

Presbytery of Redstone
March 22, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The ecclesiastical and corporate meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone was called to order at 6:02 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, via Zoom videoconferencing and in person at the Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon, PA. The meeting was opened with a song and prayer by Rev. Curtis Paul, Moderator. Moderator Curtis Paul announced that items of new business must be presented to the associate Stated Clerk in writing (or through chat on Zoom) 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>
	Ross Bash, MAL	
	Susan Blank, HR	
	Sylvia Carlson, HR	
	James Farrer, HR	
	Donna Havrisko, HR	
	Chuck MacPherson, HR	
	Lynn Mance, Presbytery-wide CP	
	Lee McDermott, HR	
	Norma Murphy, NRHR	
	Skip Noftzger, EP	
Adah, Palmer Community	Nick Beatty, Temporary Supply	
Apollo, Poke Run		Valerie Hansen
Avonmore, First		
Belle Vernon, First	Mary Kay Glunt	Bobbi Jo Huebner
Belle Vernon, Harmony	Glenn Hart, CP	Susan Nesti
Belle Vernon, Marion		Celeste Wukovich
Belle Vernon, Rehoboth	Donald Glunt	Justin Walsh
Bolivar, United	James Sunseri, CP	
Brownsville, Calvin	Kristen Emrick, CovP	Diane Chuboy
Brownsville, Ft. Burd	Kristen Emrick, CovP	
Brownsville, Hopewell		
Colver	Owar Ojulu	Belinda Lambie
Cresson	Alice Tondora	
Dawson, Tyrone		
Delmont	Anthony Catullo, IP	David Holm
Derry		
Dunbar, First		
Dunbar, Laurel Hill	William Weightman, CP	Margaret Gilchrist
Ebensburg, First	Owar Ojulu	Judy Carl
Fairchance		
Farmington, Mt. Washington		
Fayette City, First		
Fayette City, Little Redstone		Audrey Cottle
Greensburg, First		Robin Jennings

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Greensburg, Maplewood		Robert Bereit
Greensburg, Westminster	William Youmans, IP	Jackie Eckenrod
Irwin, First		Phyllis Neral Cindy Broshanan Martha Pattullo Janice Batchelor
Irwin, West Hempfield	Andrew Wirt	
Jeannette	Dawn Sherwood	Paula Frey
Johnstown, Bethany		
Johnstown, First		Sheila Farrer
Johnstown, Second		
Johnstown, Westmont		Bernice Adams
Lake Lynn, Springhill	Molly Hall, CovP	
Latrobe	Ron Durika, IP	Scott Kroh Susannah Calvo
Latrobe, United	John Simpson, IP	
Leisenring		
Ligonier, Pleasant Grove		
Lower Burrell, Grace	Doug Marshall, IP	
Lower Burrell, Puckety	Brian Kilbert	Debra Artman Irene Nelson
Masontown		
McClellandtown		David Bork
Merrittstown, Dunlap's Creek		
Mt. Pleasant, Reunion		
Murrysville, First	Ed Gray	Jim Stange
Murrysville, Newlonsburg	Curtis Paul Travis Webster, AP	Susan Keaney
Murrysville, Union		
New Alexandria, Community	Leonard Morgan, CP	
New Alexandria, Congruity	Cliff Foster	Sarabeth Stopansky
New Florence, Bethel	James Sunseri, CP	Barry Poglein
New Florence, Trinity		
New Kensington, United	Wendy Keys	
New Salem		
North Huntingdon, New Hope	Brenda Barnes	John Cherepko
Patton	Alice Tondora	Roberta Farabaugh
Revloc		
Scottdale, Calvin		
Smithfield, Grace Chapel		
Smock, Pleasant View	Laura Blank	Carole Rittenhouse
Trafford, Level Green	Geoff Rach	Carol Lester
Uniontown, Tent	Jeff Smith, CP	
Uniontown, Third		
Uniontown, Trinity		
Vanderbilt, E. Liberty		

