

Presbytery of Redstone
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CALL TO ORDER

The ecclesiastical and corporate meetings of the Presbytery of Redstone were convened at 1:07 p.m. on Saturday, January 28, 2023, via Zoom videoconferencing and in person at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, PA. The meeting was opened with prayer by Vice Moderator Rev. Dawn Sherwood. The Presbytery listened to a Gathering Song play by the organist of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Rev. Curtis Paul, Moderator, announced that items of new business must be presented to the clerk before the end of worship.

FORMATION OF THE ROLL

The Associate Stated Clerk, Rev. Cliff Foster, attested to the fact that a quorum was present in order to conduct the business of the meeting.

CHURCH	<u>MINISTERS</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>
	Ross Bash, MAL	
	Susan Blank, HR	
	Sylvia Carlson, HR	
	James Farrer, HR	
	Gary Filson, HR	
	Donna Havrisko, HR	
	Clark Kerr, HR	
	Lynn Mance, CP - Presbytery-wide	
	Lee McDermott, HR	
	Aleda Menchyk, HR	
	Norma Murphy, NRHR	
	Skip Noftzger, EP	
	Robert Sheehan, CP - District IV	
	John Simpson, HR	
Adah, Palmer Community		
Apollo, Poke Run		
Avonmore, First		
Belle Vernon, First	Mary Kay Glunt	Lori Lamberski
Belle Vernon, Harmony	Glenn Hart, CP	
Belle Vernon, Marion		
Belle Vernon, Rehoboth	Donald Glunt	Bill Nicholls
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		Esther Perkins
Derry		
Dunbar, First		

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Dunbar, Laurel Hill	William Weightman, CP	
Ebensburg, First	Owar Ojulu	Jim Stratton
Fairchance		
Farmington, Mt. Washington		
Fayette City, First		
Fayette City, L Redstone		
Greensburg, First	Martin Ankrum	Robin Jennings Mike Pascarella
Greensburg, Maplewood		
Greensburg, Westminster	Jennifer Frayer-Griggs	Jackie Eckenrod
Irwin, First	Doug Rehberg, IP	Sandy Kutz Bill Snyder
Irwin, West Hempfield	Andrew Wirt	Helen Toms
Jeannette	Dawn Sherwood	Robert Gilson
Johnstown, Bethany	Denise Todero, CP	Linda Orlidge
Johnstown, First	Hyiwot Teshome	Sheila Farrer
Johnstown, Second		
Johnstown, Westmont	Ben Nti	Bernice Adams Joyce Norris
Lake Lynn, Springhill	Molly Hall	
Latrobe		
Latrobe, United		
Leisenring		
Ligonier, Pleasant Grove		
Lower Burrell, Grace	Doug Marshall, IP	
Lower Burrell, Puckety	Brian Kilbert	Debra Artman
Masontown		
McClellandtown		
Merrittstown, Dunlap's Creek		
Mt. Pleasant, Reunion	Russ Baird, CP	
Murrysville, First	Edward Gray	Rick Pry
Murrysville, Newlonsburg	Curtis Paul Travis Webster, AP	
Murrysville, Union		Donna Doyle
New Alexandria, Community	Leonard Morgan, CP	
New Alexandria, Congruity	Cliff Foster	Kathryn Hamilton
New Florence, Bethel	James Sunseri, CP	Keith Davis
New Florence, Trinity		
New Kensington, United		Marie Davis
New Salem	William Wiegand, CP	Terra Mick
North Huntingdon, New Hope	Brenda Barnes	Suzanne Pressler
Patton	Alice Tondora	Jill Sunseri
Revloc		
Scottdale, Calvin	Doug Yauger, CP	
Smithfield, Grace Chapel		

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Smock, Pleasant View	Laura Blank	Carole Rittenhouse
Trafford, Level Green	Geoff Rach	Jack Battenhouse
Uniontown, Tent	Jeff Smith, CP	
Uniontown, Third		
Uniontown, Trinity		
Vanderbilt, E. Liberty		
West Newton, Sewickley	Karen Kifer, CP	
West Newton, Sewickley U.	Glenn Hart, CP	
West Newton, United	John Manon	Chuck Yelich
Notation:	(*) = pastor other denomination (**) = pastor/CP serving more than one church (#) = pastor another presbytery	AP = Associate Pastor; CovP = Covenant Pastor CP = Commissioned Pastor; HR = Honorably Retired IP = Interim Pastor; MAL = Member at Large

By Virtue of Office: John Dickson, Presbytery Treasurer; Bobbi Jo Huebner, Presbytery Council

Corresponding Members: Robert Ruefle, Pittsburgh Presbytery

Visitors: Greg Davis, Pine Springs Camp; Tom Degentesh, Greensburg, Westminster; James Glisan; Patricia Hart, North Huntingdon, New Hope; Pearl Jones, Murrysville, Union; Sally Nicholls, Belle Vernon, Rehoboth; Gilbert Roup, Murrysville, Union; Bobbie Shaffor, Presbytery Staff; Betty Rae Smith, Belle Vernon, Rehoboth; Mel Thomas, Murrysville, Union; Catharine Weiss, Murrysville, Newlonsburg; Bonnie Wiegand, Irwin, First

Teaching Elders Excused: Armstrong; Buell; Cadenhead, B., Cadenhead, C.; Carnahan; Catullo; Corey; Degitz; Gear; Giesey; Graff; Hepler; Hess; Hickok; Holben; Keith; Klein; Lewis; Macaleer; MacPherson; Mason; Maxwell; McCabe; McClure; Michael; Morrow; Murray; Orr; Pressler; Sharp, W.; Stevens; Stobaugh; Sweeney; Upton; VanWyk

Teaching Elders Absent: Campbell; Durika; LaSor

Commissioned Ruling Elders Excused: Scully

Commissioned Ruling Elders Absent: McElroy; O'Hara; Prinkey

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The Moderator, Rev. Curtis Paul 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 the Rev. Robert Ruefle, member of Pittsburgh Presbytery, be seated as a corresponding member. It was **MSP** to approve this

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motion.

