

## Presbytery of Redstone September 18, 2018

### CALL TO ORDER

The ecclesiastical and corporate meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone was convened at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at the Greensburg Campus of Redstone Highlands, and opened with prayer by Joshua Scully, Moderator. The Moderator announced that items of new business must be presented to the clerk before the close of worship this evening.

### 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	
	Cliff Buell, HR	
	Sylvia Carlson, HR	
	Lisa Dormire, MAL	
	James Farrer, HR	
	Jane Johnson, MAL	
	Jay Lewis, HR	
	Charles MacPherson, HR	
	Skip Noftzger, EP	
	Michael Shepard, HR	
	Rebecca Siddle, MAL	
Adah, Palmer Community		
Apollo, Poke Run		
Avonmore, First	Larry Armstrong, CP	
Belle Vernon, First	Suzanne Currie	Bobbi Jo Huebner
Belle Vernon, Harmony		
Belle Vernon, Marion		
Belle Vernon, Rehoboth	Donald Glunt	Ed Moore
Bolivar, United	James Sunseri, CRE	
Boswell, Covenant		
Brownsville, Calvin	Aleda Menchyk, SS	
Brownsville, Ft. Burd	Katy Yates Brungraber	
Brownsville, Hopewell		
Colver		
Cresson		
Dawson, Tyrone		
Delmont	Caroline Vickery	Lynn Mance
Derry		
Dunbar, First		
Dunbar, Laurel Hill		
Ebensburg, First		
Fairchance		
Farmington, Mt. Washington		
Fayette City, First		
Fayette City, L Redstone		James Anderson

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Greensburg, First	Martin Ankrum Nicole Atkinson, AP	Nancy Wallam Sue Gaetaue
Greensburg, Maplewood	Steve LaSor	Robert Bereit
Greensburg, Westminster	Donna Havrisko	Jeannie Shaffer
Irwin, First	Ronald Wakeman Ronald Durika, AP	Martha Pattullo Ray Edelman Lester Hart
Irwin, West Hempfield		
Jeannette	William King, IP	Nancy Peters
Johnstown, Bethany		
Johnstown, First	Alice Tondora	Sheila Farrer
Johnstown, Second		
Johnstown, Westmont	Rene Whitaker, IP	Bernice Adams
Lake Lynn, Springhill Furnace		
Latrobe		Susannah Calvo Nancy Auman
Latrobe, United		
Leisenring		
Ligonier, Pleasant Grove		
Lower Burrell, Grace	Ken Foust	
Lower Burrell, Puckety	Doug Marshall, IP	Debra Artman Chuck West
Masontown		
McClellandtown	Lee McDermott	
Merrittstown, Dunlap's Creek		
Mt. Pleasant, Reunion	Sue Washburn, CP	Jeanette Lindsay
Murrysville, First	Edward Gray	
Murrysville, Newlonsburg	Curtis Paul Marnie Silbert, AP	John Daller Rich Smith
Murrysville, Union	Derek Campbell	
New Alexandria, Community		Marsha Stallings
New Alexandria, Congruity	Cliff Foster	Tim D'Aurora
New Florence, Bethel	James Sunseri, CRE	Carol Faytol
New Florence, Trinity	Anthony Catullo, IP	
New Kensington, United		
New Salem		Doris Gavala
North Huntingdon, New Hope		
Patton		
Revloc		
Scottdale, Calvin		
Smithfield, Grace Chapel	Lee McDermott	
Smock, Pleasant View	Laura Blank	Amy Phillips
Trafford, Level Green		Cheryl Rhea Elizabeth Bopp
Uniontown, Tent		

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Uniontown, Third		
Uniontown, Trinity		
Vanderbilt, E. Liberty		
West Newton, Sewickley		
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:** Jack Battenhouse, Presbytery Council; Gerald Cumer, Assistant Treasurer; Josh Scully, Moderator

**Visitors:** Greg Davis, Pine Springs Camp; Michael Hurley, Pine Springs Camp; Bobbie Martin, Presbytery Staff; Barry Poglein, New Florence, Bethel; Ayana Teter, Board of Pensions;