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West Newton, Sewickley	Karen Kifer, CP	
West Newton, Sewickley U.	Glenn Hart, CP	
West Newton, United		
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; TS = Temporary Supply; NRHR = Non-Resident Hon. Retired

By Virtue of Office: Nancy Peters, Presbytery Council

Visitors: Dolores Beatty, Adah, Palmer; Nick Beatty, Adah, Palmer; Derek Campbell, Pittsburgh Presbytery; Greg Davis, Pine Springs Camp; Phyllis Frye, New Alexandria, Congruity; Duffy Greba, Greensburg, Westminster; Bobbie Martin, Presbytery Staff; Ed Moore, Belle Vernon, Rehoboth; Rebecca Moore, Belle Vernon, Rehoboth; Bill Nicholls, Belle Vernon, Rehoboth; Sally Nicholls, Belle Vernon, Rehoboth; Doug Rehberg, Pittsburgh Presbytery; Dean Rippel, Belle Vernon, Rehoboth; Cedric Stopansky, New Alexandria, Congruity; Matt Sweeney, Latrobe; Catharine Weiss, Murrysville, Newlonsburg; Chuck West, Lower Burrell, Puckety; Ted Wukovich, Belle Vernon, Marion

Teaching Elders Excused: Armstrong; Buell; Cadenhead, B.; Cadenhead, C.; Carnahan; Corey; Degitz; Gear; Giesey; Graff; Havrisko; Hepler; Hess; Hickok; Holben; Keith; Kerr; Klein; Lloyd; Mason; Maxwell; McCabe; McClure; Morrow; Murray; Orr; Pressler; Sharp, W.; Simpson; Stevens; Stobaugh; Upton; VanWyk

Teaching Elders Absent: Ankrum; Bass-Riley; Dormire; Goetschius; LaSor; Maiman; Manon; Nti; Russell; Siddle; Washburn

Commissioned Ruling Elders Excused: NONE

Commissioned Ruling Elders Absent: Baird; Glisan; Marciano; McElroy; Prinkey; Scully; Todero; Wiegand; Yauger

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

It was **MSP** to approve the docket as presented by the Associate Stated Clerk.

SEATING OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERS AND INTRODUCTION OF OTHER VISITORS

The Associate Stated Clerk, Rev. Cliff Foster, asked that the following Teaching Elders from another Presbytery be seated as Corresponding Members of Redstone Presbytery for this meeting: the Rev. Doug Rehberg and Rev. Derek Campbell, both members of Pittsburgh Presbytery. He further asked that Privilege of the Floor be given to: Sally Nicholls, Rehoboth, Becky Moore, Rehoboth and Chuck West, Puckety.

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This was accomplished *by consent*.

The Moderator, Curtis Paul, 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.

STATED CLERK’S REPORT

The Rev. Skip Noftzger presented the Stated Clerk’s Report. He highlighted the Annual statistical report and called attention to the dates for the Session Minutes to reviewed and he called attention to the Correspondence Log and thanked the churches that completed their Statistical Report. He pointed out that some churches grew in 2021.

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. Summary of 2020 Comparative Statistical Summary for the Presbytery

<u>Membership Statistics</u>	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Active members	14,799	14,329	13,961	13,679	12,543	11,477	10,628	10,287	10,017	9636	9077	8863
Gains by Profession of Faith - 17 under	105	82	102	105	101	85	70	53	58	36	22	31
Gains by Profession of Faith - 18 over	169	178	146	154	155	171	170	102	119	98	30	56
Gains by Certificate	65	85	79	95	61	56	43	48	57	73	38	63
Losses by Certificate	57	95	78	243	519	437	205	65	215	34	18	24
Losses by Death	281	274	252	248	252	239	238	187	194	196	250	191
Losses by Other	211	511	417	182	781	725	732	304	106	316	344	144
Infant Baptisms	140	163	122	158	128	127	110	100	87	56	24	61
Adult Baptisms	26	25	22	35	17	24	20	9	13	14	6	10

As of the 2021 deadline for statistical reporting to the General Assembly, 58 churches have filed at least portions of their annual statistical reports for 2020. The following churches failed to submit their Annual Statistical Report based upon the deadline: Dunlap’s Creek; Fort Burd;

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Fairchance; Bethany; Leisenring; Masontown; Mt. Washington; Pleasant Grove; Tent.

