

Presbytery of Redstone  
January 20, 2015

**CALL TO ORDER**

The ecclesiastical and corporate meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone was called to order at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 20, 2015, at First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, Pennsylvania, by the Moderator, Ruling Elder Cheryl Rhea and opened with prayer.

**FORMATION OF THE ROLL**

The Stated Clerk, Rev. Gary Close, attested to the fact that a quorum was present in order to conduct the business of the meeting, and reported the following attendance:

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>MINISTERS</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>
	Lori Bass-Riley	
	Sylvia Carlson	
	Gary Close	
	Jim Farrer	
	Bruce Maxwell	
	Skip Noftzger	
Adah, Palmer Community		
Apollo, Pine Run		
Apollo, Poke Run	Peter Goetschius	Connie Cauvel
Avonmore, First	Larry Armstrong, SS	
Belle Vernon, First		Bobbi Jo Huebner
Belle Vernon, Harmony	Glenn Hart, CRE	
Belle Vernon, Marion	Robert Prinkey, CRE (**)	
Belle Vernon, Rehoboth	Dick Klein	
Bolivar, United	James Sunseri, CRE (**)	
Boswell, Covenant		
Brownsville, Calvin	Aleda Menchyk, SS	
Brownsville, Ft. Burd	Colleen Molinaro, IP	
Brownsville, Hopewell		
Colver	Laura Blank, SS	
Connellsville		
Cresson		
Dawson, Tyrone	Robert Prinkey, CRE (**)	
Delmont		Kimberley J. Long
Derry	Marnie Abraham Russell, SS	
Dunbar, First		
Dunbar, Laurel Hill		
Ebensburg, First	Laura Blank, SS	James Stratton
Fairchance		
Farmington, Mt. Washington		
Fayette City, First	Mike Shepard, SS	Robert A. Kubina
Fayette City, L Redstone	Mike Shepard, SS	
Greensburg, First	Martin Ankrum Nicole Brodeur	John Morrell
Greensburg, Maplewood		
Greensburg, Westminster	Donna Havrisko	Duffy Greba
Irwin, First	Ronald Wakeman Ron Durika	Lucian Beeson Smyth Diane Andersen Bill Wiegand

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		Charlotte Lauderbaush
Irwin, West Hempfield		
Jeannette		
Johnstown, Bethany		
Johnstown, First	Alice Tondora	
Johnstown, Second		
Johnstown, Westmont	Craig A. Miller	Bernice Adams John Norris Deb Lichtenfels
Lake Lynn, Springhill	George Hickok	
Latrobe	Clark Kerr	Susannah Calvo Donald Gobbel
Latrobe, United		
Leisenring		
Ligonier, Pleasant Grove		
Lower Burrell, Grace	Ken Foust	
Lower Burrell, Puckety	Kirk Orr	Myrna Zellefrow
Manor	Tom Holmes, CRE (**)	
Masontown		
McClellandtown	F. Lee McDermott (**)	
Merrittstown, Dunlap's Creek		
Mt. Pleasant, Middle	Linda Snyder	Jim Vaughn
Mt. Pleasant, Reunion	Sue Washburn, SS	
Murrysville, First		
Murrysville, Newlonsburg	Marnie Silbert	Richard Smith Joseph Grajewski
Murrysville, Union	Derek Campbell	
New Alexandria, Community	Kathleen Shirey	
New Alexandria, Congruity	Cliff Foster	Carol Hohman
New Florence, Bethel	James Sunseri, CRE (**)	Barry Poglein
New Florence, Trinity	Barry Young	Bob Gamble
New Kensington, United	Robin Shoup, IP #	Patty Summerville
New Salem	Ross Bash, IP	
North Huntingdon, New Hope	Janet Reid	Eleanor St. Clair
Patton		
Revloc		
Scottdale, Calvin		
Seward, Armagh-Seward		
Slickville	Thomas Holmes, CRE (**)	
Smithfield, Grace Chapel	F. Lee McDermott (**)	
Smock, Pleasant View	Keith Conover	Phyllis Tringes
Trafford, Level Green	John Simpson, IP	Anthony Marciano Jack Battenhouse
Uniontown, Tent		
Uniontown, Third	Chris Enoch	
Uniontown, Trinity	Tom Holslag, IP	Cindy Jones
Vanderbilt, E. Liberty		
Vandergrift	Neal Galley	Ron Collins
West Newton, Sewickley	Eric Glisan, CRE	

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West Newton, Sewickley U.	Glenn Hart, CRE (**)	Ed Hyrtanski
West Newton, United	John Manon	Clark Detman
Windber, First	Cynthia Cadenhead	
Notation:	(*) = pastor from another denomination (#) = pastor from another presbytery	(**) = pastor or CRE serving more than one church

