

**Presbytery of Redstone**  
**January 29, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The ecclesiastical and corporate meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone was convened at 1: 02 p.m. on Saturday, January 29, 2022, via Zoom videoconferencing and in person at First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, PA. The meeting was opened with prayer by Belinda Lambie, 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.

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>MINISTERS</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>
	Susan Blank, MAL	
	Sylvia Carlson, HR	
	James Farrer, HR	
	Kenneth Foust, HR	
	Donna Havrisko, HR	
	William King, NRHR	
	Chuck MacPherson, HR	
	Lynn Mance, CP	
	Lee McDermott, HR	
	Aleda Menchyk, HR	
	Skip Noftzger, EP	
	Michael Shepard, NRHR	
Adah, Palmer Community		
Apollo, Poke Run		Valerie Hansen
Avonmore, First		
Belle Vernon, First	Mary Kay Glunt	Lori Lamberski
Belle Vernon, Harmony	Glenn Hart, CP	
Belle Vernon, Marion	Robert Prinkey, CP	
Belle Vernon, Rehoboth	Donald Glunt	Bill Nicholls
Bolivar, United	James Sunseri, CP	
Brownsville, Calvin		Diane Chuboy
Brownsville, Ft. Burd		Kathy Haluska
Brownsville, Hopewell		
Colver		Belinda Lambie
Cresson		Jill Cavalet
Dawson, Tyrone		
Delmont	Anthony Catullo, IP	
Derry		
Dunbar, First		
Dunbar, Laurel Hill		Margaret Gilchrist
Ebensburg, First		Judy Carl
Fairchance		

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Farmington, Mt. Washington		
Fayette City, First		
Fayette City, L Redstone	Joshua Scully, CP	Audrey Cottle
Greensburg, First	Martin Ankrum	Nancy Wallace Scott Sucke Robin Jennings
Greensburg, Maplewood	Steve LaSor	Robert Bereit
Greensburg, Westminster		Jackie Eckenrod
Irwin, First		Suzanne Taylor Ginny Pellis Cynthia Brosnahan Phyllis Neral
Irwin, West Hempfield	Andrew Wirt	
Jeannette	Dawn Sherwood	Nancy Peters
Johnstown, Bethany		
Johnstown, First	Alice Tondora	Sheila Farrer
Johnstown, Second		
Johnstown, Westmont	Ben Nti	Bernice Adams
Lake Lynn, Springhill	Molly Hall, CovP	
Latrobe		
Latrobe, United		
Leisenring		
Ligonier, Pleasant Grove		
Lower Burrell, Grace	Doug Marshall, IP	
Lower Burrell, Puckety	Brian Kilbert	Chari Burtner Chuck West
Masontown	Eric Glisan, CP	
McClellandtown		
Merrittstown, Dunlap's Creek		
Mt. Pleasant, Reunion	Russ Baird, CP	
Murrysville, First	Ed Gray	
Murrysville, Newlonsburg	Curtis Paul	Jeff Goff
Murrysville, Union	Sue Washburn, IP	Jane Smith
New Alexandria, Community	Len Morgan, CP	
New Alexandria, Congruity	Cliff Foster	
New Florence, Bethel	James Suneri, CP	
New Florence, Trinity		
New Kensington, United	Wendy Keys	Marie Davis
New Salem		Meg Radolec
North Huntingdon, New Hope	Brenda Barnes	Helen Connors
Patton		Roberta Farabaugh
Revloc		
Scottdale, Calvin	Doug Yauger, CP	
Smithfield, Grace Chapel		
Smock, Pleasant View	Laura Blank	Carole Rittenhouse

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Trafford, Level Green	Geoff Rach	Jack Battenhouse
Uniontown, Tent	Jeff Smith, CP	
Uniontown, Third		
Uniontown, Trinity		John Nass
Vanderbilt, E. Liberty	David McElroy, CP	
West Newton, Sewickley	Karen Kifer, CP	
West Newton, Sewickley U.	Glenn Hart, CP	
West Newton, United		
<b>Notation:</b>	(*) = 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:** John Dickson, Treasurer; Bobbi Jo Huebner, Presbytery Council; Mike Hurley, Pine Springs Camp

**Corresponding Members:** Forest Claasen, Synod of the Trinity; Doug Portz, Board of Pensions; Mary Marks King, Kiski Presbytery

**Visitors:** Kristen Emrick, Pittsburgh Presbytery; Bobbie Martin, Presbytery Staff; Muriel Nuttal, Brownsville, Fort Burd; Heidi Quast, Murrysville, Union; Patti Hart, New Hope

**Teaching Elders Excused:** Armstrong; Buell; Cadenhead, B., Cadenhead, C.; Carnahan; Chow; Corey; Degitz; Gear; Giesey; Graff; Hepler; Hess; Hickok; Holben; Keith; Kerr; Klein; Lewis; Lloyd; Macaleer; Mason; Maxwell; McCabe; McClure; Michael; Morrow; Murphy; Murray; Ojulu; Orr; Pressler; Sharp, W.; Simpson; Stevens; Stobaugh; Sweeney; Upton; VanWyk; Wakeman; Webster; Youmans

