Skip Noftzger, EP	
	Michael Shepard, HR	
	James Stobaugh, MAL	
Adah, Palmer Community		
Apollo, Poke Run		Connie Cauvel
Avonmore, First	Larry Armstrong, CP	
Belle Vernon, First	Suzanne Currie	Bobbi Jo Huebner
Belle Vernon, Harmony		
Belle Vernon, Marion		
Belle Vernon, Rehoboth	Alan Olson, IP	Bill Nicholls
Bolivar, United	James Sunseri, CRE	
Boswell, Covenant		
Brownsville, Calvin	Aleda Menchyk, CP	
Brownsville, Ft. Burd		Lynne Rankin
Brownsville, Hopewell		
Colver		
Cresson		
Dawson, Tyrone		
Delmont	Caroline Vickery	Cliff Jobe
Derry	Marnie Abraham Russell, CP	
Dunbar, First		
Dunbar, Laurel Hill		Joshua Scully
Ebensburg, First		Judy Carl
Fairchance		
Farmington, Mt. Washington		
Fayette City, First		Robert Kubina
Fayette City, L Redstone		James S. Anderson
Greensburg, First	Martin Ankrum	Janice Heming Nancy Wallace

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		Jill ???
Greensburg, Maplewood		
Greensburg, Westminster	Donna Havrisko	Duffy Greba
Irwin, First	Ronald Wakeman Ronald Durika, AP	Raymond Edelman Phyllis Neral
Irwin, West Hempfield		
Jeannette		
Johnstown, Bethany		
Johnstown, First	Alice Tondora	
Johnstown, Second		
Johnstown, Westmont	Craig Miller	Deb Lichtenfels Bernice Adams
Lake Lynn, Springhill	George Hickok	
Latrobe	Clark Kerr	Name Name
Latrobe, United	Donald Graff	
Leisenring	Richard Watson, CRE	
Ligonier, Pleasant Grove		
Lower Burrell, Grace		
Lower Burrell, Puckety	Doug Marshall, IP	Jenn McKay
Masontown		
McClellandtown		
Merrittstown, Dunlap's Creek		
Mt. Pleasant, Reunion	Sue Washburn, CP	
Murrysville, First	Edward Gray	Bobbie Stander
Murrysville, Newlonsburg	Curtis Paul Marnie Silbert, AP	Rich Smith Marcia Smith
Murrysville, Union		
New Alexandria, Community		
New Alexandria, Congruity	Cliff Foster	Kathy Hamilton
New Florence, Bethel	James Sunseri, CRE	Janie Short
New Florence, Trinity	Anthony Catullo, IP	Janet Henderson
New Kensington, United	Wendy Keys	Donna L. McLaughlin
New Salem		Mark Nagy
North Huntingdon, New Hope	John Simpson, IP	Helen Connors
Patton		
Revloc		
Scottdale, Calvin	Leonard Morgan, CRE	
Smithfield, Grace Chapel		
Smock, Pleasant View	Laura Blank	Sandy Leichter
Trafford, Level Green		David Hykes
Uniontown, Tent		
Uniontown, Third		
Uniontown, Trinity		
Vanderbilt, E. Liberty		

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Vandergrift	Neal Galley	Bev Pounds
West Newton, Sewickley	Eric Glisan, CRE	Amanda Albright
West Newton, Sewickley U.		
West Newton, United		
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: Liz Armstrong, Latrobe; Debbie Beatty, Vandergrift; Ron Collins, Vandergrift; Greg Davis, Pine Springs Camp; Carol Faytol, New Florence, Bethel; Doris Gavala, New Salem; Michael Gehrling; Donald Glunt; Emily Hartz, New Kensington; Michael Hurley, Pine Springs Camp; Karen Kifer, Irwin, West Hempfield; Gary Lichtenfels, Johnstown, Westmont; Jen MacIntosh, Irwin, West Hempfield; Bobbie Martin, Presbytery Staff; Debbie Miller, Irwin, West Hempfield; Sally Nicholls, Belle Vernon, Rehoboth; Lauren Oden, Vandergrift; Janice Ober, Irwin, West Hempfield; Rachael Pritz, Irwin, West Hempfield; John Reed, Irwin, West Hempfield; Eric Ringbloom, Vandergrift; Linda Simpson, Irwin, West Hempfield; Karen Stobaugh; Helen Toms, Irwin, West Hempfield; Andrew Wirt; Rachael Zenobi, Belle Vernon, Rehoboth; John Zenobi, Belle Vernon, Rehoboth

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

Teaching Elders Absent: Bash; Campbell; Dormire; Eliason; Gear; Goetschius; King; LaSor; Maiman; Manon; McCabe; McDermott; Shannon; Siddle

Commissioned Ruling Elders Excused: NONE

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

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The Moderator called for the adoption of the Docket as printed in the Packet *by consent*. He announced that items of new business must be presented to the clerk before worship begins.