**Teaching Elders Excused:** Bash; Cahn; Carnahan; Close; Degitz; Hepler; Hess; Hickok; Holben; Jalso; Keith; Kerr; Keys; Klein; Lighthall; Lloyd; Macaleer; Maison; Maxwell; McClure; Michael; Morrow; Murray; Pressler; Rach; Sharp, J.; Sharp, W.; Stevens; Stobaugh; Sweeney; Upton; VanWyk; Yuckman, C; Yuckman, M.; Bass-Riley

**Teaching Elders Absent:** Bass-Riley; Cadenhead, B.; Cadenhead, C.; Eliason; Gear; Goetschius; Glunt, M.; Graff; Maiman; Manon; McCabe; Russell; Simpson; Wirt

**Commissioned Ruling Elders Excused:**

**Commissioned Ruling Elders Absent:** Glison; Hart; McElroy; Morgan; O'Hara; Prinkey; Toderro; Watson; Wiegand

### **ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET**

The Docket as printed in the Packet was adopted **by consent**.

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

The Associate Stated Clerk, Rev. Cliff Foster, moved that Rev. Ayana Teter of Pittsburgh Presbytery be seated as Corresponding Members of Redstone Presbytery for this meeting. It was also moved that Julie Lovis, of Westmoreland Drug & Alcohol Commission be given privilege of the floor. This was acknowledged and approved by **consent**.

First time Elders were introduced to the Presbytery: Elder \_\_\_\_\_ from Latrobe Presbyterian Church and Elder \_\_\_\_\_ from Westminster Church, Greensburg.

### **STATED CLERK'S REPORT**

**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.
2. The Associated Stated Clerk reported to the Presbytery that an offense has been alleged and that an Investigating Committee is being formed.

### CONSENT AGENDA

The Associate Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, Rev. Cliff Foster, presented the Consent Agenda. It was **MSP** to approve the Consent Agenda with the Executive Committee with Item 1 to be amended to include the following sentence: "It is also recommended that the minutes of the Special Presbytery meeting of July 5, 2018 be approved.

### 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 15, 2018 be approved. *"It is also recommended that the minutes of the Special Presbytery meeting of July 5, 2018 be approved."*

### From the Council

1. Council **recommends** that the Financial Report 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 2019 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.)*

### From the Committee on Ministry

1. Committee on Ministry **recommends** that the Record of the Review of Session Minutes and Church Registers for 2017 be received and filed.

### From the Committee on Preparation for Ministry

### From the Nominating Committee

### From the Committee on Representation

### REPORT FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONERS

GA Commissioner, Rich Smith of Newlonsburg, Murrysville gave a report of his experience at the 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly held in St. Louis. Rich was assigned to the Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee. Rich thanked the Presbytery for electing him as a Commissioner.

GA Commissioner, Rev. Sue Washburn reported that this was her third time as a GA Commissioner: one as a reporter, one as the editor of Presbyterians Today, and one as a Commissioner. Sue informed the Presbytery that she submitted a Commissioner's Resolution

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to the General Assembly. The Commissioner's Resolution was written by the Addictions Network of our Presbytery. Sue shared the content of the Commissioner's Resolution with the Presbytery. One of the things in the Resolution is encourage congregations to get involved in the opioid epidemic by having "drug take back" programs.

Julie Lovis of the Westmoreland Drug and Alcohol Commission spoke to the Presbytery about steps our congregations can be involved in with the opioid epidemic sponsoring a drug take back programs. Julie showed the Presbytery a drug deactivation kit. Julie then answered questions from the Presbytery.

The Presbytery received a written report from GA Commissioner, Rev. Wendy Keys.

### **WORSHIP**

The Presbytery worshipped under the leadership of Rev. Lisa Dormire and the Redstone Highlands Pastoral Care team. Worship included the Sacrament of Communion with Rev. Becca Siddle presiding. Worship also included the installation of Vice-Moderator Rev. Laura Blank.