Rev. Cliff Foster also moved that Mike Scherba, PNC member of Union Presbyterian Church and Pearl Jones, Clerk of Session of Union, Murrysville be given Privilege of the Floor. It was **MSP** to approve this motion.

INSTALLATION OF MODERATOR/ VICE MODERATOR

Rev. Curtis Paul invited newly elected Moderator Rev. Dawn Sherwood and Vice-Moderator Elder Leonard Morgan forward and led the Presbytery in a service of installation as Moderator and Vice Moderator for 2023. Rev. Curtis Paul presented Rev. Dawn Sherwood with the Moderator's stole, gavel, and Book of Occasional Worship Services. The installation service was closed with prayer.

Rev. Skip Noftzger, Executive Presbyter presented Curtis Paul with a gift thanking him for his service to the Presbytery of the Moderator in 2022.

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, 2022, 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

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1. Healing Prayer Ministry Network
 2. Voices for Justice
 3. Geographic Districts – I; II; III; IV
 4. Women Clergy
 5. PEPSI
 6. Presbyterian Women
 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 Jack Battenhouse – Presbytery Council

Ruling Elder Audrey Cottle- Presbytery Council

Ruling Elder Tim D’Aurora – Presbytery Council

Ruling Elder Bobbi Jo Huebner – Presbytery Council

Ruling Elder Leonard Morgan – Vice-Moderator

Ruling Elder Susan Nesti – Presbytery Council

Ruling Elder Nancy Peters – Presbytery Council

Ruling Elder Jim Stange – Presbytery Council

Ruling Elder Pam Walter – Presbytery Council

It was **MSP** to approve this motion. 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

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others commissioned during a Presbytery meeting in 2022, 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
Ruling Elder Glenn Hart, Belle Vernon, Harmony; West Newton, Sewickley
United
Ruling Elder Karen Kifer, West Newton, Sewickley
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 Robert Sheehan, District IV-wide
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

It was **MSP** to approve this motion. 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.

It was **MSP** to approve this motion. This motion was approved by consent.

7. The stated meetings for 2023 have been scheduled as follows:

**Saturday, January 28, 2023 - Westminster Presbyterian Church,
Greensburg/ZOOM**

Tuesday, March 28, 2023 - West Hempfield Presbyterian Church, Irwin/ZOOM

Tuesday, May 23, 2023 - Ebensburg Presbyterian Church/ZOOM

Tuesday, September 26, 2023 - Latrobe Presbyterian Church/ZOOM

Saturday, November 18, 2023 - First Presbyterian Church, Jeannette/ZOOM

8. The Stated Clerk provided the 2022 Necrology Report of Ruling and Teaching Elders.
9. Equalization

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On December 31, 2021, 83 ministers of Word and Sacrament were on the rolls of the Presbytery, 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. On December 31, 2022, 81 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 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. Since 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

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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	

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

11. The dates for the 2022 Session Minutes Reviews are:

- a. February 11, 2023 – Johnstown; Westmont; 10:15 a.m., Pre-Enrichment Day
- b. March 28, 2023 – West Hempfield, Irwin; 5:00 p.m., Pre-Presbytery
- c. April 18, 2023 – Trinity, Uniontown – 6:00 p.m.
- d. May 9, 2023 – Presbytery Center – 6:00 p.m.
- e. May 23, 2023 – Ebensburg – 5:00 p.m., Pre-presbytery

12. Consent Agenda

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 19, 2022, 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 2022 year as noted in the Stated Clerk’s report.
4. Council **recommended** approval of each of the following amendments to the Book of Order approved at the 2022 General Assembly.

(Annotation and recommendations by standing committees of the Presbytery are included for information only. Full text of each amendment as well as background and rationale are provided in Appendix B).

- 22-C Meetings (ROD-06 2)
(established Robert’s Rules as the default parliamentary authority for congregational meetings and authorizes electronic congregational meetings; COM recommends approval)

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- 22-E Categories of Membership (POL-07)
(removes “honorably” before “retired” as the category for retired ministers of word and sacrament)
- 22-F Transfer of Min. of Other Denom. (POL-15)
(adds expectation to consult with the other denomination when receiving immigrant pastors not meeting the normal ordination educational requirements; COM recommends approval)
- 22-G Purpose of Inquiry (HSB-05 2)
(adds the requirement of boundary training during the inquiry phase of preparation for ordination as minister of word and sacrament; CPM recommends approval)
- 22-H Oversight (HSB-05 1)
(adds requirement of sessions to “report to the presbytery any matters of sexual misconduct” of their members who are enrolled as inquirers or candidates; CPM recommends approval)
- 22-I Terms of Call (HSB-06)
(adds the requirement of twelve weeks paid family medical leave in the terms of call; COM recommends approval)
- 22-J Functions (MC-08)
(adds language authorizing possible commissioning of pastors to more than one validated ministry at a time; COM recommends approval; COM recommends approval)
- 22-K Training, Exam., Comm. (HSB-05 3)
(adds requirement of boundary training for those seeking to become commissioned pastors; CPM recommends approval)
- 22-L Christian Educators (HSB-05 4)
(adds requirements of boundary training for those seeking to be certified as Christian Educators; CPM recommends approval)
- 22-M Officers (MC-05)
(adds language that it “is appropriate” to adopt procedures for electronic session meetings; COM recommends approval)
- 22-N Meetings (ROD-06 3)
(adds provision that all councils, their commissions and committees may meet electronically; COM recommends approval)
- 22-Q Relations with Session (MC-03)
(authorizes presbyteries to establish requirements for dissolution of pastoral calls; COM recommends approval)

From the Committee on Ministry

1. The Committee on Ministry **recommended** that Presbytery grant the request from the McClellandtown Presbyterian Church, to waive the rotation of service for Janet Adamovich, Ruling Elder.

