

HERSHEY, PA

STATED MEETING – A stated meeting of the Presbytery of Carlisle was held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at Derry Presbyterian Church, Hershey, PA, with Ruling Elder Greg Harris serving as the Moderator, and Stated Clerk Jim Speedy, present.

OPENING PRAYER – The Moderator called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. The meeting was opened with prayer and a service of worship. Worship was led by Revs. Gene Gordon, Cheryl Galan, Stephen McKinney-Whitaker, Jeff Gibelius, Lisle Gwynn Garrity, Emily McCachren and Ruling Elders Cheryl Betts, Greg Harris, Conrad Smith, Roz Presby, Jim Speedy and the Joyful Noise Choir, and communion servers from various churches.

SERMON – Outgoing Moderator Ruling Elder Greg Harris gave the message, focusing on the role of servant leaders to practice love regardless of the response received and the goal of the body of Christ to build itself up in unity to share the good news. Greg sang two songs: “My Task” and “In This Very Room.”

OFFERING – An offering was collected in the amount of \$832 which will go to support Joshua Group in Harrisburg, which helps children in under-served communities succeed through education.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS: Greg Harris called forward the Moderator-elect Rev. Graham Fowler, Vice-Moderator-elect, Ruling Elder Cheryl Betts, and Interim Executive Presbyter Cheryl Galan for commissioning and installation. The Moderator asked the officers-elect the constitutional questions which were answered in the affirmative. He then asked the constitutional questions of the Presbytery which were also answered in the affirmative. The Moderator offered prayer for their ministry. The symbols of office were then presented to the newly installed Moderator.

READING OF THE NECROLOGY REPORT – The Presbytery remembered the ministry of ruling elders who died in 2018.

NECROLOGY OF RULING ELDERS- 2019

We give thank for the lives of these Ruling Elders who died in 2018

Church	Ruling Elder	Date of Birth	Ordination Date	Date of Death	Age
Big Spring	Florence Seidler	3/10/1920	1/10/1993	1/29/2018	97
Camp Hill	Starke Gregory	5/19/1947	5/4/1986	1/29/2018	70
Christ Camp Hill	Verna Hendershot	8/3/1933	8/23/1998	1/29/2018	85
Derry	John Logan	2/18/1940	2/7/1971	11/4/2018	78
Faith Immanuel	William Hawk	10/2/1939	1/8/1967	7/14/2018	78
First, Carlisle	Arlene Guerriero	12/9/1936	12/4/1986	6/17/2018	86
First, Newville	Alta Jumper	10/5/1928	1/5/1986	12/19/2018	90
Gettysburg	M. Lucille Myers	9/10/1922	1/11/81	3/22/2018	95
Great Conewago	Clarence Ford	1/12/1926	1/6/1957	4/16/2018	92
Greencastle	Richard Penney	8/12/1938	April 2008	11/09/2018	80
Lower Marsh	Carolyn Neely	10/12/1927	1/12/1986	12/14/2018	91

Creek	Roy Sweigert	1/18/1925	Unknown*	10/10/2018	93
	Annette Bennett	7/3/1927	Unknown*	9/20/2018	91
Lower Tuscarora	James Graham	12/24/1924	1/17/1960	07/06/2018	93
Market Square	Bonnie Hackman	5/27/1949	January 1992	10/17/2018	69
	Charles Fickes	8/30/1920	1/31/1965	11/27/2018	98
McCoysville	Betty Noss	11/19/1930	1/20/2011	4/23/2018	87
Mechanicsburg	James Loscher	5/22/1926	Record lost	2/2/2018	91
Middle Spring	Mary Jane Taylor	10/15/1941	01/07/2003	11/7/2018	77
Monaghan	William Ressler	12/27/1946	2/3/1997	10/28/2018	71
Mt. Olivet	Virgie Landers	9/5/1921	April 1979	4/23/2018	96
Paxton	Susan DeRemer	3/8/1054	1996	7/18/2018	64
	Keith Birth	11/16/1929	1998	9/25/2018	89
	Dale Williams	5/26/1947	Unknown*	4/18/2018	70
Pine Street	Don Snyder	2/26/1926	1/1968	2/14/2018	92
	Martha Morrison	3/21/1926	1/1972	6/11/2018	92
	Ray Gover	12/5/1927	6/2000	10/15/2018	92
St. Andrews	Dorothy Bliss	2/22/1925	1/20/1985	2/24/2018	93
	Phyllis Allen	9/30/1932	1/20/1985	7/24/2018	86
	Elaine Behney	2/29/1938	1/16/2000	7/31/2018	80
	Edgar Miller	12/12/1924	1/22/1967	11/28/2018	93
	Marshall Beers	1/31/1928	1/14/2004	2/3/2018	90
St. James	George Hamm	11/28/1926	2/6/1966	10/6/2018	92
Silver Spring	Gary King	11/22/1963	6/26/2005	3/28/2018	54
	Mary Jane Tygard	12/12/1923	1/20/1980	5/22/2018	94+
Warfordsburg	Earl Hendershot	11/22/1944	Unknown*	6/17/2018	73

* Ordained in another Presbyterian Church

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER – The service included the observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper led by Revs. Cheryl Galan, Graham Fowler and Ruling Elder Cheryl Betts.

WELCOME – Stephen McKinney-Whitaker, pastor of Derry Presbyterian Church, Hershey, welcomed presbyters and informed them of the arrangements for the meeting.

CHANGE OF LOCATION—Following worship in the sanctuary, presbyters gathered in Fellowship Hall for the remainder of the meeting.

CHANGE OF CHAIR - Newly installed Moderator, Graham Fowler, assumed the chair.

QUORUM—The Moderator declared that a quorum was present.