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

Rev. Richard "Skip" Noftzger, Executive Presbyter, provided a written report which was distributed within the packet. Due to length of docket, Skip simply called attention to his report.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer, John Dickson presented the treasurer's report. He pointed out that the Presbytery is doing well the last couple of months. The Presbytery's investments continue to grow.

### **PINE SPRINGS CAMP REPORT**

Greg Davis, Executive Director, turned his report over to Mike Hurley who gave an update of Pine Springs Camp. 944 campers were at camp this summer (the most campers since 2004), 122 day campers, and 32 Mission X campers for a total of 1,097 campers. Mike shared some items written in the evaluations from the campers this summer. Mike highlighted the upcoming retreats at the camp. The camp goes year round. November 18 will be the annual Friends Banquet.

### **MISSION COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL**

Rev. Sylvia Carlson, Chairperson of the Mission Committee, provided a written report that was included in the packet. She noted that the overture presented by Shenago Presbytery at the 223<sup>rd</sup> GA, and concurred by Redstone and Pittsburgh Presbyteries, was passed by General Assembly which gives guidance to the Presbyterian Staff at the United Nations and in Washington, DC related to South Sudan.

### **REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF PENSIONS**

Rev. Ayana Teter reported that she was the new Church Associate for the Board of Pensions and she works with Doug Portz. Ayana shared with the Presbytery some good news from Board of Pensions: The Pension plan is funded 133%. There was a 3.9% experience

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apportionment. For the first time in a long time there was an increase of those enrolled in the plan. There is a new choice for those in this area – with all that is going on between UPMC and AHN for 27 counties in Western PA - there is an Aetna plan in addition to a Blue Cross plan. The Board has approved a high deductible plan to foster our Presbyterian values. There is a vision eye care hardware supplement available as a supplement to the Pension Plan. Ayana highlighted several pilot programs that the Board of Pensions is beginning in 2019.

### **REPORT FROM THE HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM**

Rev. James Farrer reported that the Healing Prayer Ministry team meets the first Thursday of each month at the Presbytery Office and drew attention to the schedule of upcoming events of the Healing and Prayer Ministry Team. Rev. James Farrer offered prayer for Rev. Sue Washburn who has recently been diagnosed with cancer. Rev. Donna Havrisko anointed Sue with oil and prayed with and for her.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS “LOOP”**

The Presbytery viewed the Announcements “loop” of various upcoming events and happenings in the churches of our Presbytery.

### **ACTION AGENDA**

Vice-Moderator Laura Blank moderated this portion of the meeting.

### **Council**

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

#### **Action Items**

- The Council notes the first reading of the 2019 budget (consent) and offers the narrative section noting the increasing in GA per capita contributing to the necessary increases.
- The Council, acting as Trustees, have considered and received the financial review completed by an outside firm. The full financial review is available upon request.
- The Council is also putting together an Advent Devotional for this upcoming Advent Seasons. Rev. Sue Washburn asked anyone willing to write an entry to see her.
- The Council and Staff Support committee offered special recognition to the Rev. Sylvia Carlson for her many years in various Clerk duties for the Presbytery.

#### **Information Items**

### **Financial Review**

Ms. Barb Terek from the firm of Horner, Wible, and Terek presented the written financial review of the Presbytery of Redstone for 2017. While “walking” the Council through the various elements of the review pointing out available assets, budgeted income and expenses, and the use of board-designated funds, she responded to various questions. Upon completion of her report, it was **MSP** to receive the Financial Review as presented.

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### REPORTS

#### Moderator

- The Moderator announced that, since the last meeting, that consent approval was given for the request of the Dunlap's Creek Presbyterian Church for the sale of a small parcel of the land adjacent to their parking lot.
- The Moderator announced that, since the last meeting, that consent approval was given for the request of the Addictions ministry network to present about "drug give back" opportunities at the May Presbytery meeting.

#### Stated Clerk

- The Stated Clerk reviewed the upcoming Council meeting dates.