From the Committee on Preparation for Ministry

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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.

Note: Item 22 E was removed from the Consent Agenda and will be taken up under the Council Report. It was **MSP** approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the one item that had been pulled from Consent Agenda.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ruling Elder John R. 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 2022 and John highlighted many of the items found in the written report. John reported that the church given reached at level of 99% which was the first time this has happened in his tenure as the Presbytery Treasurer. The year there was a loss in investments.

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER REPORT

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

OPERATIONS

Rev. Cliff Foster, Associate Stated Clerk, made the motion to interrupt the Presbytery meeting for the purpose of convening the meeting of the corporation of the Presbytery of Redstone. It was **MSP** to interrupt the meeting for the Corporation meeting. Elder Belinda Lambie, President of the Corporation, moderated the meeting of the corporation. Elder Belinda Lambie, President of the Corporation, called the Meeting of the Corporation to order and opened the meeting with prayer. She presented the followed slate of persons to be elected as the Officers of the Corporation for 2023:

(Corporation Meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone, January 28, 2023)

Based upon the provisions of the Manual, the following slate of persons were nominated to serve as the Officers of the Corporation for 2023:

President - Rev. Curtis Paul

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 2023.

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Belinda Lambie 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 Shaffor

It was **MSP** to approve this motion of adding Bobbie Shaffor, Bookkeeper to sign checks for the Corporation.

It was **MSP** to close the Meeting of the Corporation. Belinda Lambie closed the Meeting of the Corporation with prayer.

The Meeting of the Presbytery resumed with worship.

WORSHIP

The Presbytery joined in worship under the leadership of Rev. Susan Blank who led the Call to Worship; Rev. Curtis Paul who led the Prayer of Confession, the Assurance of Pardon and the Passing of the Peace; Elder Tom Degentesh who read the Gospel reading of Matthew 28: 16-20 and the Epistle reading of Romans 1: 11-17; Rev. Skip Noftzger who preached the Sermon “Living the Why; People of Purpose – Proclaiming Good News”; Rev. Dawn Sherwood led the Presbytery in the commissioning of Ruling Elders to Particular Pastoral Service; Rev. Sylvia Carlson led the Prayer of Dedication for the offering received at the Presbytery meeting which is to go for relief efforts in the Sudan and South Sudan Evangelical Church; Rev. Sue Washburn presented a Memorial Moment for the Rev. Wendy Keys; Elder Len Morgan and Rev. Dawn Sherwood read the names of those who are part of the Necrology Report and members of those churches were invited to come forward and place a flower in the cross provided; Rev. Jennifer Frayer-Griggs led the Presbytery in prayer and officiated the celebration of the Lord’s Supper and led the Prayer after Communion; the Westminster Choir and Director of Music, Jonathan Eutsey provided special music during the worship service and organist Sylvia Andrae provided the music.

PRESBYTERY MEETING resumed.

COUNCIL REPORT

Rev. Curtis Paul, chair of the Presbytery Council, presented the following report and action items from the Council:

It was **MSP** to nominate Elder Lynn Mance to the Nominating Committee of the Presbytery. The floor was opened for nominations and no nominations were submitted. It was **MSP** to elect Lynn Mance to the Nominating Committee of the Presbytery.

Rev. Curtis Paul called on Rev. Brenda Barnes for a presentation from the Racial Justice and Reconciliation Network. Rev. Barnes noted that this network meets on the first Wednesday of the month via Zoom. If interested in attending, please let her know. An upcoming movie

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discussion group will be forthcoming on the movie "Hidden Figures". This study will be offered at two different times and will be on Zoom. More information will be available in the eNews. It will be available on Sunday nights and on Thursdays.

Council Information Items (as published)

January 10, 2023, Meeting

Curtis Paul, Moderator called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. A quorum of members was established by those in person and participation by Zoom videoconferencing. Moderator Paul welcomed everyone and invited each person to introduce themselves by identifying their name, home church, any new resolutions and where they had been seeing God's Spirit at work. Rev. Paul shared some devotional reflections on reading from I John. Upon receiving prayer request the meeting was opened in prayer by the Moderator.

- Moderator requested that the agenda as submitted be considered. The agenda was approved **by consent.**
- The minutes of the December 6, 2022, meeting were approved by **MSP.**

Moderator Report

Rev. Paul requested other members of Council to volunteer to lead devotions for the other Council meetings in 2023. Leaders were identified for all meetings.

Executive Presbyter Report

Copies of the appropriate sections of the Manual on the responsibilities of the Council were distributed for consideration. Rev. Noftzger emphasized the distinctive roles of the Committee on Ministry, the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, and the Council. In particular, the Council operates as the leadership team in between Presbytery gatherings, and both facilitates and oversees areas of shared ministry and shared mission within the Presbytery.

