

Presbytery of Redstone November 21, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The ecclesiastical and corporate meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone was held on Saturday, November 21, 2020 at Puckety Presbyterian Church of Lower Burrell and via Zoom. The meeting was convened at 9 a.m. and opened with prayer with some prayer requests by Elder Chuck West, Moderator of Redstone Presbytery. He announced that items of new business must be presented to the Associate Stated Clerk of Redstone Presbytery by the end of worship via the chat feature on Zoom.

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>
	Ross Bash, MAL	
	Lori Bass-Riley, MAL	
	Susan Blank, MAL	
	Sylvia Carlson, HR	
	Chuck MacPherson, HR	
	Rebecca Maiman, MAL	
	Norma Murphy, NRHR	
	Skip Noftzger, EP	
	Michael Shepard, NRHR	
	Marnie Silbert, HR	
Adah, Palmer Community		
Apollo, Poke Run		
Avonmore, First	Caroline Vickery, TS	
Belle Vernon, First	Mary Kay Glunt	Bobbi Jo Huebner
Belle Vernon, Harmony		
Belle Vernon, Marion		
Belle Vernon, Rehoboth	Donald Glunt	
Bolivar, United		
Boswell, Covenant		
Brownsville, Calvin		
Brownsville, Ft. Burd		
Brownsville, Hopewell		
Colver	Owar Ojulu	
Cresson	David McCabe	Bob Sheehan
Dawson, Tyrone		
Delmont		Kimberly Long
Derry		
Dunbar, First		
Dunbar, Laurel Hill		
Ebensburg, First	Owar Ojulu	Judy Carl
Fairchance		
Farmington, Mt. Washington		
Fayette City, First		
Fayette City, Little Redstone		Lelah Sheppard
Greensburg, First		

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Greensburg, Maplewood		
Greensburg, Westminster	Donna Havrisko	Duffy Greba
Irwin, First	Ron Wakeman	
Irwin, West Hempfield	Andrew Wirt	
Jeannette	Dawn Sherwood	Mark Mennano
Johnstown, Bethany		
Johnstown, First	Alice Tondora	Charnet Koch
Johnstown, Second		
Johnstown, Westmont	Rene Whitaker	Bernice Adams
Lake Lynn, Springhill Furn.	Molly Hall, CovP	
Latrobe		
Latrobe, United		
Leisenring		
Ligonier, Pleasant Grove		
Lower Burrell, Grace	Ken Foust	Debbie Artman Matt Wehrle
Lower Burrell, Puckety	Brian Kilbert	
Masontown		Frank Martin
McClellandtown		
Merrittstown, Dunlap's Creek		
Mt. Pleasant, Reunion		
Murrysville, First	Ed Gray	
Murrysville, Newlonsburg	Curtis Paul	Susan Keaney George App
Murrysville, Union	Sue Washburn	
New Alexandria, Community	Len Morgan	
New Alexandria, Congruity	Cliff Foster	
New Florence, Bethel		
New Florence, Trinity		
New Kensington, United	Wendy Keys	
New Salem		
N. Huntingdon, New Hope	Brenda Barnes	Bill Siebert
Patton	David McCabe	Cindy Hammel
Revloc		
Scottdale, Calvin		
Smithfield, Grace Chapel		Don Keener
Smock, Pleasant View		
Trafford, Level Green	Geoff Rach	Cheryl Rhea Jack Battenhouse
Uniontown, Tent	Jeff Smith	
Uniontown, Third		
Uniontown, Trinity		
Vanderbilt, E. Liberty		
West Newton, Sewickley		
West Newton, Sewickley U.		

