

Presbytery of Redstone January 25, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The ecclesiastical and corporate meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone was convened at 1:03 p.m. on Saturday, January 25, 2020, at the Maplewood Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, PA, with a gathering song. The meeting was opened with prayer by Laura Blank, 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>
	Lori Bass-Riley, MAL	
	Susan Blank, MAL	
	Sylvia Carlson, HR	
	Anthony Catullo, HR	
	Carole Isley Corey, HR	
	James Farrer, HR	
	Donald Graff, HR	
	Clark Kerr, HR	
	Jay Lewis, HR	
	Charles MacPherson, HR	
	Aleda Menchyk, HR	
	John Morrow, HR	
	Norma Prina Murphy, NRHR	
	Skip Noftzger, EP	
	John Simpson, HR	
Adah, Palmer Community		
Apollo, Poke Run	Pete Goetschius	Karen Goetschius
Avonmore, First		
Belle Vernon, First		Anne McCorkle
Belle Vernon, Harmony	Glenn Hart, CP	Henry Kopczak
Belle Vernon, Marion		
Belle Vernon, Rehoboth	Donald Glunt	Alla Boza
Bolivar, United	James Sunseri, CP	
Boswell, Covenant		
Brownsville, Calvin	Jane Johnson, CovP	
Brownsville, Ft. Burd	Jane Johnson, CovP	
Brownsville, Hopewell		
Colver	Owar Ojulu	Jared Lambie
Cresson		
Dawson, Tyrone		Terry Kupets
Delmont	Caroline Vickery	Gayle Wallbaum
Derry	Marnie Abraham Russell, CovP	
Dunbar, First		
Dunbar, Laurel Hill		

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Ebensburg, First		Judy Carl
Fairchance		
Farmington, Mt. Washington		
Fayette City, First		
Fayette City, L Redstone	Joshua Scully, CP	Lelah Sheppard
Greensburg, First	Martin Anrkum	Janet McNerny Judy Breon Nancy Wallace
Greensburg, Maplewood	Steve LaSor	Robert Bereit
Greensburg, Westminster	Donna Havrisko	
Irwin, First	Ronald Wakeman	Martha Pattullo Phyllis Neral Charlene Lauderbaugh Raymond Edelman
Irwin, West Hempfield	Andrew Wirt	
Jeannette		Lucille Bittner
Johnstown, Bethany		
Johnstown, First	Alice Tondora	Sheila Farrer
Johnstown, Second		
Johnstown, Westmont	Rene Whitaker, IP	Gary Lichtenfels Deb Lichtenfels Bernice Adams
Lake Lynn, Springhill	Molly Hall, CovP	Faye Menhart
Latrobe	Ronald Durika, IP	Wylie Overly
Latrobe, United		Scott Cole
Leisenring		
Ligonier, Pleasant Grove		
Lower Burrell, Grace	Kenneth Foust	
Lower Burrell, Puckety		Debra Artman Matt Wehrle
Masontown		
McClellandtown	Lee McDermott	
Merrittstown, Dunlap's Creek		
Mt. Pleasant, Reunion	Sue Washburn, CovP	
Murrysville, First	Edward Gray	Carolyn Krudwig
Murrysville, Newlonsburg	Marnie Silbert, AP	
Murrysville, Union		
New Alexandria, Community		
New Alexandria, Congruity	Cliff Foster	Terry Selembo
New Florence, Bethel	James Suneri, CP	
New Florence, Trinity		Janet Henderson
New Kensington, United		
New Salem		Doris Gavala
North Huntingdon, New Hope	Brenda Barnes	Helen Connors
Patton		

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Revloc	David O'Hara, CP	
Scottdale, Calvin	Leonard Morgan, CP	
Smithfield, Grace Chapel	Lee McDermott	
Smock, Pleasant View	Laura Blank	
Trafford, Level Green	Geoff Rach	Cheryl Rhea
Uniontown, Tent		
Uniontown, Third	Ronald Johnson	
Uniontown, Trinity	James Gear	Francis Squires
Vanderbilt, E. Liberty	David McElroy, CP	
West Newton, Sewickley		
West Newton, Sewickley U.	Glenn Hart, CP	
West Newton, United	John Manon	Clark Detman
Notation:	(*) = pastor other denomination (**) = pastor/CP serving more than one church (#) = pastor another presbytery	AP = Associate Pastor; CovP = Covenant Pastor; CP = Commissioned Pastor; HR = Honorably Retired; IP = Interim Pastor; MAL = Member at Large