Rev. Noftzger provided updates on various ministry activities around the presbytery including options for ALICE training (in each district) as well as highlights of some individual congregations and new pastoral leadership.

Stated Clerk Report

- The Correspondence Log for was reviewed as submitted.
- Rev. Noftzger confirmed the dates for all Council meetings in 2023. They are the following:
 - **January 10**
 - **February 28**
 - **April 25**
 - **June 27**
 - **August 29**
 - **October 24**
 - **November 28**

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- Rev. Noftzger introduced the overtures from the 2022 General Assembly that had been referred by the Council to the COM and CPM for possible recommendations to the Presbytery at the January 2023 meeting. Upon reviewing each one and the recommendation or not of the standing committee, it was **MSP** to submit each one on the consent agenda for the January meeting. The particular recommendation of the COM or CPM will be included for information purposes with the amendment for approval.

Treasurer Report

No report.

Executive Director of Pine Springs Camp

Executive Director Greg Davis had submitted a written report. Reviewing particular items related to EOY giving and providing the promotional materials for the upcoming 2023 summer camping season. Because this will be the 75th anniversary of the operating of summer camp at Pine Springs, he identified two key upcoming events.

- 75-year celebration---June 3
- Annual Friends Dinner---October 29

Both events will take place on site at Pine Springs Camp

He also solicited from the Council ideas and options for celebrating the history of the camping ministry by Redstone Presbytery. After some discussion, a task force consisting of Rev. Dawn Sherwood, Tim D'Aurora and Rev. Noftzger agreed to work on possible ideas.

It was agreed to receive the reports **by consent** of the Executive Presbyter, Stated Clerk, Treasurer and Executive Director of PSC.

Committees/Networks

Communications

No report.

Mission

Rev. Ojulu spoke of the planning the 2023 PDA mission trip to Kentucky. Under the leadership of Rev. Campbell, the trip is scheduled for June 5-10, 2023, and there will be a capacity of 38 participants. Those wanting more details should reach out to Rev. Campbell.

The Mission subcommittee has not met yet in January but will be coming together on January 12.

Budget, Finance and Stewardship

Rev. Noftzger shared with everyone a draft of the EOY financial report. First Fruits contributions were slightly below budget with 314,000 in comparison to 320,000. Restricted income and expenses were higher than budgeted with approximately 48,000 being donated to PDA from congregations. Miscellaneous income far exceeded the budgeted amount, which combined with under-budget fiscal management in all areas permitted a budget with a positive operating variance without utilizing the budgeted revenue amounts from investments.

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Racial Justice and Reconciliation

Rev. Brenda Barnes reported on their most recent meeting. She requested authorization for sponsorship of a program (Zoom) for discussion of the movie "Hidden Figures" to be offered during the Lenten season. It was **MSP** to approve this request.

Worship

Rev. Laura Blank announced that the theme for worship at Presbytery gatherings in 2023 would focus on the "Great Ends of the Church." Noting that there are six "Great Ends," but only five gatherings, she talked about consolidating two in one meeting. In January, Rev. Noftzger has agreed to preach on the first of those, "the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind." Previously approved guest preachers will be asked for the other gatherings.

January Presbytery Agenda

A proposed Presbytery agenda was submitted. Upon discussion and minor revisions, the agenda for the January meeting was **MSP** and will be published.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

There was no new business for action.

CLOSING PRAYERS/ADJOURNMENT

It was **MSP** to adjourn, and the meeting was closed in prayer by Rev. Dawn Sherwood at 8:20 p.m.

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**December 6, 2022, Meeting**

Belinda Lambie, Moderator called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Moderator Lambie welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayer. A quorum of members was established by those in person and participating by Zoom videoconferencing.

- Moderator requested that the agenda as submitted be considered. The agenda was approved **by consent.**
- The minutes of the October 23, 2025, meeting were corrected with a few typos and approved by **MSP.**

**Moderator Report**

The moderator requested approval of Lynn Mance to be nominated to the Presbytery to serve on the Nominating Committee. Her nomination was approved **by consent.**

**Stated Clerk Report**

The Correspondence Log for was reviewed as submitted.

The Council reviewed the meeting dates and a possible host for 2023 which were the following:

- Rev. Noftzger confirmed the dates for all Council meetings in 2023. They are the following:

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- January 10
- February 28
- April 25
- June 27
- August 29
- October 24
- November 28

- Rev. Noftzger introduced the overtures from the 2022 General Assembly that had been referred by the “Bills and Overtures” for possible recommendations to the Presbytery at the May, 2023 meeting. Upon review and discussion, the following actions were taken concerning communication to the Presbytery when each overture is considered.
  - 22-A – It was **MSP** to recommend approval.
  - 22-B---It was **MSP** to recommend approval.
  - 22-O---It was **MSP** to recommend disapproval.
  - 22-P---It was **MSP** to recommend approval
  - 22-T – It was **MSP** to recommend approval.
  - 22-U---It was **MSP** to recommend disapproval.

Upon review and discussion, it was **MSP** to place 22-A and 22-B as items in the consent agenda of the May meeting.

### **Treasurer Report**

Treasurer John Dickson had submitted a written report based upon the end of the month of October 2022. Along with that report, Rev Noftzger reviewed the end of November financial report which had been included in packet materials.

### **Executive Director of Pine Springs Camp**

Executive Director Greg Davis had submitted a written report that was provided to the November Presbytery meeting.

It was **MSP** to receive the reports of the Stated Clerk, Treasurer and Executive Director of PSC.