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West Newton, United		
Notation:	(*) = pastor from another denomination (#) = pastor from another presbytery (**) = pastor or CP serving more than one church EP=Executive Presbyter	CP=commissioned pastor IP=interim pastor CovP=covenant pastor MAL=Member-at-Large HR=Honorably Retired NRHR=Non-resident Honorably Retired TS=Temporary Supply

By Virtue of Office: John Dickson, Treasurer; Belinda Lambie, Vice Moderator; Lynn Mance, Presbytery Council; Chuck West, Moderator

Visitors: Tara Bird, Murrysville, Newlonsburg; Jill Cavalet, Cresson; Sue Close, Lower Burrell, Puckety; Elizabeth Connelly, Synod of the Trinity; Greg Davis, Pine Springs Camp; Beth Dobleer, Lower Burrell, Puckety; Rebecca Fisher, Lower Burrell, Puckety; Janet Karan, Lower Burrell, Puckety; Nate Manges, Lower Burrell, Puckety; Bobbie Martin, Presbytery Staff; Lorraine Menk, Lower Burrell, Puckety; Cathy Vitari, Lower Burrell, Grace

Teaching Elders Excused: Ankrum; Armstrong; Blank, L.; Buell; Cadenhead, B.; Cadenhead, C.; Cahn; Carnahan; Catullo; Chow; Corey; Degitz; Gear; Giesey; Graff; Hepler; Hess; Holben; Jalso; Johnson, J.; Johnson, R.; Keith; Kerr; King; Klein; LaSor; Lewis; Lighthall; Lloyd; Macaleer; Maiman; Mason; Maxwell; McClure; Morrow; Murray; Orr; Pressler; Simpson; Stevens; Stobaugh; Sweeney; Upton; Van Wyk

Teaching Elders Absent: Dormire; Durika; Goeteshius; Manon; McDermott; Russell; Siddle

Commissioned Ruling Elders Excused: Scully

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

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The Moderator called for the adoption of the Docket as printed in the Packet. The docket was approved *by consent*.

SEATING OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERS AND INTRODUCTION OF OTHER VISITORS

The Associate Stated Clerk, Rev. Cliff Foster, asked that the following persons be seated as corresponding members: Rev. Travis Webster, Trinity Presbytery; Rev. Craig Kephart, EP of Washington Presbytery. It was **MSP** to seat these corresponding members. Elizabeth Connelly of the Synod of the Trinity was introduced and reminded the Presbytery that the Synod Grant deadline is approaching.

The Moderator, Chuck West, invited those who were attending a presbytery meeting as an elder commissioner for the first time to stand to be introduced. On behalf of the Presbytery, the Moderator welcomed each of the first-time presbyters.

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 Stated Clerk noted for all sessions the distribution of the packet for the annual end-of-year reports to be completed by each Clerk of Session.
3. The Stated Clerk presents the 2021 Presbytery gathering dates and locations as approved by Council.
 - a. January 23, 2021; 1:00 p.m.; Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greensburg;
March 23, 2021; 6:00 p.m.; Location to be determined
 - b. May 25, 2020; 6:00 p.m.; Location to be determined
 - c. September 28, 2020; 6:00 p.m.; Location to be determined
 - d. November 20, 2021; 9:00 a.m.; Colver Presbyterian Church??
4. Review of the 2019 Session minutes and Church Registers has been completed and submitted to the COM. The minutes and the church registers of the following congregations were not reviewed: Brownsville, Hopewell; Dunbar, First; Fayette City, Little Redstone; Murrysville, Union; and Scottdale, Calvin.

Rev. Skip Noftzger highlighted the report of the 2019 Session minutes and Church Registers. Skip also pointed out that the 2020 packets for Stated Clerks were available online for the annual Statistical Report. Skip also highlighted the Terms of Call for the ministers. He also called attention to the 2021 meeting dates and asked if any congregation would like to host the meeting of the Presbytery.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Associate Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, Rev. Cliff Foster, presented the following 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 September 22, 2020 be approved.

From the Council

1. Council **recommends** that the Financial Reports presented to the Council be received and filed for audit.
2. As part of the 2021 annual budget, the Council **recommends** the approval of the 2021 Terms of Call (see below) for the Executive Presbyter.