**Teaching Elders Absent:** Bash; Bass-Riley; Dormire; Durika; Goetschius; Maiman; Manon; Russell; Siddle

**Commissioned Ruling Elders Excused:** Marciano; O'Hara; Weightman

**Commissioned Ruling Elders Absent:** Todero; Wiegand

**ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET**

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

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

The Associate Stated Clerk, Rev. Cliff Foster, moved that Kristen Emrick, candidate under the care of Pittsburgh Presbytery and Elder Muriel Nuttall, chair of the Ft. Burd PNC be given privilege of the floor for this meeting. It was **MSP** to approve this motion. Cliff Foster moved that the Rev. Mary Marks King, member of Kiski Presbytery, Rev. Doug Portz member of Pittsburgh Presbytery and from the Board of Pensions, and the Rev. Forrest Claassen, Executive of the Synod of the Trinity be seated as Corresponding Members. It was **MSP** to approve this

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motion. Rev. Forrest Claaseen shared some greetings with the Presbytery.

**INSTALLATION OF MODERATOR/ VICE MODERATOR**

Elder Belinda Lambie invited newly elected Moderator Rev. Curtis Paul and Vice-Moderator Rev. Dawn Sherwood forward and led the Presbytery in a service of installation as Moderator and Vice Moderator for 2022. The installation service was closed with prayer.

Rev. Skip Noftzger, Executive Presbyter presented Belinda Lambie with a gift thanking her for her service to the Presbytery of the Moderator in 2021.

**STATED CLERK'S REPORT**

Rev. Skip Noftzger, Stated Clerk presented the following 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, 2021, were as follows:
  - a. Committees of Council
    1. Budget, Finance and Stewardship
    2. Communications
    3. Mission
    4. Staff Support
  
  - 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
    6. Presbyterian Women

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7. Addictions Ministry Network

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)

2027 – Rev. Susan Blank, Rev. Jay Lewis, Len Morgan  
2025 – Elsie Deem, Patti Baird, Linda Dickson  
2023 – Rev. Clark Kerr, Rev. Marnie Russell, Rev. Curtis Paul

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

2021 – Glenn Hart, Rev. John Manon, Rev. Caroline Vickery  
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. Based upon the provisions of the Manual, the Stated Clerk **moved** that the following Presbytery Officers be recognized as members of the Presbytery, with voice and vote, for their term of service:

Ruling Elder Belinda Lambie – Chair, Presbytery Council  
Ruling Elder Audrey Cottle- Presbytery Council  
Ruling Elder Tim D’Aurora – Presbytery Council  
Ruling Elder Bobbi Jo Huebner – Presbytery Council  
Ruling Elder Lynn Mance – Presbytery Council  
Ruling Elder Leonard Morgan – Presbytery Council  
Ruling Elder Susan Nesti – Presbytery Council  
Ruling Elder Nancy Peters – Presbytery Council  
Ruling Elder Jim Stenge – Presbytery Council  
Ruling Elder Pam Walter – Presbytery Council

This motion was approved by consent.

5. Based upon the provisions of the Manual, the Stated Clerk **moved** that the following Commissioned Pastors (Ruling Elders Commissioned to Particular Pastoral Service) and any others commissioned during a Presbytery meeting in 2021, be recognized as members with voice and vote as long as they are serving in that capacity:

Ruling Elder Russ Baird, Mt. Pleasant, Reunion  
Ruling Elder Eric Glisan, Masontown, First

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Ruling Elder Glenn Hart, Belle Vernon, Harmony; West Newton, Sewickley  
United  
Ruling Elder Karen Kifer, West Newton, Sewickley  
Ruling Elder Anthony Marciano, Dawson, Tyrone; Leisenring  
Ruling Elder Lynn Mance, Presbytery-wide  
Ruling Elder David McElroy, Vanderbilt, East Liberty  
Ruling Elder Len Morgan, New Alexandria, Community United  
Ruling Elder David O'Hara, Revloc  
Ruling Elder Robert Prinkey, Belle Vernon, Marion  
Ruling Elder Joshua Scully, Fayette City, Little Redstone  
Ruling Elder Jeff Smith, Uniontown, Tent  
Ruling Elder James Sunseri, New Florence, Bethel; Bolivar, United  
Ruling Elder Denise Todero, Johnstown, Bethany  
Ruling Elder William Weightman, Dunbar, Laurel Hill  
Ruling Elder William Wiegand, New Salem  
Ruling Elder Doug Yauger, Scottdale, Calvin

This motion was approved by consent.

6. Based upon the provisions of the Manual, the Stated Clerk **moved** 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.

This motion was approved by consent.