### **Committees/Networks**

#### **Worship**

Rev. Blank requested authorization to invite Asa Lee, President, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and Liddy Barlow, Executive Minister, Christian Associates at a meeting in 2023 as their schedule permits. It was **MSP** to have the EP and Worship committee extend these invitations.

#### **Communications**

Rev. Glunt talked about a couple more videos of the “On the Road with Redstone” series that he has prepared, including Latrobe Presbyterian Church. He solicited suggestions for congregations to prepare for inclusion in upcoming Presbytery gatherings.

#### **Mission**

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Rev. Ojulu spoke of the progress of the Mission subcommittee in planning the 2023 PDA mission trip to Kentucky. Under the leadership of Rev. Campbell, the trip is scheduled for June 5-10, 2023, and there will be a capacity of 38 participants. Those wanting more details should reach out to Rev. Campbell.

### **Budget, Finance and Stewardship**

Rev. Noftzger reminded everyone that the Presbytery is receiving First Fruits pledges for the 2023 fiscal year. The closing of the 2022 fiscal year will take place on January 9, 2023. Treasurers have been informed, but pastors and clerks may need to be aware as well.

The request for approval to proceed with their building and renovation project had been submitted by the First Presbyterian, Irwin. The financial background and the building project were reviewed and affirmed by the Budget, Finance and Stewardship subcommittee. As the Trustees of the Presbytery, it was **MSP** to approve the request to move forward with this building project.

### **Executive Presbyter Report**

Rev. Noftzger provide updates on various things going on in the Presbytery and persons for prayer. He noted that the search at Union Presbyterian, Murrysville has concluded with a nominee to be presented in mid-January to the congregation and to appear before the Presbytery on January 28.

### **Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

### **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.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting was adjourned by **MSP** with an acclamation by all members of the Council at 7:50 p.m.

### **PINE SPRINGS REPORT**

Greg Davis presented the Pine Springs Camp noting the report included in the meeting packet. Greg also highlighted that this will be the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pine Springs Camp this summer. Greg pointed out several things that happened in 1948. The 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration will be on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the camp. Friends Dinner banquet will be held at the Camp on October 22, 2023. Greg highlighted some of the retreats coming up. The annual Golf outing will be on May 22, 2023. The camp workday – Redd Up Day will be on May 13, 2023. The camp continues to collect empty ink cartridges. He thanked the Presbytery for its continued partnership with the camp. Greg announced that Dan Duffield is the full-time director of Day Camps and Retreat Group Hospitality. There will be another Day camp in Murrysville in July, and they are hoping to have

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another Day camp within Redstone Presbytery in June. Greg asked the Presbytery to continue to pray for the Camp.

### MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT

Rev. Owar Ojulu presented the Mission Committee report noting the written report included in the meeting packet. The two churches reporting today are Westminster Presbyterian Church Greensburg and Community UP of New Alexandria. Westminster Presbyterian Church supports the 4 Special Offerings, the Sudan, and Pine Springs Camp. They support Union Mission with a Christmas in July program. They do a weekend backpack program for Nicely Elementary School of the Greensburg Salem School District. They also collect cookies monthly for Meals on Wheels. They also support several other ministries in the area. Community UP Church supports First Fruits to the Presbytery, the Presbyterian Women mission projects, the Union Mission, the hunger walk, Souper Bowl of Caring, they collect clothes with a bin in their parking lot, support the local Fire Department, the Westmoreland County Angel Tree, they are always thinking of mission. They bought a cow from the Presbyterian Giving Catalogue.

Rev. Owar Ojulu called on Rev. Sylvia Carlson who highlighted 2 upcoming Mission trips. One is going to Webster Springs, WV (April 16-22, 2023). There is a Pancake Dinner at Congruity Presbyterian Church on February 21, 2023. There will be a PDA mission trip to Kentucky (June 10-15, 2023). This trip is opened to teenagers 16 years old and older.

### AMENDMENT 22 E

Rev. Curtis Paul moved that Amendment 22 E be approved. It was **MSP** to concur with Amendment 22 E. The floor was opened for discussion. The motion to concur with this Amendment was defeated. The vote on the motion was 8 Yes 53 No.

### COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT

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

#### Action Items

- Rev. Gray highlighted the upcoming ALICE TRAINING events throughout the Presbytery. There was an information sheet of the four training events in the various districts of the Presbytery included in the packet.
- Rev. Gray highlighted the celebration of 5-year ordination anniversaries. A list of those celebrating 5-year ordination anniversaries was included in the meeting packet. Rev. Gray led the Presbytery in a prayer for those celebrating anniversaries.
- The Committee on Ministry **recommended** examination of Rev. Robert Ruefle to be received into the Presbytery of Redstone and approval of the call to an installed pastoral relationship between Rev. Ruefle and the Union Presbyterian Church, Murrysville. His Bio, Statement of Faith, and Terms of Call were included in the packet. It was **MSP** to

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approve the examination of Rev. Robert Ruefle. Mike Scherba, member of the PNC of Union Presbyterian Church, spoke of the process of the PNC. Elder Pearl Jones, Clerk of Session, attested to the Congregational Meeting of the congregation to call Rev. Robert Ruefle, the vote was 51 Yes and 3 No to call Rev. Ruefle as the installed pastor of Union Presbyterian Church, Murrysville.