SEATING OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERS AND INTRODUCTION OF OTHER VISITORS

MSP that Rev. Donald Glunt, John Calvin Presbytery; Rev. Andrew Wirt, Donegal Presbytery; and Michael Gehrling, Pittsburgh Presbytery, be seated as corresponding members.

MSP that the following be given the privilege of the floor: Jen McIntosh, PNC member, and

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Karen Kifer, Clerk of Session, West Hempfield Presbyterian Church; and Rachael Zenobi, PNC Chair and Sally Nicholls, Rehoboth Presbyterian Church.

ARRANGEMENTS

Rev. Clark Kerr welcomed the Presbyters to this air-conditioned space and announced that they have remodeled the space downstairs, the Vogelsang Room.

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. Representation report
 - a. On behalf of the Committee on Representation, the Stated Clerk noted the report and areas that may still need to be addressed by the Nominating Committee for future years.
3. The 2017 minutes for Redstone Presbytery were taken to State College by Rev. Cliff Foster and were approved with no exceptions or delinquencies.
4. Upcoming meetings
 - a. The Stated Clerk noted the 2019 meeting dates and that requests to host those meetings can still be made to the Council. The dates are as follows:
January 26, 2019 (Saturday); March 26, 2019 (Tuesday); May 21, 2019 (Tuesday)
September 24, 2019 (Tuesday); November 23, 2019 (Saturday)

CONSENT AGENDA

The Associate Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, Rev. Cliff Foster, presented the Consent Agenda, and it was seconded. 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 March 20, 2018 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 any reports of the Executive Presbyter, Treasurer, Pine Springs Camp, Mission, and Synod Commissioner presented to the Presbytery be received and filed.
3. Council **recommends** that any of the reports of all subcommittees, networks, and task forces of the Council that are presented to the Presbytery be received and filed.

From the Committee on Ministry

From the Committee on Representation

1. Committee on Representation **recommends** that the annual report on representation be received, filed and directed to the Nominating Committee.

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From the Discernment Teams and Administrative Commissions

1. The Discernment Team **recommends** that the report of the Vandergrift Discernment Team be received and filed and that the request for dismissal be presented to the Presbytery.
2. The Administrative Commission **recommends** that the report of the Windber Administrative Commission be received, filed.

WORSHIP

The Presbytery gathered in worship under the leadership of Revs Jay Lewis, Clark Kerr; Dana Rizzo, Dawn Prichard, Celia Long, and the music leadership of Michael Long and the chancel choir. Worship included the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In the month of March there was some stabilization - John Dickson looks to the March as the benchmark, and so the sale of the Windber Church for \$110,000 which was placed in the investment account. we presently have \$720,829 in investments, which includes the Windber church proceeds.

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER REPORT

Skip announced that this evening is focused on leadership, as we welcome new pastors to Rehoboth and West Hempfield Presbyterian Churches and move several pastors to the status of Honorably Retirement. We also will commission our commissioners to the 223rd General Assembly in St. Louis. He likes to think of leadership as conviction in action, relying on the working of the Holy Spirit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS LOOP

Rev. Laura Blank presented the Announcements Loop which featured:

SOUP FOR THE SOUL LUNCHEON

2nd Wednesday of Every Month, doors open at 11:30, Soup's on at noon
Apollo, Poke Run (724-327-5536, pokerunchurch.com)

POKE RUN STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

June 2nd, 3-6 PM
Apollo, Poke Run (724-327-5536, pokerunchurch.com)

CUP STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

June 2nd, 4:30-7 PM
New Alexandria, Community (724-668-7752, thecommunitypresbyterianchurch.yolasite.com)

PRESBY PEACH FEST

August 25th, 4-7 PM
New Salem (724-245-2200)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SPRING RETREAT

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May 29th, 9AM-2:30 PM

Pine Springs Camp

Speaker: Rev. Colleen Molinaro, "Your Prayer Personality"

MISSION TEA

July 21st, 1 PM

New Alexandria, Community

2018 CHURCHWIDE GATHERING OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

August 2-5

Louisville, Kentucky

FOR MORE INFO ON ALL PW EVENTS:

go redstonepresbytery.org and search under "Shared Ministries" for Presbyterian Women

PENTECOST OFFERING

Video available: Go to www.youtube.com and search for the "Special Offerings" channel.