October 23, 2018

November 27, 2018

- The Stated Clerk reported the following unresolved concerns.
  - Ongoing efforts by Rev. Noftzger, Rev. McDermott and our attorney to resolve the need to document the removal of the reversionary clause language in the deed for the West Leisenring property.
  - A final financial review of the "books" for the Windber congregation was completed and found in order. All matters regarding the dissolution of the Windber congregation have been completed with the exception of membership transfers.
- The Stated Clerk noted for the Council that there were 4 sessions remaining that needed to have had their minutes and church register reviewed. These churches have been contacted by their COM liaison to complete the task.
- Requests to host the 2019 meetings have been received from the following:
  - March 26, 2019 – First Presbyterian Church, Irwin
  - September 24, 2019 – Pine Springs Camp

MSP to approve both of these requests.

Noting that we had a joint presbytery meeting with Washington Presbytery in September 2017 at Pine Springs Camp, Rev. Noftzger inquired whether there was interest by the Council in inviting them for September 2019.

With enthusiastic support, MSP to approve inviting Washington Presbytery to join us in a combined meeting on September 24, 2019.

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- The Stated Clerk reported the following on property issues.
  - Ongoing efforts by our attorney to work with the other attorney and the title company concerning removal of the reversionary clause language.
  - The “books” for the Windber congregation should now be closed. Belinda Lambie, a member of the Administrative Commission will conduct financial review and then provide the documentation to the Presbytery.
  - A request for revision of the previous request (which had been approved) by the Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Uniontown. Previously, it was given permission to tear down the adjacent house. This request includes that but leases the property in the parking lot across the street to a bank who will permit weekend parking, will tear down the adjacent house and landscape “green” space and will knock down the building across the other street and will pave for parking and give to the church, along with \$70000. It was **MSP** to approve this new lease, landscaping and property acquisition project.
- The Stated Clerk noted for the Council that 54 sessions have had their minutes and church register reviewed. The remaining churches will be contacted by their COM liaison to complete the task.
- Requests to host the 2019 meetings have been received from the following:
  - January 26, 2019, New Hope Presbyterian Church, North Huntingdon
  - May 21, 2019, First Presbyterian Church, Murrysville
  - November 23, 2019, Pleasant View Presbyterian Church, Smock
  - Still need requests for March 26, 2019 and September 24, 2019.
- The Stated Clerk announced that he anticipated needing a special meeting of the Presbytery on July 5 (normal COM meeting time) for the examination of a candidate and approval of the call for Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown. He encouraged Council members to plan on being in attendance.

#### **Executive Presbyter**

- Skip Noftzger, Executive Presbyter, requested approval of vacation days for September 20 and 23. **MSP** to approve this request.
- The Executive Presbyter noted that there had been three installation services since our last meeting. Each service signifies the completion of a process (sometimes long) for a congregation and the hopes of new ministry. It also represents new people entering our Presbytery offering different gifts and perspectives.

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- A copy of a list of General Assembly (2018) actions that might have an impact upon the life and ministry of mid-councils was distributed. Council members were encouraged to read through and consider whether there are issues, policies or practices that we should address.
- Rev. Noftzger noted that in the early summer months that the Union, Murrysville church had been flooded as the result of heavy rains. As they move forward with restoration of the ground floor, he was pleased to report that he had been successful in receiving grants from PDA (\$5000) and the Synod of the Trinity (\$2000) for assistance in this effort by the church.
- Council members were encouraged to consider ruling elders that they might know from their congregation and others as recommendations for the Nominating Committee. It is important that we continue to consider ways of involving new leadership rather than relying upon the same people.
- Rev. Noftzger noted that there has been increased discussion among presbyteries in the western side of the Commonwealth about ways to collaborate, partner or share. While some of these discussions have been more conceptual, he suggested that it might be appropriate to have a smaller task force who would be willing to meet with a like-minded group from Washington to consider areas of collaboration and shared opportunity. Consequently, he requested any members of Council who might like to participate to let him know.
- Skip Noftzger, Executive Presbyter, summarized the changed in campus ministry funding that originated with the Synod whereby presbyteries would be engaged with campus ministries in their region. Historically, the campus ministry at Penn State Fayette (Fayette Campus Ministry Council) has received funding. He submitted a copy of the application for this next academic year and requested any Council members who might like to serve within a network addressing campus ministry to let him know. It was MSP to approve the grant application and submit to the Synod.
- The Executive Presbyter noted that the Stated Clerk (PCUSA) is holding some open forums on the proposed per capita increase. There will be one in Zelienople on June 2 (The EP/SC is not available to go that day), so let him know if you want information on attending.
- On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, the Executive Presbyter presented a recommendation to use \$1890 from the Emma Johnston funds and award a grant to the Little Redstone, Fayette City congregation for renovations in their community ministry room.