3. The following dates represent additional opportunities for Clerks to have their Session minutes and Church Registers reviewed for 2021.

- March 22, 2022 – Belle Vernon, Rehoboth; Pre-Presbytery
- April 20, 2022 – Uniontown, Trinity United
- May 11, 2022 – Presbytery Center
- May 24, 2022 – Belle Vernon, First; Pre-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 January 29, 2022, be approved.

From the Council

1. Council **recommended** that the Financial Reports presented to the Council be received and filed for audit.
2. Council **recommended** that the reports of the Stated Clerk and Associate Stated Clerk be received and filed.
3. Council **recommended** that any Executive Presbyter, Treasurer, Mission, Pine Springs Camp and Synod commissioner reports presented to the Presbytery be received and filed.

From the Committee on Ministry

1. The Committee on Ministry **recommended** that Presbytery grant the request from the First Presbyterian Church, Dunbar to waive the rotation of terms of service for Tammy Rockwell and Seth Myers, Ruling Elders.

From the Sewickley Administrative Commission

1. The Administrative Commission **recommended** that its report be received, filed and recorded in the minutes.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ruling Elder Chuck West, Chair of the Finance Committee gave the Treasurer's Report. Chuck highlighted the written report in the meeting packet. The report focused on the first two months of the year, and he indicated that we are on track.

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EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER REPORT

Rev. Richard "Skip" Noftzger, Executive Presbyter, noted his written report. Skip challenged us with how we look at the numbers in the Statistical Report and perhaps to ask the question "why" we are doing things the way we are doing them, especially in light of the pandemic. He challenged us to ask the question of what it means to glorify God in this time and place. As part of his report, Skip Noftzger, Executive Presbyter led the Presbytery in the Soli Deo Gloria.

WORSHIP

We were led in worship by Elder Justin Walsh, Rev. Dawn Sherwood, Rev. Kristen Emerick. Elder Bobbie Jo Huebner, Rev. Curtis Paul, Rev. Molly Hall, Rev. Don Glunt and Rev. Mary Kay Glunt. Elder Bobbie Jo Huebner, Rev. Curtis Paul, Rev. Molly Hall presented a meditation called The Dinner Party. The Revs. Don and Mary Kay Glunt officiated the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The Offering from this meeting will go to our partnership with the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church. Joe Walker, organist of Rehoboth Presbyterian Church provided the music for the worship service.

ACTION AGENDA

COUNCIL REPORT

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

Action Items

- Mission subcommittee report. Rev Owar Ojulu called attention to several mission items that are taken place within our Presbytery. He also told us that he would be speaking on mission at upcoming Presbytery Meetings.
 - Mission trip. Duffy Greba, Westminster, Greensburg spoke of local mission emphasis at his church during the month of July and several groups or people are invited to talk about local mission. Becky Moore, Rehoboth, Belle Vernon talked about the impact the hymn of "Let There Be Peace On Earth" has been the theme at Rehoboth Presbyterian Church since the beginning of the crisis in Ukraine. Their sanctuary was decorated with sunflowers, in honor of Ukraine and the collection funds to be given to PDA for their ministry with the refugees from Ukraine. The congregation was asked to dress in blue and gold and on that Sunday, they were given Sunflower seeds. As of today, they have donated \$1042 to the Ukraine relief fund.
 - Mission around the Presbytery. The Redstone Mission Team had a Soup Sale last weekend and there will be a Mission Trip to West Virginia April 24-30. The Mission Team members going on the West Virginia trip were commissioned for the trip by a litany led by Moderator Curtis Paul. Sally Moore described what will happen on the upcoming trip.
 - PDA support for Ukrainian refugees. Owar reminded the Presbytery of the matching gift for support for the Ukrainian refugees through the Synod the Trinity. It was announced that the Synod will now match gifts up to \$50,000. The Mission committee is praying and discerning about some international mission projects or trips. There will be a meeting in

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August of the Sudan Mission project.