7. The stated meetings for 2022 have been scheduled as follows:

**Saturday, January 29, 2022 - First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg/ZOOM**

**Tuesday, March 22, 2022 - Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon/ZOOM**

**Tuesday, May 24, 2022 - *(still seeking host)***

**Tuesday, September 27, 2022 - Westmont Presbyterian Church,  
Johnstown/ZOOM**

**Saturday, November 19, 2022 - Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church,  
Murrysville/ZOOM**

8. The Stated Clerk provided the 2021 Necrology Report of Ruling and Teaching Elders.

9. Equalization

On December 31, 2020, 86 ministers of Word and Sacrament were on the rolls of the Presbytery, 16 of whom were living outside the bounds of the Presbytery. There were 67 churches entitled to be represented by 80 ruling elder commissioners. There are also 13 ruling elders commissioned to particular service and 6 ruling elder presbyters by virtue of office. On December 31, 2021, 83 ministers of Word and Sacrament were on the rolls of the Presbytery,

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17 of whom were living outside the bounds of the Presbytery. There were 67 churches entitled to be represented by 80 ruling elder commissioners. There are also 17 ruling elders commissioned to particular service and 6 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 2021, with the complete migration to Zoom and Hybrid meetings, although there were some possible changes as the result of moving to Zoom meetings, nonetheless our patterns have remained fairly consistent. The number of ministers 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 four 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 number of possible ruling elder commissioners based upon the existing plan should be retained until actual participation rates change. Therefore, I do not recommend any equalization adjustment at this time.

### Equalization Plan for 2022 - Church List/# of commissioners

Adah, Palmer Community - 1	Greensburg, First - 3	Murrysville, Union - 1
Apollo, Poke Run - 1	Greensburg, Maplewood - 1	New Alexandria, Community - 1
Avonmore, First - 1	Greensburg, Westminster - 1	New Alexandria, Congruity - 1
Belle Vernon, First - 1	Irwin, First - 4	New Florence, Bethel - 1
Belle Vernon, Harmony - 1	Irwin, West Hempfield - 1	New Florence, Trinity - 1
Belle Vernon, Marion - 1	Jeannette, First - 1	New Kensington, United - 1
Belle Vernon, Rehoboth - 1	Johnstown, Bethany - 1	New Salem - 1
Bolivar, United - 1	Johnstown, First - 1	North Huntingdon, New Hope - 1
Brownsville, Calvin - 1	Johnstown, Second - 1	Patton - 1
Brownsville, Ft. Burd - 1	Johnstown, Westmont - 3	Revloc - 1
Brownsville, Hopewell - 1	Lake Lynn, Springhill Furnace - 1	Scottdale, Calvin - 1
Colver - 1	Latrobe - 2	Smithfield, Grace Chapel - 1
Cresson - 1	Latrobe, United - 1	Smock, Pleasant View - 1
Dawson, Tyrone - 1	Leisenring - 1	Trafford, Level Green - 2
Delmont - 1	Ligonier, Pleasant Grove - 1	Uniontown, Tent - 1
Derry - 1	Lower Burrell, Grace Community - 2	Uniontown, Third - 2
Dunbar, First - 1	Lower Burrell, Puckety - 2	Uniontown, Trinity United - 1
Dunbar, Laurel Hill - 1	Masontown, First - 1	Vanderbilt, East Liberty - 1
Ebensburg - 1	McClellandtown - 1	West Newton, Sewickley - 1
Fairchance - 1	Merrittstown, Dunlap's Creek - 1	West Newton, Sewickley United - 1
Farmington, Mt. Washington - 1	Mt. Pleasant, Reunion - 1	West Newton, United - 1
Fayette City, First - 1	Murrysville, First - 1	
Fayette City, Little Redstone - 1	Murrysville, Newlonsburg - 2	

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

11. The dates for the 2021 Session Minutes Reviews are:

- a. February 12, 2022—Johnstown; Westmont; Pre-Enrichment Day
- b. March 22, 2022—Belle Vernon, Rehoboth; Pre-Presbytery
- c. April 20, 2022 - Uniontown (TBD)
- d. May 11, 2022 - Presbytery Center
- e. May 24, 2022 - (TBD)

12. It was **MSP** to transfer Rev. Ron Wakeman to Homestead Presbytery effective February 1, 2022, so that he can serve as an Interim Pastor of the Beatrice Presbyterian Church. It was **MSP** to transfer the Rev. Bill King to Kiski Presbytery. Rev. Skip Noftzger led the presbytery in a prayer for Rev. Bill King thanking God for his ministry among us.

The Associate Stated Clerk for Constitutional and Judicial Matters of the Presbytery, Rev. Cliff Foster, presents 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 November 20, 2021, be approved.

**From the Council**

1. Council **recommended** that the Financial and Treasurer's Reports presented to the Council and the Presbytery be received and filed for audit.
2. Council **recommended** that the Executive Presbyter, Treasurer, Mission, Pine Springs Camp reports presented to the Presbytery be received and filed.
3. Council **recommended** approval and authorization of the continuation of all subcommittees, networks and task forces functioning at the end of 2021 year as noted in the Stated Clerk's report.

**From the Committee on Ministry**

1. The Committee on Ministry **recommended** that Presbytery grant the request from the Dunlap's Creek Presbyterian Church, Merrittstown to waive the rotation of service for Marlene Novak, Ruling Elder.
2. The Committee on Ministry **recommended** that Presbytery grant the request from the New Hope Presbyterian Church, North Huntingdon to waive the rotation of service for Donna Van Allen, Ruling Elder.
3. The Committee on Ministry **recommended** that Presbytery grant the request from the United Presbyterian Church, Bolivar to waive the rotation of service requirement for Daniel Short, Ruling Elder; Ronald Betts, Ruling Elder; and Darlene Gregorich, Ruling Elder.