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- The Executive Presbyter noted a meeting of leadership teams from the presbyteries in the western side of the state. Moderator Sue Washburn offered some reflections upon the day.

### Treasurer

- A written Treasurer's report for the first seven months of the new fiscal year. Contributions made great progress in the month of July and as a result are close to anticipated schedule. Additional monthly expenses were noted for July and continue to be monitored closely.
- A written Treasurer's report for the first four months of the new fiscal year. Contributions made great progress in the month of April and are ahead of schedule. Additional monthly expenses were noted for April and continue to be monitored.

### Executive Director of Pine Springs Camp

- A written report from the Executive Director was received. In Greg's absence, the Executive Presbyter noted the continued progress in summer camper numbers, the upcoming fall retreats and the November 18 "Friends Dinner" (Sunset Room, Elizabeth, PA)
- A written report from the Executive Director was received. A request was made to authorize administration of the Lord's Supper during counselor training and the end of the summer staff celebration by a Minister member of Redstone or Washington presbyteries. **MSP** to approve this request.

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

### SUBCOMMITTEES/NETWORKS/TASK FORCES

#### Staff Support

- Reported that the Committee had reviewed and approved the 2019 Holiday schedule.
- Recommended the approval of an eight-week sabbatical for the Executive Presbyter during the months of June and July in 2019 (June 7-August 7). Rev. Silbert offered explanations about the original proposals and the choice that was made to be recommended. Suggested appropriate plans for coverage of responsibilities was noted. Rev. Noftzger left the room for the discussion of the proposal.  
**MSP** to approve Sabbatical for 2019 with inclusion of the expectation that at least two weeks would be for just rest and relaxation.

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- Annual personnel reviews of the Executive Presbytery and Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper were completed on May 2, 2018 and summary reports filed by Marnie, Silbert, chair, were made available to the Council.

### Communications

- No report was received.

### Missions

- A written report was received. Items highlighted included reflections on the Sudan/South Sudan Partnership Network meeting (10 Redstone people attended), the proposed dates for the visitors from the South Sudan in Redstone (October 20-23) and upcoming mission trips in September and October.
- A written report was received concerning the recent mission trip and an update on the plans for the mission cabin at PSC on Sudan/South Sudan was provided.

### Budget and Finance

- The recommended budget proposal for 2019 was provided in the packet. John Dickson, Treasurer, reviewed the work of the committee in considering various budget options. Particular proposed increases came from Staff Support in the form of compensation, insurance premiums and the General Assembly per capita approved at the most recent meeting. After some discussion, MSP to approve the 2019 budget as presented for a first reading (September Presbytery) and second reading and vote (November Presbytery) meeting.
- Noted that the budget for 2019 would be prepared during the summer months so it was important if there are particular budget requests that they be submitted to the committee through the Presbytery office.

### Addictions Ministry

- Rev. McDermott emphasized the role of Redstone members in preparing and advocating for the GA Commissioners' resolution on the need and encouragement of churches to addresses issues and implications of addictions in their ministry. Copies of the most recent Presbyterian Outlook article were distributed. The article features many quotes (McDermott, Washburn) and the perspectives of the work of the Redstone addictions ministry network.
- Alice Tondora presented the plans for the "drug give back" program to operate within the Presbytery.

Reports of the various subcommittees, networks and task forces were received by consent.

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### SEPTEMBER PRESBYTERY AGENDA

- The proposed agenda for the September 2018 Presbytery of Redstone gathering was submitted. After consideration, it was MSP to insert a report on the Addictions ministry network “drug take back” program. Then, MSP to approve the agenda as amended.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Rev. Sue Washburn requested that the Council consider funding the subscription and use of Mission Insite within our Presbytery. She asked for volunteers to review the costs and possible uses for future action.