By Virtue of Office: Jack Battenhouse, Presbytery Council; John Dickson, Treasurer; Bobbi Jo Huebner, Presbytery Council; Belinda Lambie, Vice-Moderator; Lynn Mance, Presbytery Council; Nancy Peters, Presbytery Council; Chuck West, Moderator

Corresponding Members: Liddy Barlow, Christian Associates of SW PA; Mary Kay Glunt, Washington Presbytery; Mary King, Kiski Presbytery

Visitors: Marge Buerger, Latrobe; Ron Buerger, Latrobe; Mary Beth Burkley, Belle Vernon, First; Debi Buza, Belle Vernon, Rehoboth; John Conger, Belle Vernon, First; Kay Conger, Belle Vernon, First; Greg Davis, Pine Springs Camp; Doris Graff, Latrobe, United; Mike Hurley, Pine Springs Camp; Bobbie Martin, Presbytery Staff; Karry McCorkle, Belle Vernon, First; mark Nagy, New Salem; Sedona O'Hara, Patton; Dorris Parker, Latrobe; John Parker, Latrobe; Kathy Rice, Belle Vernon, First; Jim Sheppard, Fayette City, Little Redstone; Dr. Harry Speedy, Latrobe; Janet (Pat) Speedy, Latrobe

Teaching Elders Excused: Armstrong; Bash; Buell; Cadenhead, B., Cadenhead, C.; Cahn; Carnahan; Chow; Currie; Degitz; Giesey; Hepler; Hess; Hickok; Holben; Jalso; Keith; Keys; Klein; Lighthall; Lloyd; Macaleer; Mason; Maxwell; McCabe; McClure; Michael; Morrow; Murray; Orr; Pressler; Sharp, J.; Sharp, W.; Shepard; Stevens; Stobaugh; Sweeney; Upton; Yuckman, C; Yuckman, M.; VanWyk

Teaching Elders Absent: Dormire; Maiman; Paul; Siddle

Commissioned Ruling Elders Excused: NONE

Commissioned Ruling Elders Absent: Marciano; Prinkey; Todero; Watson; Wiegand

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The Moderator called for the adoption of the Docket as printed in the Packet *by consent*. It was **MSP** to adopt the Docket.

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SEATING OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERS AND INTRODUCTION OF OTHER VISITORS

The Associate Stated Clerk, Rev. Cliff Foster, moved that Rev. Liddy Barlow, Penn West Conference (UCC), Executive Minister of Christian Associates of Southwest PA, the Rev. Mary Kay Glunt of Washington Presbytery and the Rev. Mary Marks King of Kiski Presbytery be seated as Corresponding Members. It was **MSP** to approve this motion. Rev. Cliff Foster moved that Elder Sharon Zunic of Belle Vernon, First be given the privilege of the floor. It was **MSP** to approve this motion. The Moderator, Laura Blank, 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. Steve LaSor shared greetings to the Presbytery from the Session and members of Maplewood Presbyterian Church. He also shared the arrangements for the meeting, pointing out where the restrooms are located.

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, 2019 were as follows:
 - a. Committees of Council
 1. Budget, Finance and Stewardship
 2. Communications
 3. Mission
 4. Staff Support
 5. Task Force on Collaboration with Washington Presbytery
 - b. Committees of the Committee on Ministry
 1. AP/CP 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. Networks
 1. Healing Prayer Ministry Network
 2. Voices for Justice
 3. Geographic Districts – I; II; III; IV
 4. Women Clergy
 5. PEPSI

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6. Presbyterian Women
7. 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 (Current)

2025 - Elsie Deem, Patti Baird, Linda Dickson
2023 - Rev. Clark Kerr, Rev. Marnie Russell, Rev. Curtis Paul
2021 - Glenn Hart, Rev. John Manon, Rev. Caroline Vickery

Permanent Judicial Commission (Terms expired within the last 6 years)

2019 - Jennifer Rega, Nancy Vernon
2017 - Rev. Marnie Silbert, Rev. 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