PINE SPRINGS CAMP REPORT

Mike Hurley reported that they have 971 campers signed up for Pine Springs, and more to come. There will be a climbing wall in the pool, they are building Fort Legacy to be used for games and sleep-outs. They just bought 12 RC Crawler trucks, for which they've built a course. The nurse's station will now be in the building that housed the offices. They need a nurse volunteer for the last week of camp. They are seeking congregations to adopt a counselor for the summer camp season.

MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT

Rev. Sylvia Carlson made mention of the report that was included in the packet. She asked to please note that the Sudan/ South Sudan Mission Network will be meeting Monday and Tuesday, July 23 and 24 at Westminster College in conjunction with the New Wilmington Mission Conference.

ACTION AGENDA

COUNCIL REPORT

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

- Sue Washburn took a point of personal privilege to announce that April 1 was the 5th anniversary of the tenure of Rev. Skip Noftzger as Executive Presbyter. Rev. Marnie Silbert, chair of the staff support committee, presented him with a gift certificate to Barnes and Noble.

Action Items

- Council presented the Rev. Michael Gehrling of the 1001 Worshiping Communities for an update on this important ministry. He spoke of God still performing the works of the Holy Spirit today in many ways through this movement that is called 1001 New

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Worshiping Communities. There are many people who will never set foot in the churches where we are worshiping. God, in God's creativity and power, is saying these are my lost sheep. God calls us to go and engage them in the story of the gospel of Jesus Christ. We set a goal at GA in 2012 of establishing 1001 new worshiping communities. There are presently 470 new communities, and the numbers and movement is growing. Many of these communities are led by people who are not ordained pastors. He asks your prayers for the unchurched and de-churched people in your community. The website is 1001.org

- The addictions ministry group has been meeting and praying as to how to respond to this crisis. Rev. Alice Tondora spoke of the fact that the US has 5% of the world's population and uses 80% of the world's opioids. She spoke of ways that we might work to reduce opioid use in our communities.
- Having previously been elected, the 2018 General Assembly Commissioners were presented for commissioning by the Presbytery of Redstone. Moderator Joshua Scully conducted the commissioning service.
- It was **MSP** to accept the report of the Vandergrift Discernment Team and the request that the Vandergrift Presbyterian Church be dismissed to the Rivers of Life Presbytery of A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians along with their property real and personal. The written report is Appendix D.

The Moderator, Joshua Scully, led the presbytery in prayer for the members of the Vandergrift Presbyterian Church and Redstone Presbytery as we go our separate ways.

Information Items

REPORTS

Moderator

- The Moderator announced that, since the last meeting, the request for approval of the new entryway construction of the Grace Community Presbyterian Church was distributed to the Council and approved by consent.

Stated Clerk

- The Stated Clerk presented the correspondence log since the last Council meeting for review by the Council.
- The Stated Clerk reviewed the upcoming Council meeting dates and a conflict on the June 26 meeting date. After some discussion, it was **MSP** to move the meeting date to July 10 and to have the gathering as a picnic dinner at the home of Skip and Martha Noftzger (details and directions to follow).
- The Stated Clerk reported the following on property issues.
 - Discussion back and forth between the attorneys regarding the reversionary clause and reaching out to the successor of the Frick Coke Company in order to obtain an affidavit releasing the restriction.

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- As authorized, the Windber property was sold and settled on February 7, 2018 with the new owner taking possession of the property. Under the leadership of Rev. Jim Farrer, Rev. Cynthia Cadenhead and Rev. Parrish Jones, a closing celebration service for First Presbyterian, Windber was held on April 8 at the Whalley Chapel of University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown.
- A request for approval of a mineral rights lease had been submitted by the Harmony Presbyterian Church. After reviewing the minutes of the session and congregation meetings with the financial terms, the Council **MSP** approval of the lease contingent upon satisfactory review of the actual lease document.
- The Stated Clerk reminded the Council of the two remaining dates for minutes and church register reviews. They are the following:
 - May 15, 2018 (pre-presbytery) – 5:00 p.m.
 - May 21, 2018---6:00 p.m.; Trinity Presbyterian Church, Uniontown