### Committee on Ministry

Rev. Martin Ankrum called Rev. Jim Farrer forward to talk about the upcoming Wee Kirk Conference at Laurelville Church Center in Mt. Pleasant on October 8-10, 2018. Rev. Martin Ankrum presented the following report and action items for the Committee on Ministry:

#### Action Items

- It was MSP to approve the required 2019 minimum terms of call for installed pastors as proposed.
- It was MSP that the Presbytery recommend to its congregation a 3% raise in the effective salary for their experienced and continuing pastoral leadership of 5 years of service or more. Rev. Ankrum answered questions raised from the Presbytery.
- Elder Joshua Scully reassumed moderating the meeting. Moderator Scully and Rev. Skip Noftzger led the Presbytery in a service of investiture for Rev. Ronald Johnson, Rev. Rene Whitaker and Rev. Jane Johnson. Rev. Martin Ankrum offered a prayer for Revs. Johnson, , and Whitaker as they answer the calls to the Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown; Westmont Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, and an at-large member respectively.

#### Information Items

### Report of the Stated Clerk

1. Correspondence Log related to COM
2. List of remaining churches who have not had their minutes/registers reviewed.
3. Request from Rev. Cynthia Cadenhead to be granted Honorably Retired status effective January 1, 2019. It was MSP to grant the request.
4. MSP to grant request for dismissal for the Rev. Peggy Shannon to Washington Presbytery (when the way be clear). She has received a call to Chartier Hill Presbyterian Church, Washington Presbytery.
5. List of remaining churches who need to have minutes/register reviewed and their liaisons. Distribution of forms.
6. Call for a special meeting of the Presbytery on July 5; 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of examining the candidate and approving the call from the Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown and possibly Westmont or New Hope. *Will need 8 RE and 8 TE.*
7. MSP to grant request for Rev. Rick Sweeney (HR) to labor outside the bounds in Kiski Presbytery.

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8. **MSP** to grant request for dismissal by Rev. Craig Miller to Carlisle Presbytery.
9. **MSP** to grant request for dismissal by Rev. Neal Galley to Rivers of Life Presbytery of A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians.

### Moderator Report

- **MSP** to recommend to the Presbytery an increase in the minimum terms of call of 2% in effective salary with accompanying pensions and social security offset adjustments and to increase the study leave to \$1000.
- Martin Appointed Laura Blank to be moderator @ First Masontown.
- Moderator appointments
  - Westmont---Rev. Martin Ankrum
  - Tyrone---Rev. Chuck MacPherson
  - Lake Lynn---Rev. Skip Noftzger

### Search and Call

Chart of Churches in Transition distributed for updates.

- **MSP** to approve the submission and posting of the MIF from the Pastor Nominating Committee of the First Presbyterian Church, Jeannette.
- **MSP** to approve the revision in the MIF submitted by the Pastor Nominating Committee of the New Hope Presbyterian Church changing the position from Designated to Solo Pastor.
- **MSP** to approve the validated ministry of Rev. Sue Washburn in a contracted relationship with the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Mt. Pleasant (while continuing in ministry at Reunion, Mt. Pleasant).
- **MSP**: Approve the installation commission for the Rev. Ron Johnson at Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown on August 26, 2018. THIRD PRESBYTERIAN INSTALLATION COMMISSION
  - Joshua Scully(RE)---Moderator; Laurel Hill
  - Denise Engle (RE); Third, Uniontown
  - Rev. Katy Brungraber (TE); Ft. Burd, Brownsville
  - Rev. Aleda Menchyk (TE); Calvin, Brownsville
  - Doug Yauger (RE); Trinity, Uniontown
  - Rev. Skip Noftzger (TE); Executive Presbyter
- **MSP** to approve the WEST HEMPFIELD INSTALLATION COMMISSION
  - Joshua Scully (RE)---Moderator; Laurel Hill
  - Nancy Peters (RE); Jeannette
  - Rev. Jim Farrer (TE); Honorably Retired
  - Linda Simpson (RE); West Hempfield
  - Rev. Skip Noftzger (TE); Executive Presbyter
  - Corresponding members participating in the service
    - Beth Creekpaum (TE); Shenango Presbytery
    - John Creekpaum (TE); Shenango Presbytery
- **MSP** to approve the REHOBOTH INSTALLATION COMMISSION
  - Joshua Scully (RE)---Moderator; Laurel Hill
  - Rev. Laura Blank (TE); Smock, Pleasant View
  - Bobbi Jo Huebner (RE); First, Belle Vernon