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4. The Committee on Ministry **recommended** that Presbytery grant the request from the First Presbyterian Church, Fayette City to waive the rotation of service requirement for James Stark, Ruling Elder; and Marlene Kubina, Ruling Elder.
5. The Committee on Ministry **recommended** that Presbytery grant the request from the Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church, Dunbar to waive the rotation of service requirement for Sherry Scully, Ruling Elder; and Cheryl Duncan, Ruling Elder.
6. The Committee on Ministry **recommended** that Presbytery grant the request from the United Presbyterian Church, New Kensington to waive the rotation of service requirement for Robin Sorch, Deacon.
7. The Committee on Ministry **recommended** that Presbytery grant the request from the McClellandtown Presbyterian Church to waive the rotation of service requirement for Peggy Patitucci, Ruling Elder; and James Bork, Deacon.
8. The Committee on Ministry **recommended** that Presbytery grant the request from the Colver Presbyterian Church to waive the rotation of service requirement for Bonita Hill, Ruling Elder.
9. The Committee on Ministry **recommended** that Presbytery grant the request from the Derry Presbyterian Church to waive the rotation of service requirement for Linda Miller, Ruling Elder; Ron George, Deacon; and Margaret Metcalf, Deacon.
10. The Committee on Ministry **recommended** that Presbytery grant the request from the Calvin United Presbyterian Church, Brownsville, to waive the rotation of service requirement for Diane Chuboy, Ruling Elder.

**From the Committee on Preparation for Ministry**

**From the Nominating Committee**

**From the Committee on Representation**

**From the Sewickley Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission**

1. The Sewickley Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission **recommended** the report of their meeting as submitted in the packet be received and filed.

It was **MSP** approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Ruling Elder John A. Dickson, IV, Treasurer, presented the Financial Reports calling attention to the written report found in the packet for the meeting. The report is for the end of the year 2021 and John highlighted many of the items found in the written report.

**EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER REPORT**

Rev. Skip Noftzger presented the Annual Executive Report that was found in the packet. It as **MSP** to receive the report.

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### OPERATIONS

Moderator Curtis Paul called on Elder Chuck West, President of the Corporation who on behalf of the Council **recommended** 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. It was **MSP** to interrupt the meeting for the Corporation meeting.

Chuck West, 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 29, 2022)

Based upon the provisions of the Manual, the following slate of persons were nominated to serve as the Officers of the Corporation for 2022:

President - Ms. Belinda Lambie

Secretary - Rev. Skip Noftzger

Treasurer - Mr. John R. Dickson, IV

Assistant Treasurer - Mr. Gerald Cumer

It was **MSP** to close the nominations. It was **MSP** to approve the slate of Officers of the Corporation for 2022.

Chuck West 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 of adding Bobbie Martin, Bookkeeper to sign checks for the Corporation.

It was **MSP** to close the Meeting of the Corporation. Chuck West 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 Moderator Rev. Curtis Paul, Vice Moderator Rev. Dawn Sherwood, Rev. Laura Blank, Rev. Skip Noftzger, Rev. Sue Washburn. Hazel Braun provided the music for the worship service and Robin Jennings led the singing. Karen Kifer led the Prayer of Confession and the Assurance of Pardon. Audrey Cottle read the Old Testament Lesson. Rev. Skip Noftzger read the New Testament from Romans 5: 1-5 and preached the sermon. The worship service included the commissioning of Ruling Elders to particular Pastoral Services by Moderator Curtis Paul. Rev. Sue Washburn led the Offering which will be going to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Worship included the celebration of the Lord's Supper with Rev. Laura Blank presiding. The reading and honoring those Elders who have joined the Church Triumphant from the Necrology report was led by Moderator Rev. Curtis

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Paul and Vice-Moderator Rev. Dawn Sherwood read the names of those included in the Necrology report (a list can be found in Appendix C of the meeting packet). A rose or a tulip for each person were placed on a cross at the front of the sanctuary. Moderator Rev. Curtis Paul ended this time of remembrance with a prayer. This time was concluded with the hymn "For All the Saints".

**PRESBYTERY MEETING** resumed.

### **COUNCIL REPORT**

Elder Belinda Lambie, chair of the Presbytery Council presented the following report and action items from the Council:

- Elder Belinda Lambie called on the Rev. Brenda Barnes who provided the Presbytery with information about the work of the Radical Justice and Reconciliation committee, she highlighted some of the upcoming events and resources about Racial Justice and Reconciliation issues. The Rev. Donna Havrisko addressed the Presbytery about the G.I. Bill of 1944, and the Jim Crow laws in the South as well as the racial discrimination that many G.I.'s of color endured. The Presbytery was broken into breakout groups about some of the questions that Bread for the World about "race neutral" policy. The questions are: 1. What does "race neutral" mean to you? Do you see this in reality? Why/why not). 2. What surprised you about The G. I. Bill?
- Rev. Jim Farrer spoke to the Presbytery about the Healing and Prayer Ministry Network and called attention to information pages in the meeting packet and to the Enrichment Day on February 12, 2022 at Westmont Presbyterian Church, a flyer in in the meeting packet.