PERUSAL – The presbyters were given time and encouraged to peruse the contents of the packet they had received upon registration. They were invited to write prayer requests on the back of their registration cards. The Moderator reminded presbyters that the February meeting represents the last meeting at which hard-copy packets will be available. In future, documents will be available online prior to each Presbytery meeting and attendees are encouraged to

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download the documents onto their devices and bring those devices to each meeting or print the documents.

ROLL – The roll was formed using registration cards as permitted by Standing Rule #9.

Presbytery Meeting Attendance - February 26, 2019

Totals									
Pastors	52								
Ruling Elders	57								
Voters	109								
Guests	12								
Cor. Member	1								
Attendance	122								
Excused	3								
Non-Parish and Honorably Retired					Church Pastors				
Name		Status	Present	Excused	Name		Status	Present	Excused
Anderson	Raymond	HR	1		Allio	Mark	P		
Beck	William	HR	1		Anabe	Jane	P	1	
Beltzner	Doug	NP	1		Barlow	John	P		
Best	Charlie	HR	1		Blank	Ed	P		1
Black	Jon	HR			Bowerman	Scott	P	1	
Bowne	Dale	HR			Buffaloe	Marie	P	1	
Bradburn	W. Wilson	HR	1		Christopher	Donna	P	1	
Carroll	Karin	HR			Fowler	Graham	P	1	
Carter	Kent	NP			Gauthier	Vernon	P	1	
Clark	Crea	HR			Gibelius	Jeffrey	P	1	
Derrickson	Barbara	HR			Green	John	P	1	
Derrickson	Paul	HR	1		Hart	Laura	P		
Dietz	Peter	NP			Hart	Andrew	P		
Dunn	Arlene	NP			Johnston	Kathryn	P	1	
Evans	George	HR			Kang	Ihno	P	1	
Fleming	Steven	HR			Krieger	Mark Englund	P		1
Folts	Thomas	NP	1		Lorenz	Tony	P	1	
Fullmer	Paul	NP			McCachren	Emily	P	1	
Hambright	William	P			McCall	Myrtle	P		
Hammann	William	HR			McClure	Nancy	P		
Harter	William	HR	1		Miller	Craig	P	1	
Hotchkiss	Robert	HR			Morgan	Robin	P	1	
Houtz	Richard	HR			Neubaum	Christian	P	1	
Humphrey	Bruce	HR	1		Nyiri	Louis	P	1	
Jackman	Thomas	HR			Park	John	P		
Jessen	Charles	HR			Spooner	Allison	P	1	
Kline	Darlene	HR			Sullivan	Russell	P		
Larson	John	HR			Sweet	Thomas	P	1	
Lutz	Wayne	HR			True	Ellen Crawford	P		1
Mater	Jeanette	HR	1		Tiedeck	Janice	P	1	
McKenna	Jennifer	HR			Wadlington	Kimberley	P	1	
Minnich	Ron Martin	HR			Wahliq	Don	P	1	

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Mitchell	Donald	HR			Whitaker	Stephen McKinney	P	1	
Morgan	Troy	NP	1		Wiant	Kelly	P	1	
Myers	Anne	NP	1		Wright	David	P		
Myers	Charles	NP			Wright	David	P		
Nyiri	Candace Veon	NP	1						
Opitz	Donald	NP							
Pace	Arthur	HR	1						
Potter	Donald	HR	1						
Reinert	Nancy	HR							
Rhoades	Robert	HR	1						
Rich	David	HR							
Richwine	James	HR	1						
Richwine	Lois	NP	1						
Roach	Tim	HR							
Schmidt	John	HR							
Schwab	Rachel	NP	1						
Sheffield	Richard	HR	1						
Sigler	Heather	HR	1						
Smith	Kristal	NP	1						
Sproat	John	HR							
Stewart	Anne	NP							
Strauss	Sandra	NP							
Stockstill	Drew	NP	1						
Thomas	Tom	HR	1						
Trask	Edward	HR							
True	David	NP	1						
Vanschenkof	Carol	HR							
Uittenbogaard	Suzanne	HR	1						
Uittenbogaard	Roger	HR	1						
Van Hise	Angelina	HR							
Van Hise	Vernon	HR							
Wadlington	Derek	NP	1						
Washburn	Mary	HR							
West	Howard	NP	1						
Williams	Dale	HR							
Winsheimer	Harry	HR							
Work	Galen	HR							
Yaroschuk	Kathryn	NP							
		Excused							3
		Present	29					23	
								Total Excused	3
								Total Pastors	52
Key					Cor. Members		Presbytery		
HR - Honorably Retired		48			Lisle Gwynn Garrity		Western North Carolina		1
NP - Non Parish Pastors		21							
P - Church		36							