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Sally Nicholls (RE); Rehoboth  
Rev. Tony Catullo (TE); Trinity, New Florence

### Examinations and Orientation

- Orientation with Revs. Wirt, Glunt, Whitaker and Johnson in process.
- Rev. Katy Brungraber has been assigned as mentor for Rev. Ron Johnson.
- Anticipate the examination of RE Joshua Scully upon completion of the practicums in the IPLF program.
- Orientation with Rev. Wirt and Rev. Glunt has begun. Mentors – Rev. Wirt (Ankrum), Rev. Glunt (L. Blank).
- Will examine Josh Scully for potential commissioning to Little Redstone upon anticipated completion of the practicums in the IPLF program.

### AP/CP subcommittee (COM/CPM)

- IPLF New Testament course for those in the preparation program begins in September.
- IPLF Workshops in Redstone (available to all) will take place on September 22. (Evangelism/Outreach-Rev. Ed Gray; Proclaiming the Word-Rev. Donna Havrisko)
- Recruiting new students for enrollment in the CP preparation program (beginning in the fall) ... See Chuck MacPherson or Skip Noftzger to suggest possible candidates (flyer). Current projections for fall, 2018---11-Kiski; 5-Redstone; 3-Washington; 1- UOV.

### District Congregations and Congregational Leader Relationships

- Each district reported brief updates from the summer and upcoming events from the congregations in their region. Prayer was lifted up for both a group of pastors and a group of congregations as well as cards signed to let them know they had been supported in prayer.
- The 14 of us present went around the room and shared the information we had, including successful Bible School Programs, preparing for the fall and requesting prayers for leadership and volunteers to help with Sunday School.
- Liaison responsibilities presentation  
Churches getting ready for Bible School and Capital Campaigns in Lower Burrell and Greensburg. Derry congregation is raising money for new furnace. Latrobe just had Presbytery Meeting. Challenges - and grief council - Union Presbyterian and Poke Run.
- Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders  
We broke into small committee groups for each area and shared updates, concerns and prayer requests.

### Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders - Michael Shepard Chair requested:

- Cards to be signed and sent to the following Teaching Elders and Commissioned Ruling Elders: James Hepler, Donna Hess, George "Joey" Hickok, Doug Holben, Alex Jalso, Peter Keith, Clark Kerr, Wendy Keys, William King, Richard Klein

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- Cards signed and sent for the following Churches: First Presbyterian Church, Fairchance, Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church, Farmington, First Presbyterian Church, Fayette City, Little Redstone Presbyterian Church, Fayette City, First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, Maplewood Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, First Presbyterian Church, Irwin, West Hempfield Presbyterian Church, Irwin, First Presbyterian Church, Jeannette
- Cards to be signed and sent to the following Teaching Elders and Commissioned Ruling Elders: James Farrer, Cliff Foster, Ken Foust, James Gear, Eric Glisan, Pete Goetschius, Don Graff, Ed Gray, Glenn Hart, Donna Havrisko
- Cards signed and sent for the following Churches: Ft. Burd Presbyterian Church, Brownsville; Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Brownsville; Colver Presbyterian Church; Cresson Presbyterian Church; Tyrone Presbyterian Church, Dawson; Delmont Presbyterian Church; Derry Presbyterian Church; First Presbyterian Church, Dunbar; Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church, Dunbar; First Presbyterian Church, Ebensburg