### **Council Information Items (as published)**

#### **January 11, 2022 Meeting**

- Moderator requested that the agenda as submitted be considered. That agenda was approved **by consent.**
- It was **MSP** to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2021, meeting of Council as recorded and submitted.
- **Moderator Report**
  - Nature and purpose of the Council within the life of the Presbytery. Three main "roles" included the following:
    - Serving as the Trustees of the Presbytery, acting on its behalf with regard to financial and legal matters. This also include managing and approving requests of use of property assets by congregations within the Presbytery. As Trustees, the Council also assumes fiduciary responsibility and provides for accountability and control of finances.

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- Coordinating the shared ministry and mission of the Presbytery. Both in oversight of existing task forces, networks, and subcommittees and initiating new ministers that transcend the work of any single congregation. The Council becomes the leadership group who serve the broader ministry and mission that we might participate in together both in and beyond our local congregations.
  - Initiating and coordinating the shared experiences as a Presbytery which include regular Presbytery gatherings for times of worship and fellowship and the opportunities to engage in both hearing and participating in the work that God is doing among us.
- **Stated Clerk Report**
    - 2022 Presbytery meeting dates
      - January 29 - First, Greensburg
      - March 22 - Rehoboth, Belle Vernon
      - May 24 - TBD
      - September 27 - Westmont, Johnstown
      - November 19 - Newlonsburg, Murrysville
      - All meetings will be offered in person and via ZOOM
    - 2022 Council meeting schedule
      - January 11, February 22, April 26, June 28, August 23, October 25, December 6
    - Current Roster of ongoing networks, task forces and subcommittees was offered for review and recommendation to the Presbytery
      - Mission Subcommittee
      - Staff Support Subcommittee
      - Budget and Stewardship Subcommittee
      - Communications Task Force
      - Presbyterian Women Network
      - Addictions Ministry Network
      - Healing and Prayer Ministry Network
      - Racial Justice and Reconciliation Network
      - Matthew 25 Network
      - Upon review, it was MSP to recommend their approval for ongoing endorsement and support within the Presbytery of Redstone
  - **Executive Presbyter Report**
    - Updates on various activities, pastoral care needs and pastoral searches; death of 3 retired pastors - Rev. Robert Cahn, Rev. Alex Jalso, and Rev. Kent Lighthall
    - Need to revisit and reconsider our movements and priorities over the next few years, inviting members of the Council who were interested to participate in a "strategic thinking" task force to begin the conversations that would then take greater shape and substance at future Council meeting.
  - **Treasurer Report**
    - Written report based upon the end of the month of November 2021.
    - End of year performance in our investments both in New Covenant Funds and with Amerprise.

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- Third Item
- **Pine Springs Camp**
  - Report of ongoing activities related to Pine Springs Camp.
  - Thanksgiving for the most successful “Friends” Dinner as well as the end of the year fundraising campaign.
  - Continue to weekly adjust and adapt many of their plans for retreats and activities based upon the ever-changing prevalence or decline of COVID.
- **Subcommittees/Networks**
  - **Staff Support**
    - Summary of the activities of the Staff Support team.
    - Approval of the 2022 holiday schedule in which the Presbytery office would be closed.
    - Person serving in custodial services had resigned and the Presbytery would be looking for possible options going forward.
  - **Communications**
    - Task force has been inactive but will solicit writers again this year for the eNews articles.
    - Availability of Synod of the Trinity grants to presbyteries for technology upgrades and that, on behalf of the presbytery, a proposal for \$5,000 had been submitted for their consideration.
  - **Mission**
    - No meeting in December but will be meeting on January 11, 2022.
  - **Budget, Finance and Stewardship**
    - Taking up the task of exploring the options and implications for future use of the Presbytery center building facility. Preliminary work on the necessary issues to be considered will begin by individual members.
    - Presbytery staff has been asked to consider providing bookkeeping services for the annual Wee Kirk Conference. For a small stipend, these bookkeeping services would be integrated into the existing workflow and responsibilities of our current operations. It was recommended entering into this service relationship for a period of a couple years to be evaluated at that time. It was **MSP** to form this agreement and provide these services to the Wee Kirk conference.
    - A draft of Income and Expense statements for 2021 were provided. The closing date for entries for that year would be the following day.
  - **Racial Justice and Reconciliation Network**
    - Task force has been meeting regularly.
    - Work includes reviewing resources and books for use for study on these issues in our congregations.
    - Participated in a racial wealth gap simulation (Bread for the World) that was facilitated by Rev. Liddy Barlow of Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania.

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- Requested twenty minutes time on the January Presbytery agenda for a presentation and discussion using just one example from the simulation to provide a “teaser” for what would be a future sponsored workshop.
- Future activities might also include firsthand experiences with various museums.
- Written reports for the last two gatherings were submitted to the Council.
  