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Pastors						
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Location	Church	Ruling Elders	# Elders/ Church	CLPs LPs	Totals
Camp Hill	Camp Hill	David Watts, Beth Fine	2	CRE/LPs	
Camp Hill	Christ	Bob Gray, Diane Myers	2	Rebecca Drover	1
Camp Hill	Harrisburg Korean			Suzanne Souder	1
Carlisle	Dickinson	Kyle Koltzmoyer	1	Rosamond Presby	1
Carlisle	First			Craig Kegerise	1
Carlisle	Second	Shirley Johnstone	1		
Chambersburg	Central	Kathi Bietsch	1		
Chambersburg	Falling Spring			Certified Educ.	
Dauphin	Hope				
Dillsburg	Monaghan	Tom Whitaker, Kathleen Wells	1		
Duncannon	Duncannon	Larry Gildner, Peggy Raub	2		
East Waterford	East Waterford			Council/Officers	
Gettysburg	Gettysburg	Jean LeGros, William Stewart	2	Greg Harris	1
Gettysburg	Great Conewago	Coleen Reamer	1	Jim Speedy	1
Gettysburg	Lower Marsh Creek	Doyle Waybright, Susan Nunamaker	2	Cheryl Betts	1
Greencastle	Greencastle	Dottie Davison	1	Lynn Blessing	1
Hancock, MD	Mt. Olivet			Debby Madden	1
Harrisburg	Capital	Jim Case, Roseth Gaines	2	Nancy Sheets	1
Harrisburg	Faith Immanuel	Barbara Dugan	1	Committee Chairs	
Harrisburg	Market Square	John Cameron, Carlin & Donna Wenger	3	Mary Speedy	1
Harrisburg	Paxton				
Harrisburg	Pine Street	Chantal Atnip, David DeVries	2		
Hershey	Derry	Jill Provins, Ken Pearl	2		
Lebanon	Christ	Julie Harris, Becky Moyer	2	Total of the	
Lebanon	St. Andrews			Chairs/Educators/	
Loysville	Centre	Nancy Neely, Liza Loy,	2	CLP/Council	11
McAlisterville	Lost Creek				
McConnellsburg	McConnellsburg	Wes Howells	1		
McCoysville	McCoysville	Max Henry, Jackie Fowler	2		
Mechanicsburg	Mechanicsburg	Rich Blessing, Margaret Mielke	2	Guests	
Mechanicsburg	Silver Spring	Steve Rexford, Lisa Janson	2	Kelsey Marshall	1
Mechanicsburg	St. James			Kathy Bierbower	1
Mercersburg	Upper West Conococheague	Tom Duffey	1	Susan Hench	1
Middletown	Presbyterian Congregation	Keith Eppley, Norma Mateer	2	Kealy Daye	1
Mifflin	Lower Tuscarora			Jack Galan	1
Mifflintown	Westminster			Bill Uffelman	1
Millerstown	Perry Valley			Barbara Rhoades	1
Newport	Highland United			Pat Henry	1
Newville	Big Spring			Diane Pomeroy	1
Newville	First United	Mike & Elaine Fry	2	Lois Harris	1
Shippensburg	Middle Spring	Regina Chamberlin, Pat Mahan	2	Denise Lockwood	1
Warfordsburg	Warfordsburg			Martha Walker	1
Waynesboro	Waynesboro	Jason Stains, Linda McFarland	2		

Wells Tannery	Wells Tannery			Total Guests	12
		Total Ruling Elders	46		
		Total Voting Elders	57		

DOCKET – Motion carried to amend the docket to add a report from the Mission and Advocacy Committee following the Camp Krislund report. Motion carried to approve the docket as amended.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS—Jim Speedy presented the Reverend Lisle Gwynn Garrity, an artist and a member of Western North Carolina Presbytery and a pastor in Black Mountain, NC. She served as the “artist in residence” for the duration of the meeting.

ACTION: Motion carried to enroll Rev. Garrity as a corresponding member.

INTRODUCTIONS – New Ruling Elders, Christian educators, and visitors were asked to stand and were introduced.

MINISTER MILESTONES—Jeff Gibelius, pastor of Second Presbyterian Church, Carlisle, introduced an initiative on behalf of the Coordinating Council in which presbyters are encouraged to submit minister milestones (birthday, ordination anniversaries, accomplishments, etc.) which will be read by the Stated Clerk during Presbytery meetings.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: – Tony Lorenz presented the following nominees for service on the respective committees as shown below:

Class	Name	Term	Church/Entity	Clergy/Lay
Administration Committee (Ruling and Teaching Elders)				
2021	Mary Speedy, Chair	1	Mechanicsburg	RE
2020	Pete Barrouk	1	Monaghan	RE
Commission on Ministry (Ruling and Teaching Elders)				
2021	Dick Lee	1	Monaghan	RE
Committee on Preparation for Ministry (Ruling and Teaching Elders)				
2021	Jean LeGros	1	Gettysburg	RE

There were no nominations from the floor.

ACTION: The Presbytery approved without dissent to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot.

Tony also presented for a First Reading an addition to “Article VIII—Commissioners” of the Bylaws of Carlisle Presbytery as shown below. This section deals with the Election of General Assembly Commissioners.

A Second Reading will be presented at the May 28, 2018 meeting of Carlisle Presbytery, with a motion for approval. Any questions, suggestions etc. should be e-mailed to Rev. Tony Lorenz, Chair of the Nominating Committee (alorenz.fpcarl@pa.net) no later than April 30, 2019.

E. Lack of Applications

In the event an insufficient number of applications are received for either Ruling or Teaching Elder Commissioners by the deadline established by the committee, the Nominating Committee will seek to recruit and nominate candidates they believe best suited to serve as commissioners.

Rationale

In 2014 the Presbytery of Carlisle put in place a new application-based process for nominating commissioners to the General Assembly. Prior to this, ruling elders were chosen on a rotating basis from the congregations in the Presbytery and teaching elder commissioners were chosen using a points-based system determined by years of ordination and service to the Presbytery. In June of odd numbered years (i.e. the year before General Assembly convenes) the Nominating Committee begins the process of distributing applications. Each clerk of session receives, by mail, a letter along with a copy of the policy from the by-laws and an application with questions that candidates are asked to answer in writing. Clerks are asked to share this information with their sessions. The same information is distributed to all teaching elders by mail. Several reminders are also sent electronically before the application due date (usually the end of September) and the information is also posted on the Presbytery website.

After two full cycles of receiving applications and proposing nominations to the Presbytery, we have discovered that the new process works well in many respects. Ruling elders have been especially responsive. We have struggled to receive a sufficient number of applications for Teaching Elders however. In 2015 only three Teaching Elders applied to be commissioners and in 2017 only two Teaching Elders applied. Consequently, in 2018 we were unable to have alternate commissioners ready in case of illness or emergency. The Nominating Committee is proposing this change to the process for nominating and electing GA commissioners to ensure we have a sufficient number of dedicated, qualified candidates to serve as commissioners and alternate commissioners so that the Presbytery of Carlisle is fully represented at meetings of the General Assembly.

