

Summary of February 26, 2019 Carlisle Presbytery Meeting

Stated Clerk- Jim Speedy

On a beautiful morning the staff and members of the Derry Presbyterian Church in Hershey welcomed the Minister Members and Ruling Elder Commissioners of Carlisle Presbytery to the first Presbytery meeting of 2019.

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 and Jim Speedy.

During the worship service Rev. Graham Fowler and Ruling Elder Cheryl Betts were installed as 2019 Moderator and Vice-Moderator respectively. Rev. Cheryl Galan, the Presbytery's new Interim Executive Presbyter, was commissioned to her ministry. Outgoing Moderator Greg Harris preached a sermon and Rev. Cheryl Galan officiated at the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, with Ruling Elder Cheryl Betts assisting her. The Necrology of Ruling Elders who died in 2018 was read as part of the Great Prayer of Thanksgiving.

Beginning with worship and during the meeting, Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity, a member of Western North Carolina Presbytery, created a painting as the spirit led her. She is a Pastor at a church in Black Mountain, North Carolina. Her ministry includes being as an "artist in residence."

Location of Business Mtg.

After worship, the Members and Commissioners moved from the Sanctuary to the Fellowship Hall for the remainder of the business meeting. The attendees were seated around round tables and projection equipment was used to project information on a screen to the Members and Commissioners.

It was announced that the presbytery is transitioning away from the use of "paper packets" to distribute meeting information. In the future, all reports and other items of business for the Presbytery meeting will be on the Presbytery's website approximately 10 days before each Presbytery meeting. Interim Executive Presbyter Cheryl Galan encouraged Members and Commissioners to download the reports etc. to their laptops or IPADs to follow along at the meeting. In addition, when there are verbal reports or items for "action," they will be displayed on a projection screen. Paper packets will be available, only upon request.

Items of Business

The Nominating Committee nominated and the Presbytery elected the following people to serve on the Committees of the Presbytery:

Administration Committee-

Ruling Elder Mary Speedy (Mechanicsburg), Chairperson –Class of 2021

Ruling Elder Pete Barrouk (Monaghan) Class of 2020

Commission on Ministry-

Ruling Elder Dick Lee (Monaghan) Class of 2021

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Ruling Elder Jean LeGros (Gettysburg) Class of 2021

The Nominating Committee presented as a First Reading, a proposed change to the Bylaws of the Presbytery that would allow the Nominating Committee the option to recruit Commissioners to General Assembly, in event a sufficient number of Teaching and Rulings do not apply. A second Reading and action on the proposal will take place at the May 28, 2019 Presbytery meeting. The full text of this proposal is on the Presbytery's website. Any questions or suggestion can be made by contacting Rev. Tony Lorenz, the Pastor at First Church, Carlisle.

Commission on Ministry (COM)

The Presbytery moved to refer back to the COM for more study and review, proposed changes to Presbytery's "Designation of Pastoral Relations" policy. The COM will present their proposal for action at the May 28, 2019 Presbytery meeting.

Rev. Robin Morgan presented Memorial Moments for Rev. George Pomeroy and Rev. Robert Roberts who died recently.

The COM led the Presbytery in celebrating the **Ordination Anniversaries** of the following Ministers of Word and Sacrament:

Ten Years: Revs. Ed Blank, Rosie Magee and Don Wahlig.
40 Years: Rev. Art Pace
50 Years: Revs. Paul Derrickson and Roger Uittenbogaard

The Presbytery meeting was recessed to allow Members and Ruling Elder Commissioners to attend one of three **Learning Community Events**:

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

After lunch, the Interim Executive Presbyter, Rev. 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. *

**More information is available in the "meeting minutes" which are on the Presbytery's website.*

Stated Clerk's Report

Jim Speedy announced the dates, times and locations of the **Annual Review of Session Minutes and Registers:**

- 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

Amendments to the Book of Order.

As authorized by the Coordinating Council, Jim Speedy presented the Amendments sent by the 223rd General Assembly as a Consent Agenda. The Presbytery approved the Consent Agenda unanimously.

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 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