- The Presbytery examined Rev. Robert Ruefle and he responded to several questions asked of his Statement of Faith and his call to the ministry. It was **MSP** to arrest the examination. The motion was passed. It was **MSP** to approve the call of Rev. Robert Ruefle to serve the Union Presbyterian Church, Murrysville. The motion was passed. Moderator Rev. Dawn Sherwood called those from Union Presbyterian Church to come up front and she closed our time with Rev. Robert Ruefle with prayer.

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

#### January 5, 2023, Meeting

#### Election of Chairperson and Secretary

**MSP** to elect Rev. Ed Gray as moderator and Helen Toms as secretary.

#### Review of COM Purpose and Responsibilities

Rev. Skip Noftzger reviewed the responsibilities and duties of the Committee on Ministry that were provided electronically to the committee members. The role of a liaison is to serve as pastor, counselor, and advisor and is the initial face of presbytery. The liaison interfaces with their respective churches and systematically relates to the Presbytery what their churches are excited about or their needs and concerns so that the Presbytery can offer support and resources as needed.

#### Approval of Minutes

**MSP** approval of the minutes of November 3, 2022.

#### Report of the Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk updated the committee on the following items:

- Correspondence Log (Meeting Documents).
- Annual Reports Due
  - Statistics (membership, giving, etc. which will be submitted GA)
  - Waiver of Rotation forms
  - Terms of Call forms
  - Pastor agreement forms (temporary pastor)
  - Necrology
  - Session members (for 2022)
  - Manse inspection
- Minutes Review Dates
  - February 11; 12:00 noon; Westmont Presbyterian Church
  - March 28; 5:00 p.m.; West Hempfield Presbyterian Church
  - April 18; 6:00 p.m.; Presbytery Center

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- May 9; 6:00 p.m.; Trinity United Presbyterian Church
- May 23; 5:00 p.m.; Ebensburg Presbyterian Church)
- **MSP** to approve the request from McClellandtown Presbyterian Church for a waiver of rotation for Janet Adamovich, Ruling Elder.
- **MSP** to approve all current covenant pastors, 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 to designate Rev. Marnie Abraham Russell “Honorably Retired.”
- **MSP** to recommend to Presbytery to include all BOO Amendments in the consent agenda with the recommendations as listed below with the exception of 22-E.
  - **MSP** to recommend to Presbytery to approve 22-C (RONR default for congregation meeting; authorizes electronic meetings)
  - **MSP** of no recommendation to Presbytery on 22-E (Removes “Honorably” as designation before “Retired”)
  - **MSP** to recommend to Presbytery to approve 22-F (consult w/ other denomination when receiving immigrant pastors)
  - **MSP** to recommend to Presbytery to approve 22-I (requirement of twelve weeks of paid family leave)
  - **MSP** to recommend to Presbytery to approve 22-J (Overt language permitting CP’s be commissioned to more than one ministries)
  - **MSP** to recommend to Presbytery to approve 22-M (appropriate to adopt procedures for electronic session meetings)
  - **MSP** to recommend to Presbytery to approve 22-N (provision that all councils/committees may meet electronically)
  - **MSP** to recommend to Presbytery to approve 22-Q (authorizes presbyteries to establish minimum severance requirements)

### Report of the Moderator

- Devotions sign-up
- Request for new members of COM to consider signing up for subcommittees as previous members have rotated off these committees.
- Moderator appointments
  - Avonmore –
  - Dunbar – Rev. Norma Murphy
  - Dunlap’s Creek – Rev. Lee McDermott
  - Tyrone, Dawson – Rev. Norma Murphy
  - Derry – Rev. Larry Armstrong
  - Leisenring –
  - Fayette City – Joshua Scully
- ALICE team training
  - February 4; 9:30-12:00 – Congruity Presbyterian
  - February 18; 9:30-12:00 – Latrobe Presbyterian
  - February 25; 9:30-12:00 – Pleasant View Presbyterian
  - March 4; 9:30-12:00 – Westmont Presbyterian

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### REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES

#### Examinations and Membership

- Information Items
  - Examinations completed with candidate for Union Presbyterian Church, Murrysville.
- Action Items
  - **MP** of the recommendation examination of Rev. Robert Ruefle for a possible call as installed pastor to Union Presbyterian Church, Murrysville “if the way be clear.”

#### Search and Call

- Information Items
  - Transition Chart (handout).
- Action Items
  - **MP** of the approval of the pastoral call and its terms “if the way be clear”(congregation meeting on 1/15/23) between the Union Presbyterian Church, Murrysville and Rev. Robert Ruefle.
  - **MP** of the approval of short-term and part-time stated supply agreement between Rev. Gary Lyons and The United Presbyterian Church of New Kensington and the approval of Rev. Gary Lyons (Kiski) to labor within the bounds of the Presbytery of Redstone.
  - **MP** of the approval of the following installation commission for Rev. Hyiwot Teshome, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown on January 29, 2023 at 4:00pm.
    - Rev. Dawn Sherwood, Moderator
    - Rev. Skip Noftzger
    - Rev. Ben Nti
    - Rev. Owar Ojulu
    - Deb Lichtenfels
    - Charnet Koch
    - Denise Todero
    - Rev. Scott Hoffman, guest participant

#### COM Liaison Responsibilities and Suggested Timeline

- Organization – Chair/Convener/Reporter
- Re-assign church liaisons
- IPLF Upcoming workshops
  - Old Testament cohort (begins-January 14)
    - Redstone Presbytery –2; Washington Presbytery--3 Beaver Butler Presbytery –3; Pittsburgh Presbytery –1; Upper Ohio Valley –2; Shenango--1

#### Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders

- Liaison assignments were re-organized to integrate new committee members.
- Prayers were lifted in answer to requests that had been received for healing and for those caring for family members.
- The following Teaching Elders and Commissioned Pastors were prayed for during this time:  
Karen Kifer, Brian Kilbert, Dick Klein, Steve LaSor, Jay Lewis, Carlisle Lloyd, Dennis Macaleer, Chuck MacPherson, Becky Maiman, John Manon.
- The following churches were prayed for during this time:

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Delmont Presbyterian Church; Derry Presbyterian Church; First Presbyterian Church, Dunbar; Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church, Dunbar; Ebensburg Presbyterian Church; First Presbyterian Church, Fairchance; Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church, Farmington; First Presbyterian Church, Fayette City; Little Redstone Presbyterian Church, Fayette City; First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg.