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 Chuck West - Moderator
Ruling Elder Belinda Lambie - Vice-Moderator
Ruling Elder Leonard Morgan - Presbytery Council
Ruling Elder Tim D'Aurora - Presbytery Council
Ruling Elder Jack Battenhouse - Presbytery Council
Ruling Elder Lynn Mance - Presbytery Council
Ruling Elder Bobbi Jo Huebner - Presbytery Council
Ruling Elder Nancy Peters - Presbytery Council
Ruling Elder Audrey Cottle - Presbytery Council

5. It was **MSP** that the following Commissioned Pastors (Ruling Elders Commissioned to Particular Pastoral Service) be recognized as members with voice and vote as long as they are serving in that capacity:

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 Lynn Mance, Presbytery-wide
Ruling Elder Robert Prinkey, Marion, Belle Vernon
Ruling Elder James Sunseri, Bethel, New Florence; United, Bolivar
Ruling Elder Joshua Scully, Little Redstone
Ruling Elder Denise Todero, Bethany, Johnstown
Ruling Elder Richard Watson, Leisenring
Ruling Elder William Wiegand, New Salem

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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 only as long as they are serving in that capacity.
7. The stated meetings for 2020 have been scheduled as follows:
January 25, 2020; 1:00 p.m.; Maplewood Presbyterian Church, Greensburg
March 24, 2020; 6:00 p.m.; Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown
May 19, 2020; 6:00 p.m.; First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown
September 22, 2020; 6:00 a.m.; Redstone Highlands, Greensburg
November 21, 2020; 9:00 a.m.; Pucketty Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell
8. The Stated Clerk provided the 2019 Necrology Report of Ruling and Teaching Elders.
9. Equalization

On December 31, 2018, there were 90 ministers of Word and Sacrament on the rolls of the Presbytery, 19 of whom were living outside of the bounds of the Presbytery. There were 68 churches entitled to be represented by 81 ruling elder commissioners. There were also 11 ruling elders commissioned to particular service and 7 ruling elders by virtue of office. On December 31, 2019, 87 ministers of Word and Sacrament were on the rolls of the Presbytery, 18 of whom were living outside the bounds of the Presbytery. There were 68 churches entitled to be represented by 81 ruling elder commissioners. There are also 11 ruling elders commissioned to particular service and 7 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 2019, minister of Word and Sacraments members and ruling elder members in attendance were very comparable with slightly with an average difference of less than one over the course of all five meetings. Of course, in any given meeting, the balance may have sided with one group or the other. 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.

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

Equalization Plan - Church List/# of commissioners

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

9. The dates for the 2020 Session Minutes Reviews are:

February 8, 2020 – Westmont, Johnstown (Enrichment Day)

March 24, 2020 – Third, Uniontown (Pre-Presbytery)

April 18, 2020 – Presbytery Center (Polity Workshop)

May 19, 2020 – First, Johnstown (Pre-Presbytery)

CONSENT AGENDA

The Stated Clerk for Constitutional and Judicial Matters of the Presbytery, Rev. Cliff Foster, presented and moved the following Consent Agenda. It was MSP to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda

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 23, 2019 be approved.

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From the Council

- Council **recommends** that the Financial and Treasurer's Reports presented to the Council and the Presbytery be received and filed for audit.
- Council **recommends** that the Executive Presbyter, Treasurer, Mission, Pine Springs Camp, and Synod commissioner reports presented to the Presbytery be received and filed.
- Council **recommends** approval and authorization of the continuation of all subcommittees, networks, and task forces functioning at the end of 2019 year as noted in the Stated Clerk's report.

From the Committee on Ministry

- The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request of the Marion Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon for a waiver of rotation for Ruling Elder Amanda McKendrick.
- The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request of the United Presbyterian Church of New Kensington for a waiver of rotation for Ruling Elder Donna McLaughlin.
- The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request of the Tent Presbyterian Church for a waiver of rotation for Ruling Elder Jeanne Langley.
- The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request of the First Presbyterian Church, Jeannette for a waiver of rotation for Ruling Elders Diane Joseph Carle and Mark Mennano.
- The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request of the First Presbyterian Church, Fayette City for a waiver of rotation for Ruling Elders Abigail Stark, Emily Stark and Mark Brown.
- The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request of the Harmony Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon for a waiver of rotation for Ruling Elder Mike Moskal.
- The Committee on Ministry **recommends** renewal of all "temporary" pastor agreements pending submission of the agreement and adequate compensation terms.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ruling Elder John A. Dickson, IV, Treasurer, presented the Financial Reports calling attention to the reports for 2019. He noted the report present covers November and December. John highlighted items contained in the written Treasurer's Report. Only twice in 2019, October and December, did the Church Commitments exceed the monthly budgeted expectations to the Presbytery. It was also noted that \$13,040 was transferred into the Income portion of the budget. The report was received by the Presbytery.