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY—Kristal Smith reported on behalf of the committee. The first action item: The Committee on Ministry moves that the proposal on changes to the “Definitions of Pastoral Relations” policy that was presented at the December 4, 2018 Presbytery meeting be “committed/referred” back to the Commission on Ministry (COM) for possible revision and that the COM present for action the revised document referred to above at the May 28, 2019 Presbytery meeting.

ACTION: The Presbytery approved without dissent the recommendation from COM.

MEMORIAL MOMENTS – Robin Morgan provided the following memorial moments for the Reverends George Pomeroy and Robert Roberts.

In the midst of Advent, two of our own went home, to be with the Lord.

Robert Roberts, a lifelong Pennsylvanian came to Carlisle Presbytery in the 1980’s as he faithfully served and led the congregation of Lower Tuscarora. Bob was a scholar who loved books; this was reflected in his large library.

Together with his wife Grace, Bob lived his faith, by pouring into the local congregation – caring for people, offering well researched sermons and even showing up to help with ‘Cubbys’ the children’s ministry in the middle of the week.

Later in life, Bob’s caring ministry turned to family as he cared for Grace, and then became one who needed care himself. Yet still he gave.

He gave his library to those going into ministry, and even to those across the seas allowing others to gain the knowledge they need to step into Christ’s church as those who care and who diligently offer God’s Word.

George Pomeroy served several Presbyterian Churches in New England, as well as being a moderator for the Presbytery of New England. George was the organizing pastor for Kearsarge Community Presbyterian Church in New London, NH. It was a joy for him to see this ministry continue to grow, as the church continues to thrive and be a light for Christ in New London.

When I arrived at St. Andrews, George had already been living for years with Parkinson’s, and yet still he was a pastor to me. In January when we remembered our baptism, he would make the significant effort to come forward, and then he would bless me with the water.

On Ash Wednesday, he prayed as he placed ashes on my forehead, and I could see how even with great limits - his heart, his mind were still there – still serving God and living in Christ each day.

George’s love of music continues to bless the church; today we will sing words he wrote for our closing hymn.

Today we celebrate the life of these two faithful men, who served Christ and Christ’s church so well. Let us rejoice in their work, and in their labors of love as we commit them to God.

CELEBRATIONS OF MINISTRY – Ordination anniversaries were celebrated.

10 years of ordained ministry: Ed Blank, Rosie Magee, Don Wahlig

40 years: Art Pace

50 years: Paul Derrickson and Roger Uittenbogaard

COM Information Items

The COM voted to approve both of the Ministry Information Forms for Derry Presbyterian Church’s search for an Associate Pastor or a Certified Christian Educator. The APNC was reminded that if they decided to call an Associate Pastor, that candidate would need approval of COM prior to presenting him/her to the congregation for a vote of approval. If the APNC decided that a Certified Christian Educator was their choice, he/she would not have to be approved by COM and the Session would have the authority to hire him/her, without the congregation’s approval. COM however should be informed if a Certified Christian Educator was hired.

COM voted to approve the Camp Hill Presbyterian Church's Mission Study and to give permission to the Congregation of Camp Hill Presbyterian Church to form a Pastor Nominating Committee. (PNC). Mondie Cunningham and Gary Hollinger were appointed as COM's Co-Liaisons to the Camp Hill Presbyterian Church's Pastor Nominating Committee.

COM voted to approve the renewal of the Covenant of Agreement between the Session of Duncannon Presbytery Church and Suzanne and Roger Uittenbogaard to be their Temporary Pastors for 2019.

It was announced that Rev. Ron Gilmer has left his call at St. James Presbyterian Church to take a Call in Abingdon Presbytery in Virginia.

COM voted to appoint Rev. Bill Beck to serve as Moderator of the St. James Presbyterian Church's Session.

COM appointed Rev. Doug Beltzner to serve as Moderator of the Session of the Presbyterian Church of the Upper West Conococheague, in Mercersburg, PA. Doug will also serve as COM liaison to the church.

COM voted to appoint Rev. Ron Martin-Minnich as Moderator of the Greencastle Presbyterian Church for three months.

COM voted to grant the status of Honorably Retired to the Rev. Ron Martin-Minnich, effective December 1, 2018.

COM voted to validate the ministry of Rev. Rachel Schwab as visitation pastor at First United Church of Christ in Carlisle, PA and to renew Rev. Candace Nyiri as a Member at Large in Carlisle Presbytery.

COM voted to approve the Installation Service and the Installation Commissioners listed below for Rev. Donna Christopher as Associate Pastor at Second Presbyterian Church, Carlisle PA. The service will be on Sunday January 13, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

Ruling Elder Greg Harris, Moderator (Derry)
Ruling Elder Debbie Madden (1st Carlisle)
Rev. Jeff Gibelius
Ruling Elder Amy Kappeler (2nd Carlisle)
Rev. Dale Bowne

COM voted to grant Rev. Bill Hambright the status of Honorably Retired, effective January 1, 2019.

COM voted to transfer the membership of Rev. Ron Gilmer to Abingdon Presbytery.

COM voted to grant Rev. Cheryl Galan membership in Carlisle Presbytery. Jim Speedy will seek transfer of her membership from Milwaukee Presbytery.

Troy Morgan was appointed to be COM liaison to St. James Presbyterian Church.

COM voted to appoint Bill McHenry as COM liaison to Centre Presbyterian Church.

COM voted to appoint Rev. Graham Fowler as Moderator of the Session at Centre Presbyterian Church.