Executive Presbyter

- Skip Noftzger, Executive Presbyter, requested approval of vacation time for July 15-19, 2018. **MSP** to approve the vacation request. He also noted that he would be attending the General Assembly on behalf of the Presbytery on June 16-23, 2018.
- The Executive Presbyter distributed copies of the following documents for discussion.
 - Presbyterian Outlook article on the proposed per capita increase
 - Current and proposed budgets (2019; 2020) of the Office of General Assembly
 - Presbyterian Outlook article and copy of the letter opposing the particular proposed increase – signed by 40 EP's (including Rev. Noftzger)
 - Summary table of Redstone budget by categories for the last few years along with scenarios for possible 2019 budget if the per capita increase were to pass.Discussion ensued among Council members both about the justification for the proposed increase and the possible response within the Presbytery based upon the scenarios.
- The Executive Presbyter highlighted two programs for the benefit of the leadership of the Presbytery.
 - Confirmation Retreat on April 13-14 was attended by 22 students and 5 advisors.
 - 1001 Worshiping Communities workshop---May 15; 2:00-5:00 (pre-presbytery); Latrobe Presbyterian Church

Treasurer

- A written Treasurer's report for the first three months of the new fiscal year. Contributions made some progress in March, but remain behind. Additional monthly expenses were noted for March in the payment of GA/Synod per capita for multiple months. The Executive Presbyter updated the written report that in April contributions have risen slightly.

Executive Director of Pine Springs Camp

- A written report from the Executive Director was received. Greg spoke of the Adventure Fort construction and a group of men who had begun coming to the camp to work many years ago. That tradition has been carried on by their sons and now, their grandsons. This Legacy Fort not only serves current campers in fulfillment of the Faith

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for the Future campaign, but serves as a reminder of the multi-generational faithful “hands-on” commitment of many to Pine Springs Camp.

MSP to receive and file the reports from the Stated Clerk, Treasurer, Executive Director, and Executive Presbyter.

SUBCOMMITTEES/NETWORKS/TASK FORCES

Staff Support

- Annual personnel reviews of the Executive Presbytery and Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper will be completed on May 2, 2018.

Communications

- No report

Missions

- A report was given on the mission trip currently being conducted in Fayetteville, NC.
- An update on the plans for the mission cabin at PSC on Sudan/South Sudan was provided.

Budget and Finance

- Reviewed the previous meeting, including the Income and Expense reports and plans for the 2019 budgeting process.
- Summarized the meeting with our Ameriprise advisor and the performance of our portfolio invested with them according to our investment policy. Requested the Council to invest the funds obtained through the sale of the Windber property with Ameriprise based upon his recommendations divided between a bond fund and equities fund. It was MSP to invest the total amount of the sale (110,000) adding to our portfolio managed through Ameriprise.

Addictions Ministry

- Summary of the success of the “HOPE in a BAG” collections at the March gathering and the additional items stored in the Presbytery office.
- A report was given on the success of the workshop and panel offered at the Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church on opioid addiction.

Presbyterian Women

- A written report was received.

March Presbytery Meeting

- The Next Presbytery meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2018 at Latrobe Presbyterian Church, Latrobe, PA. The proposed agenda and schedule was presented for review by the Council. It includes the request from Vandergrift for dismissal, examinations for candidates for West Hempfield and Rehoboth and retirements for Hickock and Stobaugh. It was **MSP** to adopt the agenda as presented.

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COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT

Jim Farrer was invited to speak about the upcoming Wee Kirk Conference.

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

Action Items

- Rachael Zenobi, PNC Chair spoke of the work of their committee, and that they were impressed by the academic background and pastoral personality of Donald Glunt. Elder Sally Nichols, Clerk of Session stated that a duly called congregational meeting was held May 13 to hear the report of the PNC and voted 50 to 0 to call the Rev. Donald Glunt as their pastor. After examination and approval of the call and its terms of the Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, it was **MSP** to approve the Rev. Donald Glunt as the Called Pastor and the published terms of call.
- Karen Kifer, Clerk of Session, reported that Andrew Wirt preached on Sunday, May 13 – and a duly called congregational meeting following the service was held and the vote was 107-1 to call him as their pastor. Jen MacIntosh reported on the work of the PNC at West Hempfield Church. They chose Rev. Andrew G. Wirt. After examination and approval of the call and its terms of the West Hempfield Presbyterian Church, it was **MSP** to approve the Rev. Andrew Wirt as the Called Pastor and the published terms of call.