- Pine Spring Camp report. Greg Davis called attention to the items in the meeting packet about the Pine Springs Camp. He drew attention to this will be his 16th summer at the camp along with his wife Ellie. Greg thanked the Presbytery for all the encouragement that has been provided to the camp and the staff over the last couple of years. Greg presented a slide show about the camp and all of the various partnership in ministry. An update on camp is 54% of the goal of 800 campers as of today. There will be a traveling PSC Day Camp at First Presbyterian Church, Murrysville with Newlonsburg Church. There is a new position at the Camp Dan and Maddy Duffield. March 27 is a PSC Skate at Center Ice in Delmont, PA from 6-8PM. The Women in the Woods Retreat will be on April 1-2. There will be a Pop-Up Picnic at South Strabane Park in Washington County. The annual Work Day is Saturday, May 14th from 8:30 am to 3 PM. Monday, May 23 is the annual Golf Outing for scholarship. Greg asked for prayers for the camp and the recruitment of the summer staff.
- Commissioning of the 2022 General Assembly Commissioners
 - Rev. Brenda Barnes
 - RE Judy Carl
 - RE Audrey Cottle
 - Rev. Dawn Sherwood

Curtis Paul, Moderator led the Presbytery in a commission liturgy for our General Assembly Commissioners to the 225th General Assembly

- Matthew 25 network gathering will be happening in the near future.

Council Information Items (as published)

February 2, 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 January 11, 2022, meeting of Council as recorded and submitted.
- **Moderator Report**
 - Requests for Volunteers for Devotions for 2022
- **Stated Clerk Report**
 - MSP to receive and approve request from Belle Vernon, First to host May 24, 2022 Presbytery meeting
 - 2022 Presbytery meeting dates
 - January 29 - Greensburg, First (Hybrid/ ZOOM)
 - March 22 - Belle Vernon, Rehoboth (Hybrid/ ZOOM)
 - May 24 - Belle Vernon, First (Hybrid, ZOOM)
 - September 27 - Johnstown, Westmont (Hybrid/ ZOOM)

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- November 19 – Murrysville, Newlonsburg (Hybrid/ZOOM)
- 2022 Council meeting schedule
 - April 26
 - June 28
 - August 23
 - October 25
 - December 6
- 2022 Minutes Review dates and locations
 - February 12 – Johnstown, Westmont (completed)
 - March 22 – Belle Vernon, Rehoboth (pre-presbytery)
 - April 20 – Uniontown, Trinity
 - May 9 – Presbytery Center
 - May 24 – Belle Vernon, First (pre-presbytery)
- **Executive Presbyter Report**
 - Reiterated the need to begin the strategic thinking and planning process and solicited volunteers from among the Council. While the priorities remain the same (Engaging Congregation, Equipping Leadership, Enabling Ministry Networks, Empowering Mission Partnerships), there is a need for new objectives and strategies based upon the current environment.
 - Brainstormed important ministry networks and ministry partnerships that reflect our shared ministry and mission together as a presbytery.
 - Rev. Laura Blank assuming the responsibilities of coordinating the worship experiences at the presbytery gatherings, along with the host pastor and other members of Council; considering possible themes that would carry through the worship experiences at each meeting. It was noted that the worship at a presbytery meeting is an opportunity for different forms and liturgy other than the service for the Lord's day and should provide creative and meaningful experiences for presbyters.
- **Treasurer Report**
 - Written report submitted based upon the end of January 2022.
 - Reviewed that report noting the end of 2021 in terms of annual budget, investments, and balance sheet.
 - Reviewed the January income and expenses compared to pro rata monthly expectations.
- **Pine Springs Camp**
 - Written report submitted and reviewed, noting early but strong enrollment numbers for the upcoming 2022 camping season.
 - Ongoing retreats being sponsored, but sometimes with necessary adaptations for health and safety protocols.
- **Subcommittees/Networks**
 - **Staff Support**
 - No report.
 - **Communications**
 - Solicited members to participate in writing eNews articles over the next few months.
 - Discussed doing short video clips of various congregations in the presbytery for both

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featuring the drive to their location, talking of their history, and hearing about some of their present ministry. Entitled "On the Road with Redstone," it will be patterned after Rev. Don Glunt's Yarns which are posted on Facebook. An example was shared with Council.

