

## Summary of September 25, 2018 Carlisle Presbytery Meeting

### Stated Clerk- Jim Speedy

What a glorious day it was as the Presbytery of Carlisle met at the Gettysburg Presbyterian Church. What a great job the congregants and staff at the church did in welcoming the Minister Members and Ruling Elders. The food was great along with the hospitality.

**GOOD NEWS!** The Interim Executive Presbyter Nominating Committee announced that Rev. Cheryl Galan, after the approval of the Administration Committee and the Coordinating Council, is to become the Interim Executive Presbyter for Carlisle Presbytery, beginning January 1, 2019. Cheryl was ordained by Carlisle Presbytery in 1997 and has much experience in interim Mid-Council work. It is hoped that she will be able to attend the December 3, 2018 meeting of Carlisle Presbytery.

**MORE GOOD NEWS!** After a search of 4+ years the McConnellsburg United Presbyterian Church found their candidate to be their next pastor! **Emily McCachren** was warmly greeted by the presbytery. She is a recent graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary. She preached a challenging sermon and was examined for ordination. I am happy to report that she was unanimously approved for ordination. The date of her service of Ordination and Installation is yet to be determined.

### WORSHIP

With the organizational and creative skills of Rev. Robin Morgan and Rev. Jeff Gibelius, the worship service was based on “renewing our Ordination Vows.” Several Ministers and Ruling Elders gave presentations on their “sense of call”. Additionally, at one point during worship, the Moderator asked all Ruling and Teaching Elders to stand and he asked them the Ordination Vows that are Book of Order, thus renewing their promises.

A special Presentation-“*The Prophetic Moment – When is it a time to speak and when is a time to keep silent*” took place. This was done as a question and answer format. Rev. Kathryn Johnston, Rev. Tom Sweet and Rev. Jeff Gibelius were the participants/leaders, with questions from the attendees being taken.

## Items of Business

The presbytery approved the following dates, times and locations for the 2019 meetings of Carlisle Presbytery:

Derry Presbyterian Church, Hershey, PA -February 26, 2019- 9:30 a.m.  
Highland United Presbyterian Church- Newport, PA –May 28, 2019- 6:00 p.m.  
Central Presbyterian Church- Chambersburg, PA – September 24, 2019- 6:00 p.m.  
The Presbyterian Congregation of Middletown- December 3, 2019- 9:30 a.m.

A Memorial Moment for Rev. George Evans was given by Rev. Marie Buffaloe. George was the first Executive Presbyter of Carlisle Presbytery and served from 1964 to 1990.

The Presbytery approved the 2019 Minimum Terms of Calls for Full Time Pastors and Certified Educators. This represents a 2.5% increase over 2018.

2019 Minimum Effective Salary for Full Time Pastors: **\$52,620**  
2019 Minimum Effective Salary for Full Time Certified Christian Educators: **\$42,400**  
2019 Minimum Effective Salary for Full Time Associate Certified Christian Educators **\$38,580**

David Black, an Inquirer under care of Carlisle Presbytery, was examined and approved for Candidacy. David is a member of the Market Square Presbyterian Church.

Presbytery approved a revision of the Training Program for Commissioned Ruling Elders (CRE).

The first Reading of the proposed 2019 Carlisle Presbytery budget was presented. Any comments, suggestions and questions should be sent to Debbie Madden, the chair of the Administration Committee by November 16, 2018.

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**The next meeting of Carlisle Presbytery will be on December 4, 2018 beginning at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be at Faith Immanuel Church in Harrisburg.**