### Adjournment

It was MSP to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. with prayers offered by Rev. Jim Farrer.

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### November 3, 2022, Meeting

#### Approval of Minutes

MSP approval of the minutes of October 6, 2022.

#### Report of the Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk updated the committee on the following items:

- Correspondence Log (Meeting Documents).
- Minutes Review
  - List of Churches not yet completed (Meeting Documents)
- MSP approval of the dismissal of Rev. William Youmans to Washington Presbytery “if the way be clear.”
- MSP approval with regret of the request for dissolution “if the way be clear” of the pastoral relationship by Rev. Wendy Keys and The United Presbyterian Church of New Kensington.

#### Report of the Moderator

- ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate) training will be provided in each district of the Presbytery. The training is planned to be scheduled after the first of the year (2023). One church in each district will host the 2.5 hr training session on a Saturday morning. Each church attending the training may bring a team of two to three people.
- Ed Gray will be moderator of The United Presbyterian Church of New Kensington.

### REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES

#### Examinations and Membership

- Information Items
  - Examination for membership and recommendation for ordination of Hyiwot Teshome (candidate, Baltimore Presbytery).
- Action Items
  - MP of the recommendation to the Presbytery of the ordination and receiving of Hyiwot Teshome to become a member of Redstone Presbytery upon approval of the call to First Presbyterian, Johnstown.
  - MP of the recommendation, if the way be, for the Baltimore Presbytery to ordain Hyiwot Teshome on behalf of Redstone Presbytery and dismiss Hyiwot Teshome to the Redstone Presbytery.

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### Search and Call

- Information Items
  - Latrobe United Candidate and Congregation meeting on November 6, 2022.
  - First Presbyterian, Johnstown Candidate and Congregation meeting on November 13, 2022.
  - Union has received a couple recent self-referrals. Will check in on their progress.
  - Transition Chart (handout).
- Action Items
  - **MP** of the approval of the pastoral call and terms for Hyiwot Teshome and the First Presbyterian Church of Johnstown.
  - **MP** of the approval of the pastoral call and terms for Rev. Ron Durika and the Latrobe United Presbyterian Church.
  - **MP** of the approval of the Grace Community Presbyterian Church Ministry Information Form for submission into the CLC system

### COM Liaison Responsibilities and Resources

- Liaison “Prompts” of Ministry reflections for conversations
  - Articles for review
- COM DISTRICT PRAYER TIME – Pray within regional groupings for needs identified from liaison reports and oral reports.
- Resources within Presbytery
  - Vital Congregations Toolkit
  - Education and Nurture
    - IPLF Course – Introduction to New Testament
    - IPLF Workshops
      - November 12 – Creative Celebration of Sacraments
      - December 10 – Leading as a Small Church Moderator
  - Ministry strategy consultation – Rev. Skip Noftzger

### Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders

- Prayers were lifted in answer to requests that had been received for:
  - Praises for milestone celebrations (Pastor's 25-year service, a church's 250th anniversary), upcoming Thanksgiving dinners, Veteran concert, organ dedications and recitals with organ music, bells, and vocals.
  - Praises for those attending church online, fall fusion camp, after school programs off to a good start, involvement from youth, students attending Sunday School, and services for youth. Praises for spaghetti dinners, high tea fundraisers, and apple pie sales.
  - Praises for mission-oriented churches that pack shoe boxes, raise money for crop walk, support elementary school food programs, serve drive-thru meals, and hold great coat give away.
  - Prayers for churches searching for organist and music ministries as there is a great need for music ministry for the enrichment that music provides to the worship service especially during the Advent season.
  - Prayers for those on prayer lists, those suffering from cancer, those who have been hospitalized with pneumonia, those going through knee replacement, and for elderly

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having difficulty driving. Prayers for those serving in the military. Prayers for those who have lost loved ones.

Prayers for changes in worship service start times, deacons, encouragement in church leadership, nominating committees working to find elders, low attendance, and changes in the offering plate.

Praises for community thanksgiving service/ dinner, outside speakers, for 4 -5 new members, All Saints Day celebration, Veterans Day celebrations, cantatas, and the Festival of Nativity at First Presbyterian Church Johnstown December 2-4, 2022.

- The following Teaching Elders and Commissioned Pastors were prayed for during this time: Karen Kifer, Brian Kilbert, Dick Klein, Steve LaSor, Jay Lewis, Carlisle Lloyd, Dennis Macaleer, Chuck MacPherson, Becky Maiman, John Manon.
- The following churches were prayed for during this time: Harmony Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon; Marion Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon; Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon; Bolivar United Presbyterian Church; Calvin Presbyterian Church, Brownsville; Ft. Burd Presbyterian Church, Brownsville; Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Brownsville; Colver Presbyterian Church; Cresson Presbyterian Church; Tyrone Presbyterian Church, Dawson.