- Having made a proposal to the Synod of the Trinity for technology, a \$5,000 grant has been approved and received. The list of possible technology equipment purchases in the grant proposal was provided.

- **Mission**

- Written report submitted was reviewed.
- Committee encourages support of the upcoming soup sale and mission trip to West Virginia.
- Tabled a \$2,000 request from Philip Obang for tuition for an advanced degree at Kenya University.
- Will solicit "minutes for mission" from congregations for presentation during Presbytery gatherings.
- March Presbytery offering will be designated for the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church partnership.

- **Budget, Finance and Stewardship**

- Work on the task of exploring the options and implications for future use of the Presbytery center building facility continues with individual members assuming responsibility in reviewing the potential impact of the lease agreement, possible technological applications, and current building physical needs.

- **Racial Justice and Reconciliation Network**

- Written report from last meeting provided.
- Debriefing the Presbytery "teaser," discussion took place on the best ways to continue the conversations even when there is disagreement.
- Most of the time was spent with Ralph Lowe from Pittsburgh Presbytery in talking through possible next steps. That conversation will be continued in the March meeting of the network.

- **Addictions Ministry Network**

- No report.

- **Healing and Prayer Ministry**

- No report.

- **Presbyterian Women**

- No report.

- **March Presbytery Agenda**

- Draft version of the March Presbytery agenda was reviewed.
- It was suggested that additional information about the formation of a Matthew 25 Network should be included.
- MSP to approve the agenda for the meeting subject to any last-minute revisions.

- **Unfinished Business**

- There was no unfinished business.

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- **New Business**
 - There was no new business for action.
- **PRAYERS FOR EACH AND OUR COMMUNITIES**
 - Prayer requests were solicited, then lifted up in intercession by various members of the Council.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT

Rev. Edward Gray presented the report of the Committee and reports the following report and action items for the Committee on Ministry:

Action Items

- Pastor Getaway Day---April 25; Pine Springs Camp
- The Committee on Ministry **recommended** examination of Rev. Derek Campbell to be received into the Presbytery of Redstone and approval of the call to an installed pastoral relationship between Rev. Campbell and the Latrobe Presbyterian Church.

Representatives from the Latrobe Presbyterian Church gave a brief overview of the process that led them to calling Derek Campbell to be their next called and installed pastor. The committee decided that they would be unanimous in any candidate that they would call. The congregation met on Sunday, March 20, 2022, the vote was unanimous (127 Yes 0 No votes) to call Derek Campbell as their pastor. The Presbytery examined Rev. Derek Campbell and he responded to several questions asked of his Statement of Faith. Derek described his sense of call to the Latrobe Presbyterian Church. He shared his theology of baptism. It was **MSP** to arrest the examination. It was **MSP** to receive Rev. Derek Campbell into membership of Redstone Presbytery and approve the call to an installed pastoral relationship between Rev. Campbell and the Latrobe Presbyterian Church. Moderator Curtis Paul offered a prayer Rev. Campbell.

- The Committee on Ministry **recommended** examination of Rev. Doug Rehberg to be received into the Presbytery of Redstone. *Rev. Rehberg will be serving as the Interim Pastor for First Presbyterian, Church of Irwin which was approved previously as a temporary pastor relationship by the Committee on January 6, 2022.*

The Presbytery examined Rev. Doug Rehberg and he responded to several questions asked of his Statement of Faith. Doug expressed his vision for being a transitional minister at First Presbyterian Church of Irwin. It was **MSP** to arrest the examination. It was **MSP** to receive Rev. Doug Rehberg into membership of Redstone Presbytery.