### New Business

- Skip will be teaching the Fall 2018 semester on “Introduction to the New Testament” through the IPLF program. Other workshops being offered by the IPLF through Redstone Presbytery are “Outreach and Evangelism” on September 22 from 9:00 a.m. to noon and “Proclaiming the Word” on September 22 from 1:00 to 4:00. These workshops are both being held at the Maplewood Presbyterian Church in Greensburg. Rev. Ed Gray will be the instructor the Outreach and Evangelism workshop and Rev. Donna Havrisko will be the instructor for the Proclaiming the Word workshop. Both of these workshops are being offered to anyone that wishes to attend. (complete list of all workshops below)

### Committee on Preparation for Ministry

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

#### Information Items

- Under the care of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, there are currently two persons:

#### **Candidate**

Rick Watson (Calvin, Scottdale) currently serves as a “Commissioned Pastor” for the Leisenring congregation. His anticipated graduation date from the Dubuque Theological Seminary is Spring, 2019. Rick has completed and passed the Bible Content Exam and the Polity Exam. He has also completed a CPE experience through the Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute.

#### **Inquirer**

Cynthia Bellina (Third, Uniontown) works full time and has been enrolled part time

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through Pittsburgh Theological Seminary until needing to take a leave for family matters. She will be enrolled this fall semester through the Dubuque Theological Seminary. She will be completing the pastor assessment through the Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute in the near future.

- At its September meeting, the committee met to review progress and next steps with Cynthia Bellina. As part of the regular care and oversight, the committee seeks to meet with each candidate two times per year for review of both their preparation and their calling.

Since the last meeting, exam readers participated in reviewing and grading the latest round of ordination examinations.

### **Nominations Committee**

Elder Barry Pogelin presented the following report and action items of the Nominating Committee:

#### **Action Items**

- The Nominating Committee places in nomination RE Chuck West, Puckety Presbyterian Church to serve as Vice Moderator, 2019. (This office will be elected at the November stated meeting, Manual 2.1201)
- The Nominating Committee nominates the following persons for the Offices/Classes indicated:

#### **PRESBYTERY COUNCIL:**

Lynn Mance (2) District I, Delmont (2021)  
Rev. Steve LaSor (2) District II, Maplewood (2021)  
Rev. Martin Ankrum (1) District II, Greensburg, First (2020)  
Rev. Donna Havrisko (2) District II, Greensburg, Westminster (2021)  
Rev. Ron Johnson (1) District III, Uniontown, Third (2021)

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

Rev. Pete Goetschius (1) District I, Poke Run (2021)  
Carol Faytol (2) District IV, New Florence, Bethel (2021)  
Rev. Chuck MacPherson (2) District II, Honorably Retired (2021)  
Connie Cauvel (2) District I, Poke Run (2021)

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

Rev. Tony Catullo (2) District III, Honorably Retired (2021)  
Ray Edelman (2) District II, Irwin, First (2021)  
Rev. Becca Siddle (2) District I, Redstone Highlands (2021)  
James Anderson (1) District III, Fayette City, Little Redstone (2019)

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### **PINE SPRINGS CAMP:**

**President** - Brian Misner (2) District IV, Johnstown, Westmont (2020)

Don Frey (2) District II, Jeannette, First (2021)

Bill Rissler (1) District I, Murrysville, Newlonsburg (2021)

### **COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION**

Wendy Keys (2021)

It was **MSP** to approve this slate since no other nominations were presented from the floor of Presbytery.

### **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 36 clergy and 1 Commissioned Ruling Elders, 26 elders (representing 19 congregations), 0 Christian Educators, 4 by virtue of office, 6 corresponding members and visitors for a total of 72. There also were 32 clergy excused, 9 clergy absent, 1 Commissioned Ruling Elder excused, 8 Commissioned Ruling Elders absent and 52 congregations without elder representation.

### **AJOURNMENT**

It was **MSP to adjourn the meeting** with prayer at 8:24p.m.

### **BENEDICTION**

Moderator Joshua Scully offered the benediction prayer.

*The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone will take place on Saturday, November 17, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church in Dunbar.*

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Joshua Scully, Moderator

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Cliff Foster, Recording Clerk