COM voted to approve the renewal of the Covenant of Agreement for 2019 between the Session of Great Conewago Presbyterian Church and Rev. Candace Veon-Nyiri to be their temporary part time Pastor.

INTERIM EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER—Cheryl Galan yielded her report to allow time for the workshop leaders. She asked the Moderator for permission to make a condensed presentation of her report in the afternoon session.

RECESS AND LEARNING COMMUNITY—The meeting was recessed at 11:42 a.m. for presbyters to attend one of three workshops:

- I. “The Bible, Ethics, and Church Today: The Strange Case of Ruth” by Dr. David True, Wilson College, in the Derry P.C. Chapel.
- II. “Exploring Creative Opportunities for Lent” by Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity in Room 7, Derry, P.C.
- III. “How to Help People Build Life Transforming Relationships with Jesus Christ” by Rev. Scott Bowerman, Pastor of Central P.C., Chambersburg,

MINISTER MILESTONES—Jim Speedy read the milestones during lunch.

PRESBYTERY RECONVENES—The body reconvened at 1:22 p.m.

KRISLUND CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER—Krislund employee Kealy Daye reported on the camp’s search for qualified summer counselors. Local young adults 18 and older are encouraged to apply. Vern Gauthier reported on other hiring news at Krislund: Kim Blossie, the new executive director from Oregon, and a new food services director. Currently, they are down to their last three candidates for a program director.

MISSION ADVOCACY—Drew Stockstill drew presbyters’ attention to the *Mission News* in the packets. He yielded his remaining time to the Reverend Kim Wadlington and Kathy Wells, who spoke of their most recent mission trip to Honduras. The partnership between the Presbytery and Honduras is 13-years-old. Kim will be involved in conversations to evaluate the partnership to discern if there are additional ways to engage the partnership besides building houses. Kathy reported on Villa Garcia, the retreat center sold by Tim and Gloria Wheeler to the Presbyterian Women of Honduras. David Gill, from the Presbytery of Arkansas, continues fundraising efforts to help the PW of Honduras with closing costs. Donations are encouraged. Mission Co-Worker Rev. Dori Hjalmarson will be in the area for the September Presbytery meeting, and for REFRESH. Both Sundays before and after the meeting have been spoken for, but if churches are interested in scheduling her for weekday events, contact Kathy or Kim.

INTERIM EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER—Cheryl Galan spoke about “agility” as it relates to the Church, defining agility as “marked by a ready ability to move with a quick and easy grace.” She drew from Dwight Zscheille’s book, *The Agile Church*, and noted that most churches are not designed for agility and innovation. Presbyterians tend to think that risk is automatically

reckless. Presbyters broke into small groups and discussed the concept of agility. From Zscheille's book: "If local churches are to have a future today, space must be made for new expressions of Christian life and witness to take shape in the native cultures of new generations and populations. Such expressions must carry forward the best of earlier traditions, embracing rather than forsaking the wisdom of the past." Proposed ways to "practice our agility:"

- Experimentation at Presbytery meetings, such as livestreaming worship and employing an "artist in residence."
- Meeting around tables, rather than sanctuary pews, to facilitate interaction.
- Digital Disciples Initiative: Recognizing that most first encounters with churches are through another person or online, the Presbytery will make more intentional use of its Facebook page. Additionally, a closed FB group for pastors to share ideas and stories, questions, and practice listening has been created. Consultant John Fong, a member of the Metuchen Presbyterian church in NJ, will offer two workshops for pastors, church administrators, and others interested in the Digital Disciples Initiative on Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom (an internet-based conferencing tool) and Tuesday, March 26, at 11:00 a.m. (location to be announced).
- Book Study Groups: The Presbytery was encouraged to study Zscheille's *The Agile Church* between now and the end of September. Cheryl has written a study guide for the book. The September REFRESH event will host an Agile Church workshop.

STATED CLERK'S REPORT--Jim Speedy drew presbyters' attention to items in the written report:

Action Item: The Stated Clerk moves the approval of serving of communion at the annual meeting of the Eastern Region of the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators on May 8, 2019 at Rhodes Grove in Chambersburg, PA. Rev. Karen Chamois, a member of National Capital Presbytery will officiate.

ACTION: The Presbytery voted without dissent to approve the recommendation from the Stated Clerk to authorize the celebration of the Lord's Supper at the Eastern APCE gathering on May 8, 2019.

Jim asked presbyters to take the annual minutes and register review dates to their clerks (*see dates on page 12*).

Proposed Amendments to the *Book of Order*: Jim moved that the following items on the Consent Agenda be approved.

Consent Agenda

Shall the Amendments to the Book of Order sent from the 223rd General Assembly, as listed below, be approved? **

Proposed Amendments to the Book of Order

- 18-A. Election of Ruling Elders and Deacons - On Amending G-2.0401
- 18-B. Renunciation of Jurisdiction
 - 18-B.1. On Amending G-2.0509
 - 18-B.2. On Amending D-10.0401d
- 18-C. Officers - On Amending G-3.0104
- 18-D. Membership of Presbytery -On Amending G-3.0306

18-E. Pastor, Counselor, and Advisor to Its Pastors and Congregations-
On Amending G-3.0307

18-F. Welcoming to the Table- On Amending W-4.0202

18-G. Disciplinary Offense - On Amending D-2.0203b

18-H. Time Limit- On Amending D-10.0401

18-H.1. -Amending D-10.0401b

18-H.2. On Amending D-10.0401c (1)

** The Coordinating Council of the Presbytery of Carlisle voted to present the Amendments to the Book of Order sent from the 223rd General Assembly as a consent agenda. The motion if approved would result in all the amendments being approved. Any member of Presbytery or Ruling Elder Commissioner to the February 26, 2019 may ask that a specific item be removed from the Consent Agenda and voted on separately.