Rev. Ed Gray offered a prayer for Rev. Doug Rehberg which ended the report of the Committee of Ministry.

Committee on Ministry Information Items (as published)

February 3, 2022, and March 3, 2022, Meetings

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- **MSP** to approve minutes of November 4, 2021, January 6, 2022, and February 3, 2022, meetings.
- **Moderator Report**
 - First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown – Rev. Chuck MacPherson.
 - Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church, Ligonier – looking for a moderator.
 - Consent items authorized and approved between meetings:
 - Approval of the terms and the pastoral call between Kristen Emrick and the Fort Burd and Calvin Presbyterian churches. (*Approved by Presbytery – 1/29*)
 - Approval of the terms and the pastoral call between Rev. Alice Tondora and the Cresson and Patton churches. (*Approved by Presbytery – 1/29*)
- **Stated Clerk Report**
 - Correspondence Log
 - Dismissal of Rev. William King to Kiski Presbytery. (*Approved by Presbytery – 1/29*)
 - Dismissal of Rev. Ron Wakeman to Homestead Presbytery. (*Approved by Presbytery – 1/29*)
 - Annual Reports Statistics Submitted.
 - Minutes Review Date
 - March 22, 2022 – Pre-Presbytery meeting (Belle Vernon, Rehoboth)
 - April 20, 2022 – Uniontown (Trinity Presbyterian Church)
 - May 9, 2022 – Presbytery Center, Greensburg
 - May 24, 2022 – Pre-Presbytery meeting (Belle Vernon, First)
 - **MSP** request from the First Presbyterian Church, Dunbar for waiver of term limits for Tammy Rockwell and Seth Myers as Ruling Elders.

REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES

- **Examinations and Membership**
 - Looking for any other COM members who would like to participate in the Examinations and Membership Committee.
 - Met with, review faith statements, and examined both Rev. Rehberg and Rev. Campbell.
 - Orientation and mentor for Kristen Emrick – Rev. Laura Blank
 - Marsha Stallings will chair the Examinations and Membership Subcommittee.
- **Search and Call**
 - Transition Chart reviewed.
- **COM Liaison Responsibilities and Resources**
 - Ministry reflections for conversations
 - Possible Questions for Pastor or Others
 - Resources within the Presbytery
- **Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders**
 - Prayers lifted in answer to requests that had been received.
 - Prayers lifted for Teaching elders and Commissioned Pastors.
 - Prayers lifted for Congregations.

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- **Unfinished Business**
 - Donna Havrisko, Molly Hall, Glenn Hart, and Ed Gray will comprise the task force for the Pastor Getaway Day – Post-Easter one-day event at Pine Springs Camp.
- **New Business**
 - Discussion on the urgent appeal from Goodwill and St. Vincent DePaul stores for warm clothing donations because of decrease in donations due to the weather combined with a rise in the number of shoppers over recent months. Rev. Mary Kay Glunt described how First Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon provides gloves, hats, blankets, and food through their Blessing Box. A question was asked if there could be a coordinated effort to help with the appeal such as a common place for collections.

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY REPORT

Rev. Geoff Rach presented the report of the Committee. He called attention to their report in the meeting packet and drew the Presbytery's attention to the IPLF program which is a training program for authorized preachers and commissioned pastors with several surrounding Presbyteries.

Action Items

- The Committee on Preparation reported on the evaluation and progress of the training program for authorized preachers and commissioned pastors (IPLF). This is a shared training programs with several of our surrounding presbyteries.