- **Healing and Prayer Ministry**
  - Requested a few minutes of docket time on the January agenda.
  
- **PRAYERS FOR EACH AND OUR COMMUNITIES**
  - Prayer requests were solicited, then lifted up in intercession by various members of the Council.

### **PINE SPRINGS REPORT**

Mike Hurley presented the Pine Springs Camp noting that there are Camp Pine Springs packets for each congregation. There are already 200 campers signed up for this upcoming camping season. Women in the Wood retreat is coming up, and there are also a couple of events coming up in April. Greg and Mike are available to come and visit with congregations. The Camp has also hired an intern. There will be a couple of ice-skating events coming up and there will be a Pine Spring Cook Out event, more information will be forthcoming. Mike asked for prayers as they are beginning to recruit counselors for the summer staff.

### **MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Rev. Sue Washburn reminded that the Mission Committee meets on Zoom on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 11AM. They are focusing on systemic poverty as part of the Matthew 25 Initiative. Rev. Sylvia Carlson, Chairperson of the Mission Committee, reported to the Presbytery noting the upcoming Soup to Go sale that will be upcoming to fund the upcoming trip to West Virginia. She asked Presbytery to keep eyes open for upcoming information about soup sale.

### **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT**

Rev. Ed Gray presented the following report and action items for the Committee on Ministry:

The Rev. Doug Portz, Senior Church Consultant of the Board of Pension provided some updates from the Board of Pensions. Doug gave a brief overview and history of the Board of Pensions. There is information contained in the meeting packet. He highlighted the Assistance Program in Adoption, Emergency grants, and Transition to College. There is also for Ministers in Active Service: Debt Relief, Educational Debt Assistance and Sabbath Sabbatical Support. For Retirees, Spouses and Surviving Spouses there are Housing Supplements, Income Supplements and Retiree Medical Grants. April 1<sup>st</sup> begins Quantum Health to help improve member use. Doug is available to help in any way.

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### Action Items

- It was **MSP** to move Rev. Susan Blank be moved to “Honorably Retired” status. Rev. Cliff Foster spoke on Sue’s ministry. Moderator Curtis Paul led the Presbytery in a litany recognizing Sue as being Honorably Retired and concluded this time with prayer.
- Celebration of 5-year ordination anniversaries. A list of those celebrating 5-year ordination anniversaries was included in the meeting packet.
- It was **MSP** to approve the examination of Kristen Emrick who is called to serve as Pastor of Ft. Burd and Calvin/ Brownsville. A representative of the PNC, Muriel Nuttall spoke of the process of the PNC (3 members for Ft. Burd and 2 from Calvin) Elder Kathy Heluska attested to the joint Congregational Meeting of the congregations to call Kristen Emrick, the vote was 34 Yes and 1 No.
- The Presbytery examined Kristen Emrick and she responded to several questions asked of her Statement of Faith. Kristen shared her Statement of Faith with the Presbytery. Kristen shared with the Presbytery a sense of her call to ministry. She attended Pittsburgh Theological Seminary with the intent to be a chaplain, but her field education experience opened her to a called and installed position. It was **MSP** to arrest the examination. It was **MSP** to approve the call of Kristen to serve the Ft. Burd and Calvin congregations. It was **MSP** to have Pittsburgh Presbytery ordain Kristen on our behalf on February 27, 2022 and that a service of Installation be held on March 6, 2022. Rev. Ed Gray closed our time with Kristen with prayer.
- It was **MSP** to approve the examination of Rev. Alice Tondora. Elder Jill Cavalet at member of the PNC spoke of the process that led the Cresson/Patton PNC to Rev. Alice Tondora. The Cresson vote was 25-0 and Roberta Farabaugh of the Patton church attested that the vote was 42-0.
- It was **MSP** that the call to the Rev. Alice Tondora and the Cresson/Patton congregations be approved. Rev. Ed Gray offered a prayer for Rev. Alice Tondora and the Cresson and Patton congregation which ended the report of the Committee of Ministry.

### Committee on Ministry Information Items (as published)

#### January 6, 2022, Meeting

- Election of Chairperson and Secretary
  - **MSP** to election Rev. Ed Gray as moderator and Helen Toms as secretary.
- **MSP** to approve minutes of November 4, 2021.
- **Moderator Report**