The details of each amendment have been on the Carlisle Presbytery Website since December 2018, with each member and Ruling Commissioner being responsible to read and review the amendments.

ACTION: The Presbytery approved without dissent the consent agenda including approval of the following amendments to the *Book of Order*: 18-A, 18-B, 18-B.1, 18-B.2, 18-C, 18-D, 18-E, 18-F, 18-G, 18-H, 18-H.1, and 18-H.2.

Information Items:

Rev. Anne Myers and Ruling Elder Nancy Sheets (Market Square) read, reviewed and approved the minutes of the December 4, 2018 meeting of Carlisle Presbytery.

Ruling Elder Greg Harris (Derry) and Rev. Allison Spooner will read and review the minutes of the February 26, 2019 meeting of Carlisle Presbytery.

Reported, as required by the Book of Order, the members of Carlisle Presbytery as of December 31, 2018, to the Office of the General Assembly. Also as required by the Book of Order, created and have on file, the roll of the Ministers of Word and Sacrament in the Presbytery of Carlisle and the register of Certified Christian Educators. A copy of the roll is part of this report (see below).

The review of the 2017 Session minutes and records will be on the following dates and locations:

- Saturday April 27, 2019- 9:00 a.m. at Central Presbyterian Church, Chambersburg
- Saturday May 4, 2019-9:00 a.m. at the Carlisle Presbytery office, Camp Hill, PA
- Saturday May 11, 2019- 9:00 a.m. at Lost Creek Presbyterian Church, McAlisterville, PA

Reported the death of Rev. George Pomeroy to the Office of the General Assembly.

Reported the death of Rev. Robert (Bob) Roberts to the Office of the General Assembly.

Reported to the Office of the General Assembly that Rev. Ron Martin- Minnich was granted Honorable Retirement by the Presbytery of Carlisle.

Reported to the Office of the General Assembly that Rev. Bill Hambright was granted Honorable Retirement by the Presbytery of Carlisle.

Reported to the Office of the General Assembly that Rev. Cheryl Galan is now serving as Interim Executive Presbyter of Carlisle Presbytery and that she was granted membership in Carlisle Presbytery.

Requested and received the transfer of the membership of Rev. Cheryl Galan from Milwaukee Presbytery.

After approval by the Commission on Ministry, reported to the Office of the General Assembly, the transfer of Rev. Ron Gilmer to Abingdon Presbytery.

Roll of Teaching Elders and Certified Christian Educators in Carlisle Presbytery as of 12/31/2018:

Honorably Retired (G-2.0503-c)

Raymond Anderson	Parish Associate, Central Presbyterian Church
William Beck	Congregational Associate
Charles Best	
Jon Black	
Dale Bowne	
W. Wilson Bradburn	
Karin Carroll	
Crea Clark	
Barbara Derrickson	
Paul Derrickson	
Steven Fleming	
William Hammann	
William Harter	
Robert Hotchkiss	Parish Associate, Market Square
Richard Houtz	
Bruce Humphrey	
Thomas Jackman	
Charles Jessen	
Darlene Kline	
John Larson	
Wayne Lutz	
Ron Martin-Minnich	
Jeanette Mater	
Jennifer McKenna	
Donald Mitchell	
Art Pace	
Donald Potter	
Nancy Reinert	
Robert Rhoades	
David Rich	
James Richwine	
Timothy Roach	
John Schmidt	
Dick Sheffield	
Heather Sigler	Parish Associate, Pine Street

John Sproat	Temporary Pastor, Part time, Dickinson
Thomas D. Thomas	
Edward Trask	
Roger Uittenbogaard	Co-Interim, Duncannon
Suzanne Uittenbogaard	Co-Interim, Duncannon
Angelina Van Hise	
Larry Van Hise	
Carol Van Schenkhof	
Mary Washburn	
Dale Williams	
Harry Winsheimer	
Galen Work	

Teaching Elders Engaged in Validated Ministry within a congregation (G-2.0503-a)

Mark Allio	Associate Pastor, Mechanicsburg
Jane Anabe	Associate Pastor, Silver Spring
John Barlow	Pastor, Christ, Lebanon, PA
Edward Blank	Pastor, Warfordsburg
Scott Bowerman	Pastor, Central, Chambersburg
Marie Buffaloe	Temporary Pastor- Derry
Donna Christopher	Associate Pastor, Second Carlisle
Mark Englund-Krieger	Interim Pastor- Lower Marsh Creek
Graham Fowler	Pastor, Lost Creek, McAlisterville; Stated Supply, McCoysville
Vernon Gauthier	Pastor, First United, Newville
Jeff Gibelius	Pastor, Second Presbyterian, Carlisle
Gene Gordon	Supply Pastor, Capital
John Green	Pastor, Paxton, Harrisburg
William Hambright	Pastor, Centre
Andrew Hart	Co-Pastor, Falling Spring
Laura Hart	Co-Pastor, Falling Spring
Kathryn Johnston	Pastor, Mechanicsburg
Inho Kang	Pastor, Harrisburg Korean
Anthony Lorenz	Pastor, 1 st Presbyterian, Carlisle
Myrtle McCall	Temporary Associate Pastor, Camp Hill
Emily McCachren	Pastor- McConnellsburg United
Nancy McClure	Pastor, Perry Valley, Highland, Westminster (aka Juniata Valley Shared Ministry)
Craig Miller	Interim Pastor, Camp Hill
Robin Morgan	Pastor, St. Andrews
Christian Neubaum	Pastor, Presbyterian Congregation of Middletown
Louis Nyiri	Associate Pastor, Gettysburg
John Park	Pastor, East Waterford and Lower Tuscarora
Allison Spooner	Designated Pastor, Hope United and Faith Immanuel
Russell Sullivan	Pastor, Pine Street, Harrisburg
Tom Sweet	Pastor, Market Square, Harrisburg
Janice Tiedeck	Pastor, Monaghan
Ellen Crawford True	Pastor, Christ Church, Camp Hill
Kimberley Wadlington	Pastor, Middle Spring
Don Wahlig	Pastor, Silver Spring