### New Business

It was discussed that it is the prerogative of the chair and dependent upon the need for any time sensitive action to cancel the December 1, 2022, Committee on Ministry meeting.

### Adjournment

- It was **MSP** to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. with prayers offered by Rev. Sue Washburn.

## 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:

### Information Items

#### January 3, 2023, Meeting

1. Approval of minutes of October 4, 2022, as corrected; **MSP**.
2. Organizational
  - a. Election of Chair - Geoff Rach.
  - b. Election of secretary - Karen Kifer.
3. Responsibilities (differentiated between CPM and COM) – Redstone Manual.
  - a. Reviewed attached information.
  - b. CPM is responsible for the training and preparation of Ministers of Word and Sacrament, Commissioned Pastors, and Certified Christian Educators.
4. Master Chart---Roster, Liaisons and Checklist Review.
  - a. Inquirers / Candidates.

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i. James Vlosich.

1. James Vlosich is an Inquirer.
2. His Ministry Assessment interview with Leaderwise is on January 26.
3. He has cut back on classes to concentrate on Hebrew for this term.
4. February 3 - will take Bible Content Exam.

ii. Danielle Kendig.

1. Danielle Kendig is a candidate.
2. January 26 - will take the Polity Ordination exam.
3. February 3 - will take the Bible Content exam.

b. Authorized Preachers.

i. Linda Gossar Loesch - needs a liaison.

ii. Jeff Keilman - Jim Sunseri will remain in contact.

iii. Rich Zoltak - needs a liaison.

iv. Jackie Eckenrod - finished her first course in IPLF - Robin Jennings will be her liaison.

c. Commissioned Pastors.

i. A Commission Pastor must be an Elder of a church in Redstone Presbytery

ii. The Elder must be endorsed by their Session.

iii. The Elder must complete the IPFL courses, workshops, and practicums to be eligible for commissioning.

d. Certified Christian Educator - Cheryl Rhea.

e. The liaison contacts the person every few months; the individual will appear before the CPM annually.

5. Dawn Sherwood requested to resign from CPM due to other commitments in the Redstone Presbytery.

a. Motion to approve the resignation of Dawn Sherwood from CPM, if the way be clear; **MSP**.

6. Recommendations on Overtures to be Presented to the Presbytery

a. Overtures 22-G (Inquirers), 22-K (Individuals in training for Ruling Elders in Particular Service), 22-L (Individuals in training to be Christian Educators) - requires boundary training including sexual abuse or child sexual abuse must be completed every 36 months.

i. These Overtures extend the current requirements to those in training for these positions of authority.

ii. Motion to approve the recommendation of Overtures 22-G; 22-K, and 22-L; **MSP**.

b. Overture 22-H - The session is required to report any allegations of sexual misconduct by Inquirers or Candidates while they are under the oversight of the church Session where they are members.

i. Motion to approve the recommendation of Overture 22-H; **MSP**.

c. Action Agenda vs Consent Agenda

i. The Consent Agenda indicates universal agreement on this point.

ii. The Action Agenda indicates items that require more discussion and investigation.

d. Motion to include Overtures 22-G, 22-K, 22-L, and 22-H in the Consent Agenda, **MSP**.

7. Adjournment/Prayer by Robin Jennings.

8. Future meeting schedule/consultations

a. February 7 - Jackie Eckenrod

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- b. March 7---Daniella Kendig (?)
- c. April 4-- Meet with 1-2 inquirer/candidates/IPLF student/ Authorized preacher
- d. Determine recommendations for ordination examination readers
- e. May 2--- Meet with 1-2 inquirer/candidates/IPLF student/ Authorized preacher
- f. June 7---no meeting(?)
- g. July 5---no meeting(?)
- h. August 1 – Meet with 1-2 inquirer/candidate/IPLF student/ Authorized preacher
- i. Determine any scholarship funds offered to seminary students for academic year
- j. September 5--- Meet with 1-2 inquirer/candidate/IPLF student/ Authorized preacher
- k. October 3--- Meet with 1-2 inquirer/candidate/IPLF student/ Authorized preacher
- l. November 7--- Meet with 1-2 inquirer/candidate/IPLF student/ Authorized preacher
- m. December 6---no meeting(?)

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Elder Glenn Hart moved that the Rev. Hyiwot Teshome be elected to the Committee on Preparation for Ministry committee, class of 2023. There were no nominations from the floor. It was MSP to elect Rev. Teshome. 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.

### NEW BUSINESS

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

It was announced that the Announcement Loop would be available on the Presbytery's Webpage for viewing.

### ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Associate Stated Clerk, Rev. Cliff Foster gave the attendance report. He reported that there were 35 clergy and 13 Commissioned Pastors, 29 Elders (representing 26 congregations), 0 Christian Educators, 2 by virtue of office, 1 Corresponding Members, and 12 visitors for a total of 92. There were 41 congregations without elder representation.

### "SOLI DEO GLORIA"

Rev. Skip Noftzger led the Presbytery in the "Soli Deo Gloria"

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**RESOLUTION OF THANKS**

Rev. Curtis Paul offered the Resolution of Thanks for the Presbytery Meeting by praying and in the prayer providing a recap of all that took place in our meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was **MSP** to adjourn with prayer at 4: 03 pm.

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Jennifer Frayer-Griggs led the Presbytery in a benediction prayer.

*The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone will take place on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom video conferencing and the West Hempfield Presbyterian Church, Irwin.*

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Dawn Sherwood, Moderator

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Rev. Cliff Foster, Recording Clerk