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- Consent items approved between meetings
  - Approval of the submission and posting of the Ministry Information Form of the McClellandtown Presbyterian Church.
  - Approval of the Interim Pastor agreement between Rev. Dr. Doug Rehberg and the First Presbyterian Church, Irwin.
- Devotions Sign-Up
- Rev. Skip Noftzger to moderate First Presbyterian Church, Irwin
- **Stated Clerk Report**
  - Correspondence Log
  - Annual Reports Due
    - Statistics (membership, giving, etc. which will be submitted to GA)
    - Waiver of Rotation forms
    - Terms of Call forms
    - Pastor agreement forms (temporary pastors)
    - Necrology
    - Session members (for 2022)
    - Manse Inspection
  - Minutes Review Dates
    - February 12, 2022 – Westmont, Johnstown (Enrichment Day)
    - March 22, 2022 – Pre-Presbytery meeting (location TBD)
    - April 12, 2022 – Uniontown (location TBD)
    - May 9, 2022 – Presbytery Center, Greensburg
    - May 24, 2022 – Pre-Presbytery (location TBD)
  - **MSP** to approve the recommendation of Waiver or Rotation requests
    - Merrittstown, Dunlap’s Creek – Ruling Elder Marlene Novak
    - North Huntingdon, New Hope – Ruling Elder Donna Van Allen
    - Bolivar, United – Ruling Elders Daniel Short, Ronald Betts, and Darlene Gregorich
    - Fayette City, First – Ruling Elders James Stark and Marlene Kubina
    - Dunbar, Laurel Hill – Ruling Elders Sherry Scully and Cheryl Duncan
    - United, New Kensington – Deacon Robin Sorch
    - McClellandtown – Ruling Elder Peggy Patitucci, and Deacon James Bork
    - Cover – Ruling Elder Bonita Hill
    - Derry – Ruling Elder Linda Miller, and Deacons Ron George and Margaret Metcalf
  - **MSP** of the approval of the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Rev. Ron Wakeman and First Presbyterian Church, Irwin. Rev. Wakeman will be designated as a member-at-large pending dismissal to another presbytery.
  - **MSP** to approve all current covenant pastor, interim pastors, commissioned pastors, and temporary pastors for pastors serving in “temporary pastoral relationships” pending submission of agreement and adequate compensation (minimum terms of call prorated).
  - **MSP** of the recommendation to the Presbytery that Rev. Susan Blank be designated “Honorably Retired”.

### REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES

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- **Examinations and Membership**
  - Examinations completed with candidates for both Transitional Pastor positions and Commissioned Pastors.
- **Search and Call**
  - Transition Chart discussed
- **AP/CP Subcommittee (COM/CPM)**
  - Upcoming Workshops
    - January 8 - "Lenten Practices: Leaders and Congregations"; Rev. Sue Washburn
    - February 5 - "Pastoral Care"; Gary Gibson, Presbyterian Senior Care
    - March 5 - "Church Leadership"; Rev. Jason Elliot
    - April 2 - "Multi-generational Christian Formation"; Rev. Peggy Shannon
    - May 7 - "Boundaries and Ethics"; Michelle Snyder
  - Reformed Worship and Sacraments cohort (begins January 8)
    - Redstone Presbytery - 2; Washington Presbytery - 1; Beaver Butler Presbytery - 3; Pittsburgh Presbytery - 1; Upper Ohio Valley - 2
- **COM Liaison Responsibilities and Resources**
  - Presbytery/Church "Season" calendar provided to provide guidance on how to be aware of what's going on in the life of the church such as Presbytery-wide events and church seasons through the year. The timeline is not a requirement to strictly follow, but to be used as a prompt or starting point to navigate relationships with churches and their leaders.
- **Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders**
  - Liaison assignments were reorganized to integrate new members.
  - Prayers lifted in answer to requests that had been received.
  - Prayers lifted for Teaching Elders and Commissioned Pastors.
  - Prayers lifted for Congregations.
- **New Business**
  - Jill Gaetano volunteered to serve on the Search and Call Subcommittee.

### **COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY REPORT**

There were no Action Items to be brought before Presbytery at this meeting, but the following information items were included in the packet:

#### **Committee on Preparation Information Items (as published)**

##### **January 4, 2022, Meeting**

- **Organizational**
  - Election of Chair - Geoff Rach, **MSP**
  - Election of Secretary - Karen Kifer, **MSP**

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- Meeting schedule – First Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m., approved
- **MSP** to approve minutes of (DATES) meeting(s)
- **Responsibilities of CPM**
  - Teaching Elder preparation – inquiry/candidating process
  - CP and AP preparation – Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation
  - Oversight and Liaison with Authorized Preachers
  - Oversight and Liaison with Certified Christian Educators
- **Authorized Preachers and IPLF**
  - AP's are Ruling Elders who have completed sufficient training and been examined in order to be authorized as a preacher.
  - AP's can fill the pulpit for various churches intermittently as needed.
  - Will assign a liaison for each AP.
  - Annual forms to fill out to be renewed as an AP.
  - CPM will meet with each AP annually.
  - Liaison must record date of meetings and discussions with each AP.
- **Master Chart and Checklist Review**
  - Inquirer/Candidate
    - Cynthia Bellina – Candidate
    - Danielle Kendig – Inquirer
    - James Vlosich – Inquirer
  - Authorized Preachers
    - Linda Gossar Loesch
    - Bob Sheehan
    - Jeff Keilman
    - Laurie Davison
    - Seth Myers
  - IPLF Students
    - Rich Zoltak
    - Karen Gray
    - Bill Poninsky
  - Certified Christian Educator
    - Cheryl Rhea
- **Update on Candidates and Inquirers**
  - Cynthia Bellina
    - Halfway through her studies
    - Not currently enrolled in classes due to health challenges
    - May be able to continue summer 2022
  - James Vlosich
    - Conversations about boundaries with current job at Trinity – serves on session
    - Enrolled online at Fuller Seminary
    - Taking Greek this semester