Salary – 55,390; Housing---15,000; Deferred Compensation (403B) ---8,712
Pensions (medical, retirement, death/ disability) ---18,491; Vacation---5 weeks
Study Leave---2 weeks/1,500 (2019-two weeks carryover); Professional expenses- 1,825;
Travel-4,750
3. Council **recommends** that the Executive Presbyter, Treasurer, Mission, Pine Springs Camp and Synod commissioner reports presented to the Presbytery be received and filed.
4. Council **recommends** the receipt and filing of the financial review presented by Horner, Wible and Terek, PC.

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From the Committee on Ministry

1. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request of the United Presbyterian Church of New Kensington for Ruling Elder Julia Yockey (2023) and Deacon Karen Grillo (2023); for the Trinity Presbyterian Church of New Florence for Ruling Elder John Jones (2023); and for the First Presbyterian Church, Fayette City for Ruling Elder Robert Kubina (2023).

It was **MSP** to approve the Consent Agenda.

TREASURER AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

John Dickson, Treasurer presented the Treasurer's Report and Financial Reports. John highlighted the written report found in the packet for the meeting. He indicated that we are a full month behind in receipts. It was **MSP** to receive the Treasurer's Report.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER

Rev. Skip Noftzger reported that the full report is included in the packet for the meeting. We are dealing with the "new normal" as we continue to deal with the implications of the pandemic. He challenged us to consider a "renewed normal" as God is at work in and around and through us, a God who can transform institutions and who renews all things. In this time of renewed and renewing normal, Skip gives thanks for the weather we have been having, the technology that allows us to gather together via Zoom and for the ability to connect with family and friends via Zoom, giving thanks that the church is not buildings, and that the Church has been able to adapt in worship and in ministry, even through a screen.

ANNOUCEMENT LOOP

The Announcement Loop was shown to the Presbytery and provided information on several upcoming events in the life of our Presbytery and congregations. The Announcement Loop can be found on the Presbytery Website and also on the Presbytery's Facebook page.

WORSHIP

Worship was led by Rev. Brian Kilbert, Sue Close, Organist at Puckety, Moderator Chuck West led the morning prayer and read the Scripture reading, and other members of the Puckety congregation, the Puckety choir provided the anthem. Rev. Kilbert preached the sermon. Worship included the sacrament of Communion. The Offering can be given electronically and in the offering plate for those present at Puckety.

PINE SPRINGS CAMP REPORT

Executive Director Greg Davis reported that the full report can be found in the packet for the meeting. Greg Davis thanked the Presbytery for all of the things that he is grateful for is the prayerful and financial support from both presbyteries. A power-point presentation was presented to the Presbytery. The camp has been built since 1948 on relational ministry. Plans are being made for the 2021 Camp schedule as Covid safe. There is an On-Line Auction taking place, begins on Noon November 29th and ends at 8 PM on December 6th. The camp supported the Benevolent Care fund of Redstone Highlands and they continue to sell red wrist bands for that project. Prayer requests for the summer season, and the fall retreat schedule.

MISSION COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

Rev. Sylvia Carlson reported that the report can be found in the packet. She called attention that the Mission Committee has been meeting on the 3rd Thursday of each month. They would like to know what local

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congregations are doing in local mission. The committee would like contact information so information can be shared. They would like to hear what congregations are doing during this Covid time. Information can be sent to Sylvia, Skip or Bobbie.

SYNOD OF THE TRINITY REPORT

Bernice Adams, Synod Commissioner reported that the Synod recently met virtually October 25 to October 27th. Typically, the Synod Assembly is held at the Penn Stater Hotel. Our Commissioners are Cliff Foster and Bernice Adams. Bernice shared the primary end of the Synod and the six secondary ends of the Synod of the Trinity. The Synod meeting began with the Beloved Community presentation by John Welch on Sunday evening as part of the ongoing Beloved Community program. Susan Nesti presented a presentation on indigenous persons especially within our Synod borders. The Synod elected a committee to find our new Synod Executive to replace Susan Wonderland whose term is up the end of 2021. The GA Co-Moderators met with the Synod. The new Co-Moderators were elected for the Synod for 2021. The Synod sold its building in Camp Hill, a decommissioning video was presented.

ACTION AGENDA

COUNCIL

On behalf of the Council, the following report was presented by Bobbie Jo Huebner. She pointed out that the 2021 Budget was presented as a first reading at the September meeting.