**Christian Educators Present:** Cheryl Rhea (Trafford, Level Green)

**By Virtue of Office:** **By Virtue of Office:** John Dickson (Greensburg, First), Liz Montgomery (Mt. Pleasant, Reunion)

**Visitors:** Linda Chicka (Apollo, Poke Run), Greg Davis (Pine Springs Camp), Gwen Gamble (New Florence, Trinity), Patricia Hart (Belle Vernon, Harmony), Janet Henderson (New Florence, Trinity), Patty Herring (Smock, Pleasant View), Mike Hurley (Pine Springs Camp), Bobbie Martin (Presbytery Staff),

**Teaching Elders Excused:** Buell; Cadenhead, B.; Cahn; Carnahan; Catterall; Corey; Degitz; Hepler; Hess; Holben; Jalso; Lighthall; Lloyd; Macaleer; McClure; Mellinger; Menchyk; Morrow; Murray; Paul; Roof; Sharp, J.; Sharp, W.; Sherrill;; Stevens; Upton; VanWyk; Zampella

**Teaching Elders Absent:** Currie; Dericks; Dormire; Fuehrer; Graff; Havrisko; Keith; LaSor; MacPherson; Maiman; Mason; McCabe; Shannon; Siddle; Yuckman, C.; Yuckman, M.;

**Commissioned Ruling Elders Excused:**

**Commissioned Ruling Elders Absent:** McElroy; Morgan; O’Hara; Smith; Stewart; Toderro; Watson

**ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET**

On behalf of the Presbytery Council, Rev. Alice Tondora presented the docket. It was **adopted** as presented.

**WORSHIP**

The Presbytery moved to worship led by Teaching Elders Martin Ankrum, Nicole Brodeur, Peter Goetschius, and Skip Noftzger; Commissioned Ruling Elder Glenn Hart; Ruling Elder Cheryl Rhea; and with the support of Mr. Edgar B Highberger, Minister of Music, First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg. Worship included the celebration of the Lord’s Supper and the Installation of the Moderator and Vice Moderator for 2015.

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

The Moderator, Ruling Elder Glenn Hart, 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. It was **MSP** to seat as corresponding member for this meeting of Presbytery Rev. Robin Shoup of the Presbytery of Washington.

**ARRANGEMENTS**

The Reverend Nicole Brodeur, associate pastor of the host congregation, welcomed the presbyters and visitors to First Presbyterian Church.

Moderator CRE Glenn Hart presented outgoing Moderator Elder Cheryl Rhea with a plaque honoring her service as Moderator of Redstone Presbytery during 2014.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF NEW BUSINESS**

The Stated Clerk announced that there were no items of new business at this time.

**STATED CLERK'S REPORT**

The Stated Clerk presented the following report:

- a. Correspondence Log:
  - a. During the period since the last stated Presbytery meeting, all correspondence that was received was responded to and/or routed for review and response to the appropriate entity of Presbytery.
- b. The task forces, networks, and ad hoc committees in existence as of December 31, 2014 were as follows:
  - a. Committees of Council:
    - a. Budget and Property
    - b. Christian Education
    - c. Communication
    - d. Mission
    - e. Staff Support
    - f. Stewardship and Congregational Life
  - b. Committees of Committee on Ministry
    - a. AP / CRE Committee
    - b. Examinations
    - c. Search and Call
    - d. Care of Churches
    - e. Care of Church Professionals
  - c. Administrative Commissions
    - a. Seward, Armagh-Seward
  - d. Listening Teams
    - a. Slickville
    - b. Connellsville
    - c. Middle
  - e. Healing Prayer Ministry Network
- c. 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** (Terms expired within the Last Six Years)

2013 – Rev. Sylvia Carlson, Elder Robert Lightcap, Rev. John Sharp

2011 – Rev. Marnie Abraham Russell, Rev. Clark Kerr, Elder Marge Montanari

2009 – Elder Dorothy Boring, Rev. H. Clifton Foster, Elder Todd Turin

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

The Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, Rev. Gary Close, presented the following Consent Agenda.

**From Executive Committee**

1. Following the review of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Assistant Clerk and Permanent Clerk, it is **recommended** that the minutes of the Presbytery meeting of November 18, 2014 be approved.