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- Danielle Kendig
  - Enrolled at Pittsburgh Seminary
  - Was Fulltime but may scale back
  - On staff at Westmont
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> year of studies
  - Will be invited to February meeting

- **Future Meetings/Consultations**

- February 1 - Danielle Kendig; inquirer
- March 1 - James Vlosich; inquirer
- April 5 - two Authorized Preachers/IPLF Students
- May 3 - two Authorized Preachers/IPLF Students; Ordination Exam Readers
- June 7 - may not meet
- July 5 - may not meet
- August 2 - Certified Christian Educator
- September 6 - two Authorized Preachers/IPLF Students
- October 4 - Danielle Kendig; inquirer
- November 1 - James Vlosich, inquirer
- December 6 - may not meet

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

There were no Action Items to be brought before Presbytery at this meeting, but the following information items were included in the packet:

**Nominating Committee Information Items**

- There remain a couple openings for positions on standing committees. These include:
- There remain a couple openings for positions on standing committees. These include:
  - 1 Male Ruling Elder-Committee on Ministry

Please submit names of possible Ruling Elders for consideration to the Nominating Committee through either Aleda Menchyk, or Skip Noftzger.

Additionally, there are always opportunities on various subcommittees, task forces and networks.

**FROM THE SEWICKLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION**

**Proceedings:**

*Meeting opened with prayer by Karen Kifer; Bible Reading from Psalm 36:5-7*

**MOTION** to approve the Administrative Commission Meeting minutes from October 20, 2021, MSP.

**Organization:**

*Chair* - Rev. Ed Gray, MSP.

*Treasurer* - Amanda Albright elected as treasurer, MSP.

*Secretary* - Dr. Rick Pry elected as secretary, MSP.

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*Recording Secretary* – Karen Kifer elected as recording secretary, MSP.

**Reports:**

*Report of the Chair* – Rev. Ed Gray

CP Report for Karen Kifer was written and submitted by Rev. Ed Gray.

*Report of the Treasurer* – Amanda Albright

**MOTION** to approve the Treasurer's report from November and December 2021, MSP.

*Budget 2021 Review Update*

*Report of the Commissioned Pastor* – Karen Kifer

Wednesday night Bible Study will resume on January 19. Average attendance remains 9.

Pastor Lynn Mance was the pulpit supply on October 31, 2021.

November 7, 2021 - Three new members joined the church. We enjoyed a time of fellowship afterward.

*Building Projects update:*

General maintenance including replacement of burnt-out bulbs and lubricating locks for the winter.

The church was decorated for Christmas on November 24, 2021 and removed on January 9, 2022.

*Administrative:*

*Congregational Meeting*

Congregational Meeting to be held with Rev. Chuck MacPherson to moderate the meeting, MSP.

**MOTION** to hold the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 30, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. after Sunday Service, MSP.

*Mission Report*

The church purchased \$500 worth of hats, gloves, and scarves and collected donations from those attending worship and the Bible Study. Distribution of hats, gloves, and blankets to local individuals in need occurred during the first two weeks of December..

Contacted the Mendon Elementary School which serves the local area and asked what the church can do to help. The principle suggested the church purchase \$50 Aldi's gift cards to be distributed to the students most in need. Aldi's offers lower prices and more food items in comparison to other local stores.

*Worship*

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service was held at 4:00 p.m. and included special music, scripture readings by members of the congregation, and hymns. Attendance was 60 people.

**MOTION** to donate \$300 from the Christmas Eve collection to the Westmoreland Food Bank,

**MOTION** to have communion bimonthly, normally on the third Sunday of the month,

**MOTION** to have a Maundy Thursday Service to include communion on April 14, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., MSP.

Audit Committee to review the financial records of the church.

**MOTION** to appoint Connie Keefer and Karen Kifer as the audit committee to review the financial records of the church, MSP.

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Property Insurance was reviewed and found adequate for the church and manse.  
*Meeting adjourned with prayer by Rev. Ed Gray.*  
*Next Administrative Commission Meeting will be March 9, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

The Presbytery watched the Announcement Loop.

**ATTENDANCE REPORT**

The Associate Stated Clerk, Rev. Cliff Foster gave the attendance report. He reported that there were 29 clergy and 14 Commissioned Pastors, 33 Elders (representing 27 congregations), 0 Christian Educators, 3 by virtue of office, 3 Corresponding Members, and 5 visitors for a total of 86. There were 40 congregations without elder representation.

**“SOLI DEO GLORIA”**

Rev. Skip Noftzger led the Presbytery in the “Soli Deo Gloria”

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was **MSP** to adjourn with prayer at 3:56pm.

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Martin Ankrum offered a Resolution of Thanks which provided a recap of all that took place in our meeting today. Martin led the Presbytery in a benediction prayer.

*The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone will take place on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom video conferencing and the Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon.*

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Curtis Paul, Moderator

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Rev. Cliff Foster, Recording Clerk