Moderator Joshua Scully and Executive Presbyter Skip Noftzger conducted a yoking ceremony for Revs. Donald Glunt and Andrew Wirt.

- It was **MSP** that the Rev. Joey Hickock to be designated to Honorably Retired status effective June 30, 2018.
- It was **MSP** for the Rev. James Stobaugh to be designated to Honorably Retired status effective June 30, 2018.

Moderator Joshua Scully conducted a service of retirement for Revs. Joey Hickock and James Stobaugh.

Information Items

Report of the Stated Clerk

The Rev. Martin Ankrum gave an update to the committee on the following matters:

1. Correspondence Log related to COM
2. Statistics Report – 2017
3. Minutes Review dates
 - i. May 15 – Latrobe (5:00)
 - ii. May 21 – Uniontown, Trinity (6:00)
 - iii. 32 Churches have completed their Minutes Review
4. **MSP** to table the request from Little Redstone for an Emma Johnston grant (proposal included) and to authorize Rev. Katy Brungraber to explore issues.

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5. Member at Large/Validated ministry forms – waiting on Lori Bass-Riley; Becky Maiman; Susan Blank; Peter Keith; Colin Yuckman; Meredith Yuckman
6. **MSP:** To grant request from Rev. Joey Hickok to be moved to Honorably Retired effective June 30, 2018. Action and honoring will take place at the May meeting of the Presbytery.

Moderator Report

Welcome new member John Ivey of Third Presbyterian Church in Uniontown

Reports of Sub-Committees

Search and Call – Chuck MacPherson gave the following updates:

1. Transition Chart included in packet was discussed.
2. Neutral pulpits scheduled
 - a. Rehoboth – April 15, 2018
 - b. West Hempfield – April 15, 2018
 - c. Third – April 22, 2018; May 6, 2018

Examinations – reported by Cliff Foster

1. Received statement of faith and met with a potential candidate for West Hempfield Presbyterian Church, Irwin on March 19, 2018.
2. Meeting with potential candidate for Rehoboth Presbyterian Church on April 13, 2018.
3. Will meet with a potential candidate for Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown on April 23, 2018.

AP/CRE subcommittee (COM/CPM)

Recruiting new students for enrollment in the CP preparation program (beginning in the fall). See Chuck MacPherson or Skip Noftzger to suggest possible candidates.

Executive Presbyter's Report

1. Windber “Closing” Service – Whalley Chapel, University of Pittsburgh Johnstown; 2:00 p.m.
2. Michael Gerhling, 1001 Worshiping Communities Workshop, May 15, 2018; 2:00-5:00 p.m.

District Congregations and Congregational Leader Relationships

1. Liaison responsibilities presentation
2. Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders
 - a. We broke into small committee groups for each area and shared updates, Concerns and prayer requests.

Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders – Michael Sheppard Chair requested:

1. Cards to be signed and sent to the following Teaching Elders and Commissioned Ruling Elders:

Laura Blank, Susan Blank, Katy Brungraber, Cliff Buell, Bruce Cadenhead
Cynthia Cadenhead, Robert Cahn, Derek Campbell, Sylvia Carlson, Terry Carnahan

Please include them in your prayers throughout this month

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2. Cards signed and sent for the following Churches:

Pleasant View Presbyterian Church, Smock - Level Green Presbyterian Church, Trafford; Tent Presbyterian Church, Uniontown - Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown; Trinity Presbyterian Church, Uniontown - East Liberty Presbyterian Church, Vanderbilt; Vandergrift Presbyterian Church, Sewickley Presbyterian Church, West Newton; Sewickley United Presbyterian Church, West Newton, United Presbyterian Church, West Newton.

Please use this list to remember the Churches above in prayer throughout the month.

Unfinished Business

- Michael Gerhling, of "1001 Worshiping Communities" and also involved in starting Upper Room, will be at our May 15 Presbytery meeting at 2:00 p.m. Also, there will be an opportunity to have Session Minutes reviewed at 5p.m.
- Each month, a number of the congregations and pastors are solicited for prayer requests and are lifted up in prayer by the Committee.