Stephen McKinney-Whitaker Pastor, Derry
Kelly Wiant Associate Pastor, Market Square
David Wright Pastor, Gettysburg

Teaching Elders Engaged in Validated Ministry outside the congregation (G-2.0503-a)

Peter Dietz Navy Chaplain
Arlene Dunn Chaplain, Celtic Healthcare, Carlisle
Anne Myers Congregational Associate
Charles Myers Religious Studies Professor, Gettysburg College
Don Opitz Chaplain, Messiah College
Lois Richwine Spiritual Director
Rachel Schwab Interim Visitation Pastor, First United Church of Christ, Carlisle, PA
Kristal Smith Visitation Pastor, Lebanon Lutheran Cooperative Ministry, Lebanon, PA
Anne Stewart Director of External Relations, Princeton Theological Seminary
Drew Stockstill Pastor, Christ Lutheran Church, Harrisburg, PA
Sandra Strauss Director of Public Advocacy, PA Council of Churches
David True Associate Professor of Religion, Wilson College
Stephen Velthuis Navy Chaplain
Derek Wadlington Chaplain, Wilson College
Howard West Director of Spiritual Life Services, Country Meadow

Members-at-Large (G-2.0503-b)

Doug Beltzner Seeking a Call
Kenton Carter Seeking a Call
Thomas Folts Family needs
Paul Fulmer Seeking a Call
Rosie Magee Seeking a Call
Emily Morgan Seeking a Call
Troy Morgan Seeking a Call
Candace Veon-Nyiri Seeking a Call
Kathryn Yaroschuk Family Needs

Commissioned Ruling Elders

Beckie Drover Wells Valley
Roz Presby St. Andrews

Certified Christian Educators (G-2.1103)

Cheryl Betts Director of Christian Education, Gettysburg

Associate Certified Christian Educator (G-2.1103)

Debby Madden Director of Educational Ministry, First Carlisle

Retired Certified Christian Educators, Living within the Bounds of Carlisle Presbytery

Kathy Kuhn Ruling Elder, Camp Hill
Mary Speedy Ruing Elder, Mechanicsburg
Kathy Wells Ruling Elder, Monaghan

Debbie Hough Ruling Elder, Derry

Laboring within the bounds

Philip Unger (Shenandoah Presbytery) Stated Supply (part-time), Mt. Olivet, Hancock, MD

Certified Ruling Elders

Craig Kegerise Member of Commission on Ministry
Suzi Souder Associate for Communication and Office Management, Presbytery of Carlisle
Roz Presby Ruling Elder member at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE—No report.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE—Janice Tiedeck drew presbyters’ attention to the following items in the packet:

- Mandated Reporter Training will take place on May 4, 2019 at Faith Immanuel P.C. from 9 am to 12 pm. The training will provide attendees with information on how to identify abuse and what steps to take if a person suspects that a child is being abused.
- REFRESH will take place on September 28, 2019 at Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church. Keynote speaker is Maryann McKibben Dana. Other workshops are Grief, Arts and Music in Our Spiritual Lives, Improv, Enneagram, Outreach, Social Media. Spirituality Centers and a booth by Hearts and Mind Bookstore will also be available.
- Janice will be working with the Mission and Advocacy Committee on a human trafficking forum.

STRENGTHENING OUR CONGREGATIONS COMMITTEE – Bill Beck reported that Anne Myers has continued to visit congregations and he continues to work with churches on “Healthy Congregations.” He encouraged presbyters to contact him or Anne to tell them about exciting things that are working in their congregations.

ORDER OF THE DAY—Jeff Gibelius checked in with Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity, who painted a canvas during worship and the meeting. She talked about her work as being a “visual proclamation” of the Word and about the necessity of creativity in our lives and churches. Salient points:

- It’s not about having artists in churches but about engaging the creativity that is always present.
- Drawing on Brene Brown’s work on resiliency, she said that resilient people find ways to express their creativity.
- “Unused creativity is not benign; it’s dangerous. It metastasizes into grief, shame, and death.”

The painting, once it is finished, will belong to the Presbytery and it is available for use by churches. She thanked Jeff for being a “creative instigator” on this project and doing all the legwork.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE—Cheryl Galan thanked Stated Clerk Jim Speedy for his leadership of the Presbytery before her arrival.

HYMN – The Presbytery sang the hymn “O God, We Praise You,” with lyrics written by Rev. George R. Pomeroy.

OTHER MATERIAL IN THE PACKET:

1. Presbytery of Carlisle January 2019 Per Capita Report
2. Shared Mission Report
3. Designated Mission Report
4. Report by Our Synod Commissioners (see below):

The Synod of the Trinity met in October. Your commissioners, Ruling Elder Margaret Mielke and Teaching Elder Charlie Best were present.

Before business, the movie *The Doctrine of Discovery* was viewed and discussed.

Ruling Elder Ufford-Chase, former moderator of the General Assembly and Administrator of Stony Point, was our worship leader.

The theme for the Assembly was: Celebrate with us the 50th anniversary of “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood.” This was an OPPORTUNITY to discuss what it means to have a neighbor and be a neighbor! Discussion centered on our neighbors and our biases - assumption and misunderstanding that can be at the beginning of bias that leads to hate. How can we be more aware? Using a clip from “Mr. Roger’s Neighborhood” from the late 1960s when there were controversies about blacks and whites using the same swimming pools, Mr. Rogers invited a black postman friend to cool his feet with Mr. Roger’s in a swimming pool. This addressed the issue without being too “in your face.” The Synod has partnered with the Community Responders Network to produce videos on this subject for use across the Synod.