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**From the Committee on Ministry**

1. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** the adoption of the Sexual Misconduct Policy for a First Reading, to be acted upon by the Presbytery at the March 21, 2015 meeting of the Presbytery.
2. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** “waiver of rotation” for the following churches:
  - a. Bolivar – for Andrew Bimeal – Elder in the Class of 2017
  - b. Merrittstown, Dunlap’s Creek – for Marlene Novak and Jerilynn Stangroom – Elders in the Class of 2017

**From Presbytery Council**

1. Council **recommends** the adoption of the revised position descriptions of the Stated Clerk, the Associate Clerk for Legal and Judicial Affairs, and the Recording Clerk. [These recommended revisions to the Presbytery Manual were presented for a First Reading at the November 18, 2014 meeting of Presbytery.]
2. Council **recommends** that the Financial Reports presented to the Council be received and filed for audit.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Ruling Elder John Dickson presented the 2014 year-end Financial Reports as follows:

YTD income for the end of twelve months totaled \$465,612 or 99% of budget. (Note: better performance than last year by \$41,194). YTD expenses exceeded income by \$3,815 and budget by only \$349.

Of the 77 churches within the Presbytery, 59 provided a Pledge, 74 made a contribution, 49 churches contributed 100% of their pledge amount with 8 church’s exceeding 100% of their pledge. 5 Church’s pledges remain outstanding. The balance of unpaid pledges total \$37,676 for FY 2014.

Total Investments at year end equaled \$591,320. The Ameriprise investments realized a positive change in value totaling \$9,815 and \$15,006 in funds were withdrawn for operational use.

**Presbytery Council**

**Action Items**

- 1) No Action items

**“Celebrating Congregational Life”**

Rev. F. Lee McDermott reported on the celebration of their 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at McClellandtown Presbyterian Church.

Around the tables we were urged to share our reflections upon one way in which we celebrate the ministry of our congregations or our connection as a Presbytery. After a time of sharing we were led in a time of prayer.

**Committee on Preparation for Ministry**

The Committee had no report at this time.

**“Celebrating Leadership in Ministry”**

Elder Glenn Hart and Rev. Pete Goetschius, Moderator and Vice Moderator, led the Presbytery in remembering the departed saints as they presented the Necrology (Appendix B) lifting before us the Ruling and Teaching Elders who died during the past year:

In our Table Groups we were urged to identify and share about a person (living or dead) who has been used by God in significant ways in leadership for us (individually) and for our church. After a time of

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sharing we were led in a time of prayer.

**Committee on Ministry**

**Information**

1. December 2014
  - a. It was **MSP** to approve the ¼ time CRE relationship between Revloc Presbyterian Church and Ruling Elder David O’Hara. Service is to begin December 1, 2014.
  - b. The Clerk informed the Committee that the Listening Team for the Mt. Pleasant, Middle Presbyterian Church Session and congregation is comprised of Rev. Skip Noftzger, Rev. Gary Close, Rev. Nicole Brodeur, Elder Mike Dorich, and Elder Bobbi Jo Huebner. They will have an organizational meeting on November 10, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. (at the Presbytery Office) and then adjourn to the Church Session meeting at 7:00 p.m.
  - c. The Clerk reported that all Session Minutes and Church Registers have been reviewed for 2013 with the exception of the Seward, Armagh-Seward Presbytery Church which has reported that the last 10 years’ minutes have been lost.
  
2. January 2015
  - a. Len Morgan, the Committee chairperson, appointed the following member of the Committee on Ministry to represent the Committee on the Manor Presbyterian Church Listening Team: Elder Joshua Scully.
  - b. The Clerk informed the Committee that the Listening Team assigned to the Manor Presbyterian Church Session and congregation is comprised of Rev. Richard “Skip” Noftzger, Rev. Gary Close, Elder Joshua Scully, Rev. Janet Reid, and Elder Anthony Marciano. Their first meeting with the Manor Session is scheduled for January 26, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.
  - c. Len Morgan, the Committee chairperson, appointed Elder Joshua Scully to serve as moderator of the Dunbar, First Presbyterian Church Session.

**Action Items**

1. *None*

**“Celerating Mission and Outreach Opportunities”**

Rev. Sylvia Carlson shared about the ministry and outreach of the “Second Sunday Supper” provided by the First Presbyterian Church of Greensburg, and Rev. Chris Enoch shared about the ministry and outreach of the “English as a Second Language Program” currently being offered by Third Presbyterian Church of Uniontown.

In our Table Groups we were urged to identify the ways and share where we see God’s mission going forth in Christ’s name and where we are experiencing the privilege of sharing the good news coming into this world in proclamation and action. After a time of sharing we were led in a time of prayer.

**Nominating Committee**

Rev. Kathy Shirey presented the report of the Nominating Committee as follows:

The Nominating Committee places the following person in nomination for the Office and Class indicated:

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY - Class of 2017**

Elder Chuck Yelich (1)

District II

West Newton, United

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### **“Celebrating Pine Springs Camp”**

Galiana Clark shared her testimony of how God has been at work in her life during the years when she was a camper and later when she served as a Timothy Team member at Pine Springs Camp.

