

Summary of December 5, 2017, Meeting of Carlisle Presbytery

Once again the Commissioners and Pastors of Carlisle Presbytery were met with hospitality and friendship by the members and staff of Christ Presbyterian Church in Camp Hill. The meeting was opened with worship with Rev. Mark Allio preaching. Mark and Rev. Ellen Crawford True, Pastor at Christ Church, officiated at The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. This particular meeting had a very full agenda, but as per history of Carlisle Presbytery all reports, debates and actions were done with collegiality.

The following took place at the meeting:

A revised Code of Ethics for Pastors in Carlisle Presbytery was approved.

The annual Balance of Ruling Elders and Pastors review, which gives one additional Ruling from each church, entitled to be a commissioner with voice and vote was approved.

A new Presbytery Child and Youth Protection Policy was approved. This is now required by the Book of Order.

The Mission Advocacy committee presented the 2017 Carlisle Presbytery Peacemaking Award to Jubilee Ministries of Lebanon, PA

The 2018 budget for Carlisle Presbytery was approved.

The 2018 Terms of Call for Executive Presbytery Rev. Dr. Mark Englund- Krieger were approved

The final report of the Administrative Commission assigned to the Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church was given, and the Commission was dissolved with thanks for their hard work.

Three Breakout Conversation workshops were offered to Commissioners to attend before Lunch. The three workshops were presented by Ann Van Dyke from the Community Responders Network, David Miron from the Samaritan Counseling Center, and Barbara Mistick, President of Wilson College.

The presbytery approved Ruling Elder Greg Harris (Derry) and Rev. Graham Fowler as 2018 Presbytery Moderator and Vice Moderator respectively. The Presbytery approved Ruling Elder Jim Speedy (Mechanicsburg) as Carlisle Presbytery's Stated Clerk for a 5 year term beginning January 1, 2018. The presbytery approved all the candidates for the various presbytery committee/commissions for the Class of 2020.

Ruling Elder Chantal Atnip (Pine Street) was examined and endorsed by the presbytery to "stand for Moderator of the 223rd General Assembly". The Assembly will be in St. Louis in June 2017.

Inquirers Rebekah Nolt and Gracie Payne were examined and approved by the presbytery to become "Candidates under Care of Carlisle Presbytery seeking ordination as Ministers of Word

and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)"

Presbytery approved a Clergy Care Program which would help installed pastors who are seeking some extended time away from ministry for focused continuing education, rest, refreshment. The presbytery will seek to provide Clergy Care support for as many pastors as possible, up to a total of \$30,000 each year for three years.

The Session of Pine Street Presbyterian Church presented a proposed Overture to the 223rd General Assembly entitled "An Overture Condemning Anti-Semitism and Islamophobia."

Carlisle Presbytery also elected Commissioners to the 223rd General Assembly in the Summary of the December 5th Presbytery Meeting. So with sincerest apologies you will find their names below:

Rev. Tony Lorenz- Pastor at First Church Carlisle
Rev. Heather Sigler- Honorably Retired
Ruling Elder Chantal Atnip- Pine Street
Ruling Elder John Shaddock- Mechanicsburg
Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD) Paul Um- Market Square

The next presbytery meeting will be February 27, 2018 at 9:30 AM at the Monaghan Presbyterian Church, Dillsburg, PA.

Jim Speedy, Stated Clerk