Action Items

- It was **MSP** to approve the 2021 Budget for the Presbytery of Redstone. The vote was 45 yes, 0 no and was done as a poll on Zoom as well as those in attendance at Puckety. The budget was approved unanimously.
- It was **MSP** to approve the Matthew 25 program for further consideration by congregations within the presbytery. Skip presented the Matthew 25 program for further consideration. A hymn and video were shown to the Presbytery. Appendix E of the meeting packet contains a sheet of Frequently Asked Questions about the Matthew 25 program.

Information

October 27 Meeting

- The agenda for the meeting had been distributed by email prior to the meeting. Without any proposed revision, it was approved **by consent**.
- Rev. Laura Blank led the Council in a devotional by playing a video on "being the salt of the earth and the light of the world."
- Rev. Noftzger introduced Ms. Barb Terek from the firm of Horner, Wible and Terek to present the 2019 Financial Review as conducted by this outside firm. Ms. Terek "walked" the Council through each component of the review and offered explanation about their meaning and significance. Rev. Noftzger noted for her benefit that, subsequent to this review, the Council had acted in August to "un-designate" those "designated or special" accounts still being tracked separately in the 2019 review. Ms. Terek opened the floor for any questions from the Council before leaving the meeting.

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- Rev. Noftzger facilitated the ongoing discussion on the book, Seven Levers: Missional Strategies for Leading Conferences. While focusing on Lever 3 and Lever 4, the Council discussed the “life cycles” of congregations and what might be the role of the presbytery in engaging, encouraging and facilitating renewal. Focus was also given both to Clergy peer groups as well as cultivating excellence in pastoral leadership - on Lever 1 (Starting New Churches) and Lever 2 (Clergy Peer Learning Groups). Discussion also occurred around the ways theological understandings of the Church should shape our approaches in understanding and evaluating these strategies. Rev. Noftzger suggested that at the November Council meeting we devote a significant amount of time to reviewing the book as a whole along with our own strategic thinking/planning documents for consideration in strategies going forward.
- Since the last Council meeting, there were no consent items approved and needing to be ratified.
- The minutes of the August 25, 2020 Council meeting were reviewed. It was **MSP** to approve the minutes of that meeting as distributed.

Stated Clerk Reports

- The Stated Clerk reviewed the correspondence log and the upcoming schedule of Presbytery and Council meetings for the remainder of 2020 and for 2021. It was **MSP** to conduct the November 2020 meeting in the same way as the previous meeting with most participants primarily through Zoom and the option for any platform participants or those without internet access to be “in-person” at Puckety Presbyterian Church. He noted that we still needed to address the request from Washington Presbytery concerning a joint meeting in September 2021. Belinda Lambie noted that she was in discussion with the Colver session about hosting the November 2021 Presbytery meeting.
- The Stated Clerk reviewed the number of church sessions whose minutes and register had not been reviewed. Even during this pandemic, he and the COM are working to minimize the number who might not be reviewed.

Executive Presbyter Reports

- Rev. Noftzger reminded everyone about our previous discussions and the approval of the Matthew 25 initiative at the September Presbytery meeting. The Council discussed ways that the Matthew 25 initiative could be promoted among our congregations. Rev. Noftzger indicated that he would be writing an Enews article and making available a bulletin insert for churches. Other means of networking and promotion were discussed, including making personal story/testimony part of the November Presbytery meeting, along with “breakout rooms.” Rev. Noftzger also reminded the Council that as part of affirming the “For Such a Time as This” declaration, the Council will initiate an “Anti-Racism” training session in 2021.

Treasurer Reports

- A written treasurer’s report from John Dickson based upon the September financial report (nine months) had been distributed. He commended the presbytery for significant increases in June and July in church contributions but reminded everyone that we remain behind on YTD income compared to what was planned and budgeted. Meanwhile, he also noted the careful monitoring of expenditures. Of note, was the “artificial” income transferred into the General Fund as the result of the “un-designating” accounts action taken at the last Council meeting.
- The proposed agenda for the September Presbytery gathering was presented and reviewed. After identifying various agenda items, including Matthew 25, Newlonsburg Associate Pastor candidate, retirement of Rev. Dave McCabe and the request for dissolution from the Boswell congregation, it was **MSP** to approve the agenda as presented.
- It was **MSP** to receive the reports of the officers and staff members.