New rules were approved for “Electronic/Digital Meetings.”

The following was approved: WHEREAS the Rev. Susan Faye Wonderland has served as Transitional Executive of the Synod of the Trinity with energy, intelligence, imagination and love, and led the Synod during a major change in the way mission and ministry is done, and government is carried out through the implementation of Policy Government principles, and WHEREAS there remains transitional work to be done to further solidify the concepts of Policy Governance in the Synod’s operation. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Rev. Wonderland’s position as transitional Executive be extended until the assembly meeting in October 2021.

Elder Margaret Mielke was elected to the Governing Commission, Class of 2019 and Charles Best to the 2019 Committee on Representation and Nomination.

- The Synod Transitional Executive & Stated Clerk work a lot with Presbytery Councils.
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance training was organized by synod with Presbyteries serving as hosting sites and people to help with the organization.
- Campus Ministry Advisory team continues with the provision of money availability and the redistribution of funds.
- The deadlines and purposes of Synod grants were reworked. Grants are now tied to the Ends/goals of Synod.
- The COM/CPM gathering has been themed to open new ways of relating to tasks and groups. This year flourishing ministers and flourishing congregations.

- Spring Regional Synod gatherings are being planned; dates will be announced later.
- Personnel, budget & finance, changing staffing in presbyteries are some of the issues being considered.

The Synod approved the following concerning the 2010 Synod Per Capita amount. At the September 5, 2018 meeting of the Finance and Budget Advisory Team, a recommendation was made for Synod portion of Per Capita for 2020 to be set at \$2.40. This increase of \$.10 is the first increase in four years. Some factors considered in making this motion were:

1. The Synod has not raised its Per Capita rates for four years
2. \$.10 is only a 5% increase over a four-year period.
3. \$2.40 does not cover all those items identified as Per Capita expenses.
4. Synod Reserves will be utilized to fund any shortfall.
5. \$.10 for a church with a membership of 150 is only \$15.00. Deferring increases until later would make the increase potentially significantly higher.

Congregations and Presbyteries are all facing financial challenges due to 6.45% inflation reported for the same period. The Synod continues to allow Presbyteries to adjust their membership and therefore their Per Capita obligation to the Synod as of December 31 of the previous year if General Assembly permits such an adjustment. Presbyteries may request an updated Per Capita assessment from the Synod until March 31 of any year that GA also is permitting such an adjustment. The Synod will utilize the membership reported in the official year end Presbytery Report. For example: If a Presbytery has lost members in 2018, they may request their 2019 Per Capita assessment be based on their membership as of December 31, 2018, rather than December 31, 2017 as is currently the policy. This request must be received by March 31, 2019. It was moved, seconded, and passed.

The report of the Moderator of the Communications Advisory Team shared some strategies

- A. Zoom Video, a conferencing product with many functions, was demonstrated.
- B. Archimedes (OWL) was demonstrated -- a piece of equipment used to enhance whole room video conferencing.
- C. Announced a grant for presbyteries for one free year of Zoom Video Conferencing.
- D. Doing presentations of communications plan for presbyteries and congregations.

The Synod will be looking at General Assembly Actions Directed to Mid-Councils in the months ahead.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report (see below):

Actions

- On December 6th, 2018, the CPM met with Neal McCulloch, Ruling Elder / Dickinson, to discuss his application to be received into the CRE certification process. The CPM voted unanimously to receive him as a candidate in the CRE certification process.
- On January 3rd, 2019, the CPM met with Cheryl Betts, DCE / Gettysburg, to discuss her completed application and exam materials in support of her desire to be certified ready to be commissioned as a CRE. The CPM voted unanimously to certify her ready to be commissioned as a CRE.

INFORMATION: On February 7th, 2019, the CPM met with Cindy Kneiss, Ruling Elder from the Presbyterian Church of the Upper West Conococheague, to discuss her application to be received into the CRE certification process. Action: The CPM voted to enroll Ruling Elder Cindy Kneiss in the Carlisle Presbytery Commission Ruling Elder Training Program.

Updates on Inquirers and Candidates in the ordination process:

- a. David Black – Candidate (as of September 2018)
 - a. Theology, July 26, 2018 / Passed
 - b. Polity, April 26, 2018 / Passed
 - c. Bible Exegesis, Saturday, January 26, 2019
- b. Chris Houtz – Candidate (as of February 2018)
 - a. Theology, Thursday, October 25, 2018 / Passed
 - b. Worship & Sacraments, October 25, 2018 / Passed
 - c. Bible Exegesis, January 26, 2019
 - d. Church Polity, January 24, 2019
- c. Rebecca Lister –Inquirer (as of November 2017)
- d. Rebekah Nolt –Candidate (as of December 2017)
 - a. Bible Exegesis, October 27, 2018 / Passed
 - b. Theology, October 25, 2018 / Passed
 - c. Worship & Sacraments, October 25, 2018 / Passed
- e. Grace Hellweg Payne –Candidate (December 2017)
 - a. Bible Exegesis, October 27, 2018 / Passed
 - b. Church Polity, January 24, 2019
 - c. Theology, January 24, 2019
 - d. Worship & Sacraments, January 24, 2019
- f. Matthew Robinson –not yet enrolled
 - a. Theology, July 26, 2018 / Passed
 - b. Church Polity, October 25, 2018, / Passed

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, the moderator declared the meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m. The meeting was **Closed with Prayer**, including prayer requests submitted on the attendance cards, by Rev. Don Wahlig.

NEXT STATED MEETING – Tuesday, May 28, 2019, 6:00 p.m. at Highland United Presbyterian Church, Newport, PA

Nancy D. Sheets, Permanent Clerk

Jim Speedy, Stated Clerk