Committee on Preparation Information Items (as published)

March 1, 2022, and February 1, 2022, Meetings

- **MSP** to approve minutes of February 1, 2022 and January 4, 2022 meetings
- **IPLF**
 - Workshops for Spring 2022 are held the first Saturday in February, March, April, and May
 - Pastoral Care – February 5, 2022
 - Congregational Leadership – March 5, 2022
 - Contemporary Spiritual Formation – April 2, 2022
 - Ethics and Boundaries – Saturday, May 7, 2022
 - a) Encouraged for all those in IPLF and all TE's and CP's who have not been involved in ethics training in past 4 years
 - b) Could be beneficial for James Vlosich
- **Liaison Reports/Consultation Table**
 - Bob Sheehan contacted by James Sunseri
 - Bob will meet with CPM on May 3
 - He is preaching some
 - Bob has health issues including headaches and heart issues
 - He has submitted his annual report
 - Jeff Keilman contacted by James Sunseri
 - Jeff preached 28 times last year, including 2 times at his home church
 - When he preaches in Fayette City, he gets \$100 for 42 miles travel and tolls. He

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- breaks even
 - Jeff says he never writes a sermon. He reviews the scripture and talks about it.
 - Laurie Davison – Robin Jennings attempted to contact her, but the phone number is bad.
 - Laurie did not respond to Robin’s email. The email address appears to be a business address
 - Skip Noftzger is aware
 - She needs to complete her annual report
 - Linda Gossar-Loesch contacted by Robin Jennings
 - Linda will meet with CPM; June or July would be better for her
 - She is having surgery on March 23 and then another 6 weeks later
 - Tammy Noss contacted by Karen Kifer
 - Tammy enjoys working with First Presbyterian Church in Avonmore
 - Advent went well
 - Tammy still has Worship and Sacraments and Church Administration practicums to complete
 - She will meet with CPM on May 3
 - Karen Gray contacted by Karen Kifer
 - Karen is working full time (50+ hours per week) in addition to finishing her classes for IPLF
 - She also serves on the Presbyterian Scholarship Committee
 - Karen plans to begin the practicums this fall and hopes to finish all required by the time she retires in 2023
 - Dawn Sherwood spoke to Rich Zoltak on February 1, 2022
 - Rich is working on his last practicum - Pastoral Care
 - Rich has completed his ministry report
 - Skip Noftzger will add contact information for the IPLF students to the Consultation Sheet
- **Checklist Review**
 - **Consultation with Inquirers/Candidates**
 - James Vlosich
 - Member of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Uniontown.
 - Serves at Christian Ed Director and Mission – 30 hours a week
 - a) His responsibilities include leading the Adult Sunday School, leading Men’s Dart Ball team, leading Youth Group and Wednesday Teen Group
 - b) James has a good relationship with Pastor
 - c) James started filling in for the pastor at Trinity and a few other churches in 2018
 - d) Mentioned he gets nervous and was assured that is normal
 - Inquirer enrolled in Fuller Theological Seminary
 - a) Began in 2021
 - b) Enrolled as an inquirer under Redstone in March 2021
 - c) Completed Forms 4a and 5
 - d) Finishing up the winter quarter at Fuller
 - e) Greek A is difficult for James – well above passing, but his grade is lower than his normal grade of A’s
 - f) Spring quarter starts in 4 weeks – will cut back to Greek B only so he can concentrate on it

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- g) Projected to complete classes Winter 2024 or Spring 2025
- Field Education
 - a) Looking forward to a different experience than he is currently working
 - b) Fuller Seminary has not provided much detail on the Field Ed opportunities yet
 - c) James will discuss with advisor, so his field education will meet both the school's and Redstone's requirements
 - d) Could James do a CPE in the summer and step away from Trinity United responsibilities? He will discuss with Session
- Discussed how God is speaking to James
- Discussed status with Redstone Presbytery
- Members of CPM prayed for James
- Committee conversation after meeting with James
 - a) Discussed the possibility of James taking the Ethics and Boundaries Workshop which is concentrated on sexual misconduct
 - b) Could James have had Ethics and Boundaries training at Trinity since he works with youth?
 - c) Discussed him continuing to serve on Session as a staff member - which is permitted if caution is exercised not to vote on motions related to his staff position
- Danielle Kendig
 - Inquirer enrolled at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
 - a) Began in 2020
 - b) Enrolled as Inquirer under Redstone's care in March 2021
 - c) Employed in Christian Education/Youth at Westmont Presbyterian Church, Johnstown
 - d) Has finished Hebrew instruction
 - e) Taking second semester of Greek along with Polity
 - f) Completed forms for Leaderwise - Ministry Assessment and is waiting for results
 - Sequencing
 - h) On target to graduate upon completion of the Winter 2023 or Spring 2024 semester
 - i) Dropped back to 3 classes a semester from fulltime
 - j) Far enough along to begin considering Candidacy
 - k) May appear before Presbytery in May 2022
 - l) After becoming a Candidate, would be given permission to take the Bible Content exam
 - m) Must be a candidate for one year prior to graduation
 - Field Education
 - a) PTS requires first semester in class, second semester in field
 - b) Redstone requires two field education experiences (CPE is recommended)
 - How Can CPM Help?
 - a) Discussed differences between Spiritual Director, Christian Faith based Counselor and a Coach
 - b) Discussed how to prepare for Ordination Exams
 - Inquirer/Candidate Concerns