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY REPORT

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

Information Items

- The Committee was invited to propose names to the Nominating Committee to serve as ordination exam readers. There are openings for two Teaching Elders and Two Ruling Elders. After some discussion, it was MSP to approve the nominations of Ray Edelman (RE), Lynn Mance (RE), Geoff Rach (TE) and Tony Catullo (TE).
- The updated roster for all inquirers and candidates was provided by the Executive Presbyter to the committee. Discussion about the need to follow up with particular inquirers and candidates occurred.

The checklist of requirements of all inquirers and candidates was provided by the Executive Presbyter. Having reviewed both the roster and the checklist, it was MSP to receive both reports without change.

- Rick Watson joined the committee for an update on his status. In sharing concerns about his mother's health, the Committee paused to pray for her and Rick. Rick's coursework continues to be "on track" with an anticipated graduation date of May 2019. Additionally, he has completed the Bible Content and Polity exams. He was scheduled for the Worship and Sacraments exam, but his participation in that exam had to be postponed. Consequently, he intends to take the exams in the following order: Theology (July), Worship and Sacraments (October) and Exegesis (January).

Rick spoke in detail about his CPE experience at Highlands Hospital through the Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute. At that location, he has been able to serve both in Med-Surg. and

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Behavioral Health units. Rick will be proposing a videoconferencing initiative through Highlands Hospital with those who have transportation issues as a “new initiative” for his second SPM experience for the seminary. Additionally, the Committee discussed options for the third SPM in a congregational setting.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Action Items

- It was **MSP** to elect the Rev. Laura Blank as Vice Moderator of the Presbytery of Redstone effective immediately (2018-replacement).
- It was **MSP** to elect the following people for the respective positions for a three-year term effective September 1, 2018.
 - Stated Clerk – Rev. Skip Noftzger
 - Associate Stated Clerk for Constitutional/Judicial – Rev. Cliff Foster
 - Recording Clerk – Rev. Cliff Foster
- It was **MSP** to elect the following people to serve as ordination exam readers.
 - Rev. Tony Catullo
 - Rev. Geoff Rach
 - Elder Lynn Mance
 - Elder Ray Edelman
- It was **MSP** to elect Karen Gray to serve on the Board of the Presbyterian Scholarship Fund as Redstone Presbytery’s representative.

Information Items

- The Nominating Committee continues to both elicit possible ruling elders for unexpired terms for a couple standing committees and to contact possible candidates for such positions.
- The Nominating Committee reviewed the process within the Manual for recruitment and election of commissioners to the next General Assembly (2018). After the May meeting and during the summer months, possible eligible churches and teaching elders will be contacted regarding their interest and willingness to serve as a commissioner.
- The Nominating Committee reviewed the process and timetable necessary in order to nominate a Young Adult Advisory Delegate. An application process was to be developed along with a letter soliciting nominations from each of the sessions within the Presbytery.

REPORTS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONS AND PRESBYTERY TEAMS

VANDERGRIFT DISCERNMENT TEAM REPORT:

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Since the last Presbytery meeting, members of the Discernment team met with the congregation of the Vandergrift Presbyterian Church to consider their possible request for dismissal. Based upon agreement between the session and the team, protocols for the meeting were followed including; voice for team members, written ballot with a properly worded motion as a request of the presbytery, and tellers with team observers. The results of the vote were 78 in favor of making the request and 3 opposed. Consequently, the team presents its report, the request for dismissal and the conditions which were agreed upon. (Appendix D).

WINDBER ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION REPORT:

Since the last Presbytery meeting, final matters related to the closing of the Windber congregation are in process. A closing service, including former pastors, was held on April 8, 2018 in the Whalley Chapel of the University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown. Hymnals and other materials have been distributed to other congregations and ministries upon request. Any accounts payable are still being closed out and final review of the books will take place in May. Upon review, any remaining bank accounts will be closed, and assets directed to the Presbytery. Members have been contacted and are being encouraged about transferring membership. Many have already begun participating in other nearby congregations.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Associate Stated Clerk, Rev. Cliff Foster gave the attendance report. He reported that there were 35 Teaching Elders and 4 Commissioned Ruling Elders, 34 Ruling Elders, 3 by Virtue of Office, 3 Corresponding Members, and 25 visitors for a total of 104. There were 40 churches represented. There also were 29 congregations without representation.

AJOURNMENT

It was MSP to adjourn with prayer at 8:51 p.m.

BENEDICTION

Moderator Joshua Scully offered the benediction prayer.

The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone will take place on Tuesday, September 18, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Greensburg Campus of Redstone Highlands.

Joshua Scully, Moderator

Sylvia Carlson, Recording Clerk

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