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Staff Support Sub Committee

- Rev. Noftzger stated the only current activity is planning for a Christmas celebration for staff.

Communications Task Force

- Rev. Noftzger remarked that we will need to regroup and recruit new members to rejuvenate the activities of the Communications Task Force.

Missions Network

- Rev. Donna Havrisko reported for the Mission Network and announced that the Sudan/South Sudan Mission Network Partnership will be planning its annual meeting for October 2021 in Pittsburgh (hopefully in-person).

Budget and Stewardship

- Having reviewed the Financial Review with Barb Terek, Bobbi Jo Huebner moved the receipt and approval of the 2019 Financial Review. The motion was MSP.

Addictions Ministry

- Lynn Mance reported that the Rev. McDermott has distributed DVD copies of the first four lessons of the video curriculum. She also announced the network would be meeting soon to plan for the subsequent lessons.

Presbyterian Women

- Synod Presbyterian Women gathering will take place “virtually” in November.
- It was MSP to receive the reports of the subcommittee, task forces and networks.
- Rev. Laura Blank solicited prayer requests that members lifted up with the refrain, “hear our prayers.” The Council concluded with praying the Lord’s Prayer together on Zoom in “holy cacophony.”

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Rev. Pete Goetschius presented the following report on behalf of the Committee on Ministry.

Action Items

- It was MSP to approve the call of the Rev. Travis Webster as Associate Pastor of the Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, Murrysville.
- Susan Kearney, co-chair of the Associate PNC of Newlonsburg Presbytery Church gave the process the committee went through that led them to Rev. Travis Webster, especially the three criteria the committee determined were important for this position. Tara Bird, ted Clerk of Session of Newlonsburg attested to the congregational meeting held on November 15, 2020 both In-Person and through Zoom that called Rev. Travis Webster as Associate Pastor of Newlonsburg. Voting happened In-Person, Poll over Zoom and also Call-in votes to church office. 115 people voted, 113 yes votes and 2 no votes.
- Rev. Travis Webster was introduced to the Presbytery. He introduced himself to the Presbytery, he was at his home in Georgia. The Presbytery examined Rev. Webster. Rev. Pete Goetschius asked the first question to Rev. Webster about the line in his Statement of Faith about “the singular, manifold God”. Rev. Ed Gray asked a question on the doctrine on the Church especially in light of our current environment.
- It was MSP to close the examination. The Presbytery proceeded to the motion to approve the call of Rev. Travis Webster and approve his call as the Associate Pastor of the Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, Murrysville. The voting was done by poll and the result of the poll as well as those in attendance at Puckety and was approved unanimously. It was MSP to approval the call of Rev. Travis Webster. Rev. Pete Goetschius led the presbytery in prayer for Rev. Travis Webster and the Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church.

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- It was **MSP** to approve the Rev. McCabe be designated as “Honorably Retired” status effective December 1. Speaking for the congregations are Cindy Hammel from Patton and Bob Sheehan speaking for Jill Cavelet from Cresson on Rev. David McCabe’s 6-and-a-half-year ministry with these two congregations. Dave was a mentor and a liaison between the churches and the Presbytery.
- Rev. Dave McCabe spoke to the Presbytery about his 37 years of ministry and especially the 6 and a half years at Cresson and Patton. The motion was passed by the waving of hands. Elder Chuck West led the Presbytery in the liturgy for retiring Ministers being conferred as Honorably Retired and in prayer for Rev. Dave McCabe and his family.
- It was **MSP** to approve the request of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Boswell to be dissolved and to recommend to the Presbytery that an Administrative Commission, appointed by the moderator, be authorized to consider, decide, and conclude all matters related to the dissolution of the Covenant Presbyterian congregation.
- The congregation voted on this request on September 20, 2020 of 18 yes 1 no. Rev. Jim Farrer spoke on behalf on the Covenant Presbyterian Church, Boswell congregation. By a show of hands, the vote was approved.