ACTION AGENDA

COUNCIL REPORT

Rev. Laura Blank presented the following report and action items from the Council:

Action Items

- The Council **recommends** interruption of the meeting for the purpose of convening the meeting of the corporation of the Presbytery of Redstone. The meeting of the Presbytery was interrupted for the meeting of the Corporation.

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Elder Josh Scully, President of the Corporation, called the Meeting of the Corporation to order and opened the meeting with prayer. He presented the followed slate of persons:

(Corporation Meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone, January 25, 2020)

Based upon the provisions of the Manual, the following slate of persons were nominated to serve as the Officers of the Corporation for 2020:

President - Rev. Laura Blank
Secretary - Rev. Skip Noftzger
Treasurer - Mr. John R. Dickson, IV
Assistant Treasurer - Mr. Gerald Cumer

It was **MSP** to the slate of Officers of the Corporation for 2020.

Elder Josh Scully made the following motion: In addition to the officers of the corporation, it is moved that the following person be added to those authorized to sign checks for the Corporation.

Bookkeeper – Ms. Bobbie Martin

It was **MSP** to approve this motion

It was **MSP** to close the Meeting of the Corporation. Elder Josh Scully closed the Meeting of the Corporation with prayer.

The Meeting of the Presbytery resumed with worship.

WORSHIP

The Presbytery joined in worship under the leadership of Rev. Laura Blank and Rev. Liddy Barlow who delivered the sermon. Worship included the celebration of the Lord's Supper with Rev. Steve LaSor presiding. Rich Anthony provided the music for the worship service.

COUNCIL REPORT (continued)

- Installation of Chuck West, Moderator and Belinda Lambie, Vice Moderator. Moderator Laura Blank led the installation service of Chuck West as Moderator and Belinda Lambie as Vice-Moderator. The symbols of office were presented to Moderator Chuck West.

Executive Presbyter Skip Noftzger presented Laura Blank with a token of appreciation for her service.

Moderator Chuck West assumed moderating the meeting.

- Reading and honoring those Elders who have joined the Church Triumphant from the Necrology report. Moderator Chuck West opened this time with prayer. Moderator Chuck West and Vice-Moderator Belinda Lambie read the names of those included in the Necrology report. Moderator Chuck West ended this time of remembrance with a prayer. This time was concluded with the verse 1 of "For All the Saints".

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- On behalf of the Council, Rev. Laura Blank **recommended** concurrence with OVT-020 on the “Laying on of Hands.” Rev. Donna Havrisko spoke to motion. Rev. Alice Tondora spoke to the history of the overture. It was **MSP** to concur with OVT-020.
- On behalf of the Council, Rev. Laura Blank **recommended** concurrence with OVT-007 “On Streamlining the Sale of Property”. Rev. Martin Ankrum spoke of the overture that seeks to streamline the process to realize funds for the ministry and mission of the congregation. It was **MSP** to concur with OVT-007.

Information Items (as published)