We were urged to identify ways we have seen God working in our midst as a result of the ministry of Pine Springs Camp and share that with those around our table. After a time of sharing around our tables we were led in a time of prayer.

### **Healing and Prayer Ministry Network**

Rev. Jim Farrer shared about the ministry of the Healing Prayer Ministry Network.

At this point the meeting of the Presbytery was interrupted by the Meeting of the Corporation of the Presbytery of Redstone for the purpose of electing officers for the Corporation for 2015.

### **CONVENE AS THE CORPORATION**

Rev. Alice Tondora called the Corporation of the Presbytery of Redstone to order for the purpose of electing corporation officers for 2015 with prayer. The following persons, by virtue of office according to the Charter with the State of Pennsylvania, were placed in nomination: President – Cheryl Rhea; Secretary – Gary Close; and Treasurer – John R. Dickson, IV; There being no other nominations it was **MSP** to elect these persons to serve in the capacity to which they were nominated. It was also **MSP** that those individuals, along with the Presbytery’s Assistant Treasurer - Gerald Cumer, be authorized to sign checks on behalf of the Presbytery. It was **MSP** to adjourn the Corporation meeting with prayer and to return to the Presbytery meeting. She concluded the meeting with prayer.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS LOOP**

Rev. Keith Conover presented the Announcements Loop lifting up The Redstone Presbytery home page; the Redstone Presbytery Facebook page; the internet link to Presbyterian Women in Redstone Presbytery; the Redstone Presbytery Confirmation Retreat April 10-11 at Pine Springs Camp; Pine Springs Camp information; Let it Shine Blacklight Puppet Ministries March 7 at Level Green Presbyterian Church; the Enrichment Day for Presbyterian Leaders and Members at the Westmont Presbyterian Church, Johnstown on January 31; the Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner at Congruity Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria, Tuesday, February 17; Pancake Pandemonium at the Level Green Presbyterian Church also on February 17; a Service of Healing for Veterans at Poke Run Presbyterian Church, Apollo, on January 31; the PCUSA Big Tent event July 30-August 1 at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN; the Community “Soup for the Soul” the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at Poke Run Presbyterian Church now through May; the 110<sup>th</sup> New Wilmington Missionary Conference July 18-25 at Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA; the Fiber Arts Exhibit at Redstone Highlands, Greensburg campus, Friday, January 23; the Great Courses series on Judaism at Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, Murrysville, Feb. 15, 22, and March 1 and 8 at 7 p.m.; the spaghetti dinner at Community Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria, February 15; Homemade soup and chili event at Community Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria; the Redstone Presbytery bulletin insert “Meet the Moderator and Vice Moderator”; and the Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women June 18-21 at the Hyatt Regency in Minneapolis, MN.

### **REPORTS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION and THE LISTENING TEAMS**

#### **Seward, Armagh-Seward – Administrative Commission**

We have not had any further meetings with the Session of Armagh/Seward since the last meeting of Presbytery as they pursue a relationship with the EPC to see if this is a better fit for them. We have received updated financial information and are currently reviewing this information.

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Slickville Listening Team

The Listening Team met with the congregation immediately following worship on January 11, 2015. A number of issues were raised by various members of the congregation. Those issues were essentially the same ones raised by the members of the Session at their previous meeting with the Listening Team.

Connellsville Listening Team

The Listening Team met with the congregation following worship and a fellowship lunch on January 18, 2015. A number of issues were raised by various members of the congregation. The issues raised were essentially the same as those raised by the members of the Session at their previous meeting with the Listening Team.

Middle Listening Team

There has been no Team activity since the last meeting of Presbytery.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

**ATTENDANCE REPORT**

Rev. Marnie Abraham Russell, the Assistant Clerk, reported that there were 43 Teaching Elders present, 5 Commissioned Ruling Elders, 31 Ruling Elders (representing 24 congregations), 1 Certified Christian Educator, 8 visitors, and 2 by virtue of office for a total of 93.

There also were 27 Teaching Elders excused, 17 Teaching Elders absent, 7 Commissioned Ruling Elders absent and 52 congregations without elder representation.

**RESOLUTION OF THANKS**

Rev. Kirk Orr presented the resolution of thanks

The Presbytery concluded its meeting with the singing of “Amazing Grace.”

**AJOURNMENT**

1. It was **MSP to adjourn** at 4:17 p.m.

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Martin Ankrum closed the meeting with the benediction.

The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone will take place on Saturday, March 21, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, PA.

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Glenn Hart, Moderator

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Gary Close, Stated Clerk