

Summary of September 26, 2017 meeting of Carlisle Presbytery

On a beautiful but warm evening, the Minister Members of Carlisle Presbytery along with elected Ruling Elder Commissioners met at the historic Presbyterian Church of Falling Spring in Chambersburg.

After a great meal, the presbytery worshiped. Ellen Williams, a member of Camp Hill Presbyterian Church and a Candidate for ministry under the care of Carlisle Presbytery preached the sermon. The life of Rev. Wayne Allen was celebrated with a Memorial Moment given by Rev. Heather Sigler.

Communion was served with Revs. Andy and Laura Hart, Co-Pastors of the Presbyterian Church of Falling Spring, officiating.

After convening the business meeting, Ellen Williams was examined for and approved by the presbytery for ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. Ellen has received a Call to be an Associate Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Austin, Texas. Mission Presbytery examined Ellen for this Call and requested that Carlisle Presbytery ordain her on their behalf. The Ordination will take place on November 12, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at Camp Hill Presbyterian Church.

The Presbytery voted to approve the 2018 Minimum Terms of Call for Pastors and Certified Christian Educators. The Minimum Effective Salary for Pastors and Certified Christian Educators in 2018 was increased by 2.5%- \$51,355.00 and \$41,370 respectively. Also, the Board of Pensions total dues will increase from 36.5% to 37%.

Rev. Jeff Gibelius spoke about a new program that will give Pastors to gather and meet over lunch to discuss issues of the day. It is called the Healthy Ministry Initiative.

Kim Wadlington announced that between November 3-5, 2017 the Presbytery is hosting Rev. Dori Hjalmarson, our brand new Honduras Mission co-worker! Events to meet Dori are scheduled as follows:

Friday, November 3rd at 6:00 - Chambersburg Ruby Tuesday (1121 Lincoln Hwy, Chambersburg, PA 17201). Fellowship with Dori and get to know her over dinner.

Saturday, November 4th from 11:30 a.m. - 3:00 - home of Lois and Greg Harris (14 Mockingbird Lane, Palmyra, PA 17078). Meet...Greet...Eat...Drop in! anytime between 11:30 - 3:00 to meet Dori.

Saturday, November 4th at 6:00 - Carlisle restaurant to be determined. Last chance to fellowship over dinner with our new mission co-worker. **If you plan to attend one or several of these events, please rsvp to Kim Wadlington (717-504-3331).**

Time was set aside for attendees to fill out a Survey developed by the Coordinating Council regarding how Presbytery Meetings are conducted.

Representatives from Camp Krislund reported the past summer's activities.

The SOCC committee presented a draft proposal for a program of Sabbatical Leave Grants. The commissioners were asked to provide any suggestions etc. so the SOCC committee can review and finalize a proposal for the December 5, 2017 Presbytery Meeting.

Debby Madden, the Chair of the Administration Committee presented the First Reading of the 2018 Carlisle Presbytery budget. Action on the budget will take place at the December 5, 2017 Presbytery Meeting.

Presbytery approved a request from the Derry Presbyterian Church to enter into a mortgage for \$600,000. This mortgage will be through the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP) at a very low initial rate of 2.875%. The purpose of mortgage is to allow Derry to replace in its entirety, the HVAC system at their building.

Presbytery also approved a motion to allow the Derry Presbyterian Church to seek an alternate loan if the PILP loan is not available.

The Presbytery voted to approve the dates and locations of the 2018 Presbytery meetings.

February 27, 2018 at Monaghan Presbyterian Church, Dillsburg, PA, at 9:30 a.m.

May 22, 2018 at First Presbyterian Church, Carlisle, PA at 6:00 p.m.

September 25, 2018 at Gettysburg Presbyterian Church, Gettysburg PA at 6:00 p.m.

December 4, 2018 at Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg, PA at 9:30 a.m.

The next meeting of the Presbytery of Carlisle will be on Tuesday, December 5, 2017, beginning with worship at 9:30 a.m. at Christ Presbyterian Church, Camp Hill.