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- a) Concerned about health care coverage when husband's job is lost
 - Members of CPM prayed for Danielle
 - Committee Discussion after Consultation
 - a) Will wait until assessment from Leaderwise is received before recommending her to become a Candidate at the May Presbytery meeting
- **Future Meetings/Consultations (tentative)**
 - March 1 - James Vlosich
 - April 5 - Bob MacPherson, Rich Zoltak
 - May 3 - Tammy Noss, Bob Sheehan, Ordination Exam Readers
 - June 7 - Karen Gray, Bill Poninsky
 - July 5 - Linda Gossar-Loesch, if committee is meeting
 - August 2 - Certified Christian Educators
 - September 6 - Laurie Davison, Jeff Keilman
 - October 4 - Danielle Kendig
 - November 1 - James Vlosich
 - December 6 - Committee possibly not meeting
- **New Business**
 - Bob MacPherson completed application to start IPLF in Fall of 2022
 - He has been preaching 3 out of 4 Sundays at Roscoe Presbyterian Church, Washington Presbytery
 - Volunteers at Redstone Highlands in North Huntingdon
 - **MSP** for Bob to meet with CPM in April and begin the IPLF program in the Fall - Geoff Rach will contact Bob to set up meeting with committee

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Rev. Ron Durika presented the following report and action items of the Nominating Committee:

Action Items

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, the following names are placed before you for election to positions in their respective categories.

Committee on Ministry Class of 2023
Carol Faytol, Bethel, New Florence

- **The Nominating Committee nominates the following people to serve as PCUSA ordination examination readers in 2022.**
 - RE Robin Jennings
 - RE Karen Kifer (alternate)
 - Rev. John Manon
 - Rev. Richard Sweeney (alternate)

There being no further nominations from the floor the above nominees, it was **MSP** that the slate of nominees be elected to serve in the capacities to which they were nominated.

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Nominating Committee Information Items (as published)

As we prepare for the upcoming season (June-September) of identifying new leadership, the Nominating Committee is in need of your suggestions and recommendations for ruling elder candidates to serve within the various committees and structures of the Presbytery. Please email any nominations to Aleda Menchyk, Nominating Committee Chair.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Rev. Jim Farrer distributed a handout about the upcoming Holy Land Pilgrimage, October 15 to 28, 2022 and he spoke about the trip.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Associate Stated Clerk, Rev. Cliff Foster gave the attendance report. He reported that there were 30 clergy and 6 Commissioned Ruling Elders, 34 elders (representing 29 congregations), 0 Christian Educator, 1 by virtue of office, 16 visitors, 2 Corresponding Members for a total of 89. There were 38 congregations without elder representation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS LOOP

The Presbytery watched the Announcement Loop that highlighted many of the upcoming events within our Presbytery over the next several months. The Announcement Loop will be available on the Presbytery website.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Rev. Don Glunt offered the Resolution of Thanks for this meeting.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Don Glunt offered the benediction prayer.

AJOURNMENT

It was **MSP** to adjourn with prayer at 8:19 p.m.

The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone will take place on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. via zoom videoconferencing and at the First Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon.

Curtis Paul, Moderator

Cliff Foster, Recording Clerk