

PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE

Special Meeting

July 20, 2021

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CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone was called to order by Moderator Belinda Lambie at 6:02 PM at the First Presbyterian Church in Greensburg.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Moderator Belinda Lambie. The purpose of this special meeting was to elect the Stated Clerk, Associate Clerk, and Recording Clerk AND for the examination and approval of the pastoral call of Rev. Ben Nti and the Westmont Presbyterian Church, Johnstown.

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.

The following were Present:

Teaching Elders:

Brenda Barnes	Pete Goetschius	Owar Ojulu
Laura Blank	Ed Gray	Geoff Rach
Susan Blank	Molly Hall	Dawn Sherwood
Sylvia Carlson	Donna Havrisco	Alice Tondora
James Farrer	Brian Kilbert	Caroline Vickery
Cliff Foster	Chuck MacPherson	Sue Washburn
Ken Foust	Lee McDermott	Travis Webster
Donald Glunt	Aleda Menchyk	Andrew Wirt
	Skip Noftzger	

Ruling Elders:

Bernice Adams, Johnstown, Westmont
Russ Baird, CP, Mt. Pleasant, Reunion
Connie Cauvel, Apollo, Poke Run
Diane Chuboy, Brownsville, Calvin
Scott Cole, Latrobe, United
Helen Connors, North Huntingdon, New Hope
Marie Davis, New Kensington, United
Sheila Farrer, Johnstown, First
Paula Frey, Jeannette, First
Glenn Hart, CP, Belle Vernon, Harmony/West Newton, Sewickley United
Bobbi Jo Huebner, Belle Vernon, First
Robin Jennings, Greensburg, First
Susan Keaney, Murrysville, Newlonsburg
Karen Kifer, CP, West Newton, Sewickley
Belinda Lambie, Colver
Deb Lichtenfels, Johnstown, Westmont
Lynn Mance, CP, Presbytery-Wide

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Karen Manning, Greensburg, First
Ken Martz, New Alexandria, Congruity
David Nero, Murrysville, Newlonsburg
Glenn Nordmark, Lower Burrell, Grace Community
Barry Poglein, New Florence, Bethel
Cheryl Rhea, Trafford, Level Green
Ann Schuck, Greensburg, Westminster
Lelah Sheppard, Fayette City, Little Redstone
Marsha Stallings, New Alexandria, Community United
Jim Stratton, Ebensburg
Helen Toms, Irwin, West Hempfield
Cathy Vitari, Lower Burrell, Grace Community

Visitors:

Barney Custer	Kristen Kane	Joyce Norris
Kevin DePriest	Charnet Koch	Jerry
Jim Hutchinson	Barb Lauf	Betsy Suppes
	Brian Misner	

The Associate Stated Clerk, Rev. Cliff Foster, moved that Rev. Ben Nti be seated as a corresponding member, he is a member of Des Moines Presbytery and that Betsy Suppes, Westmont PNC Chair be given privilege of the floor with voice. It was **MSP** to approve this motion.

Action Items

Nominating Committee

Rev. Aleda Menchyk presented the following report of the Nominating Committee.

- It was **MSP** to elect the following people for the respective positions for a three-year term effective September 1, 2021.

Stated Clerk – Rev. Skip Noftzger

Associate Stated Clerk for Constitutional/Judicial – Rev. Cliff Foster

Recording Clerk – Rev. Cliff Foster

The motion was approved as presented.

Committee on Ministry

Rev. Pete Goetschius presented the following report on behalf of the Committee on Ministry to approve the call of the Rev. Ben Nti to serve as pastor of the Westmont Presbyterian Church in Johnstown, PA.

- Betsy Suppes, PNC Chair of Westmont Presbyterian Church gave a report on the process the committee went through that led them to Rev. Ben Nti. The committee reviewed 416 Personal Information Forms. Deb Lichtenfels, Clerk of Session of Westmont attested to

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the congregational meeting held on July 18, 2021, that confirmed the desire to extend a call to Rev. Ben Nti to serve as Pastor of Westmont Presbyterian Church. At the congregational meeting there were one hundred (100) yes votes and zero (0) no votes.

- Rev. Ben Nti was introduced to the presbytery, and he shared his Statement of Faith with the Presbytery. Rev. Nti was then examined by the presbytery, and he answered the questions that were asked of him.
- It was **MSP** to close the examination. Rev. Ben Nti was escorted out of room and the Presbytery proceeded to the motion to approve the call of Rev. Ben Nti as the Pastor of the Westmont Presbyterian Church, Johnstown. The voting for those on Zoom was done by poll. The result of the poll, as well as those in attendance at First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, was to unanimously approve the call. It was **MSP** to approve the call of Rev. Ben Nti to the Westmont Presbyterian Church. Rev. Pete Goetschius invited Ben's wife Edna and members of the Westmont Presbyterian church present to come forward and he led the presbytery in prayer for Rev. Ben Nti and the Westmont Presbyterian Church.

ADJOURNMENT

It was **MSP** to adjourn the meeting at 6: 31 PM. Members of the COM were reminded to remain either on Zoom or in person for a brief meeting. The meeting was closed with prayer by Moderator Belinda Lambie.

Belinda Lambie, Moderator

Rev. Cliff Foster, Recording Clerk