Information Items

November 5 and October 1 Meeting Dates

- It was **MSP** to approve the minutes of the October 1 and September 3 meetings.

Report of the Stated Clerk

- Correspondence Log (Email Attachment)
- Minutes reviews
 - Final Status
 - Current Status
 - COM Liaison follow up – individual.
 - Presbytery drop off – call for appointment time; pick up within one week.
- **MSP** to approve the ordination commission for ordination of Rick Watson on behalf of the Missouri Union Presbytery at their request.
 - Rev. Ron Johnson, Third
 - Rev. Jane Johnson, Fort Burd, Calvin
 - Robin O'Dell, Leisenring
 - Chuck West, Moderator
 - Kathee Ramsey, Scottdale
 - Rev. Steve LaSor, Maplewood
 - Rev. John Morrow, HR
 - Andi Goodwin, Third

Rick will be installed at First Presbyterian Church, Vandalia, Missouri. Service to be held on November 8 at Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown.

- **MSP** to approve ordination and transfer per request from the Missouri Union Presbytery to ordain Rick Watson on their behalf, “if the way be clear,” upon examination by their presbytery and in preparation for his call at the First Presbyterian Church, Vandalia, MO.
- **MSP** to approve the recommendation of Waiver of Rotation requests:
 - The United Presbyterian Church of New Kensington for Ruling Elder Julia Yockey (2023) and Deacon Karen Grillo (2023).
 - The Trinity Presbyterian Church of New Florence for Ruling Elder John Jones (2023).

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- First Presbyterian Church, Fayette City for Ruling Elder Robert Kubina (2023).

Report of the Moderator

- Moderator Appointments
 - Cresson
 - Patton
 - Leisenring

Examinations and Membership

- Action Items
 - **MSP** to recommend the examination of the candidate for Newlonsburg by the Presbytery “if the way be clear” via Zoom at the November Meeting.
- Information Items
 - Orientation of Rev. Brian Kilbert, Puckety Presbyterian Church (Installation service scheduled for November 22, 2020).
 - Orientation for Rev. Dawn Sherwood, First Presbyterian Church, Jeannette.
 - Orientation of Rev. Brian Kilbert, Puckety Presbyterian Church
 - Orientation for Rev. Dawn Sherwood, First Presbyterian Church, Jeannette.

Search and Call

- Action Items
 - **MSP** of the approval of Interim Pastor agreement between Rev. Tony Catullo and the Delmont Presbyterian Church.
 - **MSP** of the approval of the Ministry Information Form submitted by the Latrobe Presbyterian Church, Latrobe, PA for posting on the Church Leadership Connection (CLC) website.
 - **MSP** of the approval of the installation commission of Rev. Dawn Sherwood, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Jeannette for a service on October 18.
 - **MSP** of the approval of the call of the Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, Murrysville to Rev. Travis Webster “if the way be clear” (congregational meeting – November 15) and upon examination by the Presbytery.
 - **MSP** of the approval of the dissolution of the pastoral relationship of Rev. David McCabe with the Cresson and Patton Presbyterian Churches.
 - **MSP** of the recommendation to the Presbytery that Rev. McCabe be designated “Honorably Retired” status.
- Information Items
 - Transition Chart
 - Masontown is in conversation with Eric Glisan about possible service as a Commissioned Pastor.

AP/CP Subcommittee (COM/CPM)

- Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation program
 - New Testament class is underway.
 - November 14; “Boundaries and Ethics” Michelle Snyder, Crows Feet Consulting.
 - October 10; “Transforming Congregational Mission” Hunter Farrell, PTS World Mission Initiative.

Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders

- **MSP** to recommend to the Presbytery approval per the request of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Boswell to be dissolved and to recommend to the Presbytery that an Administrative Commission,

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appointed by the moderator, be authorized to consider, decide, and conclude all matters related to the dissolution of the Covenant Presbyterian congregation.