- 2020 Presbytery Meeting Dates - 1/25 - 1:00 p.m. Maplewood Presbyterian Church, Greensburg; 3/24 - 6:00 p.m. Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown; 5/19 - 6:00 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown; 9/22 - 6:00 p.m. Redstone Highlands Greensburg Campus; 11/21 - 9:00 a.m. Puckety Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell
- 2020 Council Meeting Dates - 1/14, 2/25, 4/28, 6/23, 8/25, 10/27, 11/24
- The Stated Clerk provided the dates for 2019 Session Minutes Reviews - 2/8 Westmont Presbyterian Church, Johnstown; 3/24 Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown; 4/18 Presbytery Center; 5/19 First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown
- After having received copies of existing overtures needing a concurrence, the Council began consideration. Two overtures were voted on to recommend for concurrence: OVT-20 concerning the Laying on of Hands and OVT -7 concerning Streamlining the Sale of Property Given to a Church for Ministry and Mission.
- The Mission Committee gave dates of upcoming mission trips for 2020 and continues to explore the viability of sending a team for representation and interpretation to the South Sudan. Five thousand dollars in disaster relief has been wired to the SSPEC. Consideration is being given to sending an additional five thousand to Nile Theological College divided between the Khartoum and Juba campuses.
- Council received a request from the Tent Presbyterian Church to approve the sale of the manse. The manse and church building are on separate deeds. It was **MSP** to approve the request.
- The Addictions Ministry reported that the Thomas Negra grant for \$2000 has been received and the plans for and progress of the development of video resources to supplement the curriculum as well as revisions in the Addictions Ministry adult formation curriculum. Videotaping has already begun.
- The Healing and Prayer Ministry requested to approve and authorize the promotion of “A Retreat Morning on Thomas Merton’s Life and Influence” on May 30, 2020 from 9-12. It was **MSP** to approve this request.
- Presbyterian Women had a request for authorization of the Lord’s Supper at the Summer PW Gathering taking place within the bounds of Redstone Presbytery. It was **MSP** to approve this request.
- The Task Force on Manual Revisions will begin working on this endeavor right after the first of the year.
- Staff Support submitted a revised Staff Policies and Procedures manual for a second reading and consideration. It was **MSP** to approve this revision.

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- The Communications Team new members for 2020 are Dennis Yates, Nick Cramer, and Amy Wilkinson. Dennis Yates has agreed to prepare the announcements loop for upcoming Presbytery meetings.
- Budget and Finance noted the YTD financial report with contributions lagging and they will need to explore cash flow alternatives for 2020 if pledges appear to be deficient.

The Council ended with the song “In the Lord I’ll Ever Be Thankful”

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT

Rev. Pete Goetschius presented the following report and action items for the Committee on Ministry:

Action Items

- The Committee on Ministry honors the pastoral service and recommends designation of “Honorably Retired” for the following presbyters: Rev. William King; Rev. Clark Kerr; Rev. Marnie Silbert; Rev. Don Graff. It was MSP to designate each one Honorably Retired. The Presbytery heard from colleagues in ministry: Speaking on behalf of Rev. William King is Rev. Chuck MacPherson, on behalf of Rev. Clark Kerr is Rev. Jim Farrer, on behalf of Rev. Marnie Silbert is Rev. John Morrow, and on behalf of Don Graff is Elder Scott Cole. Moderator Chuck West led the Presbytery in prayer giving thanks for the work and service of these ministers who are now retired.
- The Committee on Ministry celebrates those pastors with ordination anniversaries (5/10-year intervals) in 2020.
- The Committee on Ministry has approved the renewal of the current ruling elders commissioned to pastoral service and requests their re-commissioning in this meeting. A service of re-commissioning was conducted by Moderator Chuck West.
- The Committee on Ministry recommends the examination of Rev. Mary Kay Glunt to be received into the Presbytery of Redstone and the approval of the call from First Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon. After hearing the report of First, Belle Vernon from Ann McCorkle, a member of the PNC, and Sharon Zunic, Clerk of Session, the Presbytery examined Rev. Glunt. It was MSP to close the examination. It was MSP receive her into Redstone Presbytery and approve the call. Rev. Pete Goetschius lead the Presbytery in prayer.

Information Items (as published)

- Elected Pete Goetschius as Moderator and Helen Toms as Secretary.
- Enrichment Day – February 8, 2020; Westmont Presbyterian Church, Johnstown
- Polity workshop April 18, 2020 9-12 at the Presbytery Center.
- MSP to approve the recommendation of Waiver of Rotation requests for First Presbyterian Church, Fayette City; Tent Presbyterian Church, Uniontown; United Presbyterian Church, New Kensington; and Marion Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon.
- MSP to approve all current covenant pastors, Interim Pastors, Commissioned Pastor and temporary pastors for pastors serving in “temporary pastoral relationships” pending submission of agreement and adequate compensation.
- MSP to approve request from Rev. William King to be designated as Honorably Retired at January 25, 2020 meeting.

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- Moderator appointments were made for the Trinity Presbyterian Church, New Florence; the Puckety Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell; and First Presbyterian Church, Jeannette.
- Preliminary examinations completed with a candidate for the First Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon and the Puckety Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell.
- **MSP** to approve the recommendation of examination of Rev. Mary Kay Glunt to be received as a member of Redstone Presbytery.
- **MSP** to approve the Interim Pastor agreement between the United Presbyterian Church, Latrobe and the Rev. John Simpson (effective 2/1/20).
- **MSP** to approve the Ministry Information Form for the Associate Pastor position of the Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, Murrys ville.
- **MSP** to approve the Installation Commission for the Rev. Brenda Barnes, Pastor of the New Hope Presbyterian Church, North Huntingdon.
- Prayer cards for ministers and congregations were signed and sent.

The Committee of Ministry Report ended with a Song of Praise.

Vice-Moderator Belinda Lambie assumed moderating the meeting.

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION REPORT

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

Information Items (as published)

- Current candidate's status is the following:
Richard Watson -
Has completed his M.Div. degree through the Dubuque Seminary. Has completed all ordination examinations except exegesis. Consideration was given to offering an alternative exegesis examination but was declined at this time. Upon passing this exam, Committee will consider him for certification eligibility for a call. **MSP** on recommendation that were made about resources and strategies for future test-taking.
- Current Inquirer's status is the following:
Cynthia Bellina -
Has enrolled again full time through the Dubuque Theological Seminary program. Continues to take courses through both residency intensives and online education. Results from her PPI tests have been received, and the committee heard the summary of said results.

PINE SPRINGS REPORT

Greg Davis presented the Pine Springs Camp report which began with a short video of what some young camper liked about the camp. Mike Hurley spoke to Presbytery about upcoming events and availability to come to churches. This is to be an exciting summer. They are having a quest for 1,000 campers this summer. Mike Hurley also highlighted upcoming retreats coming up and the PSC skate in Delmont and PSC jump in Bridgeville and the upcoming golf outing.

MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT

Rev. Sylvia Carlson, Chairperson of the Mission Committee, spoke about 2 upcoming mission trips. The upcoming Pancake Dinner on Tuesday, February 25th will be held at Congruity Presbyterian Church. Rev.

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Donna Havrisko reported on the former mission project in Douglas, Arizona and highlighted some of the opportunities that are available. Rev. Havrisko will be leading a trip there sometime in 2020. Please let her know if anyone is interested. A mission trip to South Sudan has been put on hold due to the political situation there. Rev. Sylvia Carlson noted the relief efforts by the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in Puerto Rico in response to the recent earthquake. Rev. Carlson called for the offering and Presbyters presented gifts toward these PDA initiatives for relief work in Puerto Rico and she offered a prayer of dedication was prayed.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Rev. Aleda Menchyk presented the following report and action items from the Nominating Committee:

Action Items

- The Nominating Committee **recommends** the following people be elected to serve on these committees for the Offices/Classes indicated.
 - Rev. Brenda Barnes, Council (2022)
 - Rev. Mary Kay Glunt, Pine Springs Camp (2020)It was **MSP** to approve this slate of nominees.
- The Nominating Committee **recommends** Joshua Scully, Dunbar, Laurel Hill, to serve as a Ruling Elder Commissioner for the 224th General Assembly.
It was **MSP** to elect Joshua Scully as a Ruling Elder Commissioner for the 224th General Assembly.

Information Items (as published)

- A couple openings for positions on standing committees of the Presbytery remain. Additionally, there are always opportunities on various subcommittees, task forces and networks. Please submit names of Teaching and Ruling Elders to the Nominating Committee through either Barry Poglein, Aleda Menchyk, or Skip Noftzger.

NEW BUSINESS

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

The Presbytery watched the Announcement Loop.

Moderator Chuck West assumed moderating the meeting.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Associate Stated Clerk, Rev. Cliff Foster gave the attendance report. He reported that there were 43 clergy and 6 Commissioned Ruling Elders, 35 elders (representing 27 congregations), 0 Christian Educators, 7 by virtue of office, and 16 visitors for a total of 110. There were 41 congregations without elder representation.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

A resolution of thanks was presented by Rev. Donna Havrisko who began with a prayer by Thomas Merton and then highlighted some of the events that took place during the meeting.

SOLI DEO GLORIA

Rev. Noftzger, Executive Presbyter, led the assembly in the responsive reading of the "Soli Deo Gloria."

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ADJOURNMENT

It was **MSP** to adjourn with prayer at 3: 40 p.m.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Steve Lasor offered the benediction prayer. The meeting closed with a song.

The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone will take place on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 6 p.m. at the Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown.

Chuck West, Moderator

Rev. Cliff Foster, Recording Clerk