- Prayers were lifted in answer to requests that had been received.
- Prayers were lifted for Pastors, Commissioned Pastors, and Churches

Unfinished Business

- Emergency Grant and Loan program (ongoing offer continue food insecurity or other program that is in jeopardy)
 - Ongoing Mission Support with Vulnerable Populations – \$1000
 - Opportunity Ministry Support/new ministry initiatives – \$1000
 - Emergency Cash Flow Loan (no interest/2021) – \$3000

COMMITTEE ON PREPARTION FOR MINISTRY

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

Information Items

- Current status of Inquirers and Candidates:
 - **Cynthia Bellina---**
 - Currently “stopping out” from enrollment at Dubuque Theological Seminary
 - Registered to take the Bible Content Examination in January 2021
 - Will be considering field education options in upcoming semesters
 - **Richard Watson---**
 - Was certified ready to receive a call
 - Candidated and received a call from First Presbyterian Church, Vandalia, Missouri
 - Examined and call approved by Missouri Union Presbytery
 - Missouri Union Presbytery requested that Redstone Presbytery ordain and dismiss
 - With COM approval, ordination for Rev. Richard Watson took place under the authority of a Redstone Presbytery Ordination Commission on November 8, 2020 at Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown, PA
- In contact with two other potential inquirers. One from Westmont and one from Trinity, Uniontown.
- Congregations with members who might be called to the ministry are encouraged to have them contact the Committee on Preparation for Ministry as early as possible in their consideration.
- Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation Enrollees
 - Joshua Scully---completed and commissioned at Little Redstone
 - Brian Umbel---completed and serving at a non-denominational church
 - Richard Zoltak---completed courses/workshop and preaches occasionally
 - William Weightman – completed and commissioned at Laurel Hill
 - Karen Kifer – completing practicums and offering pulpit supply at Sewickley
 - Doug Yauger---completing practicums and offering pulpit supply at a couple churches
 - Seth Myers---completed course/workshops; on pulpit supply roster
 - Tammy Noss – enrolled in courses/workshops
 - Karen Gray---enrolled in courses/workshops
 - Gary Shupe---enrolled in courses/workshops

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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

Action Items

- The Nominating Committee nominates Elder Belinda Lambie (Colver) to be the Moderator of the Presbytery of Redstone in 2021.
- The Nominating Committee nominates Rev. Curtis Paul (Newlonsburg) to be the Vice Moderator of the Presbytery of Redstone in 2021.
It was **MSP** to elect Elder Belinda Lambie as Moderator of the Presbytery of Redstone in 2021 and to elect Rev. Curtis Paul as Vice Moderator of the Presbytery of Redstone in 2021.
- The Nominating Committee nominates the following persons for the Offices/Classes indicated:

SYNOD OF TRINITY COMMISSIONER

- Susan Nesti, Harmony Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon (2023)

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- Rev. Dawn Sherwood, First Presbyterian Church, Jeannette (2023)
- Rev. Richard Sweeney, HR (2023)

It was **MSP** to approve the slate of nominees presented by the Nominating Committee for the listed Offices/Classes as indicated.

Information Items

- The Nominating Committee is requesting suggestions and recommendations for possible positions both on standing committees and subcommittees of the Presbytery. If you or others (ruling elders) you know desire to participate in some form of Presbytery leadership, please offer your name or others as suggestions for consideration by the Nominating Committee.

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 34 Teaching Elders, 2 Commissioned Pastors, 20 Ruling Elders representing 14 churches, 0 Christian Educators, 2 Ruling Elders by Virtue of Office, and 18 visitors for a total of 76. There also were 54 congregations without elder representation.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Rev. Geoff Rach presented the Resolution of Thanks for this meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone.

AJOURNMENT

It was **MSP to adjourn** with prayer at 11:24 a.m.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Brian Kilbert offered the benediction prayer.

The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone will take place on Saturday, January 23, 2021 at 1:00

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p.m. at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greensburg.

Chuck West, Moderator

Cliff Foster, Recording Clerk