

Call of the Stated Meeting of The Presbytery of Carlisle

The Presbytery of Carlisle will meet **Tuesday, May 28, 2019** at the **Highland United Presbyterian Church in Newport, PA**. This is an evening meeting beginning with Dinner at 5:00 p.m., at a cost of \$8.00 per person. **A pre-meeting gathering, offered by the Board of Pensions of the PCUSA will begin at 4:00 p.m.** (See details below).

For those not attending the pre-meeting gathering, registration begins at 4:30.

What's Happening at the Presbytery Meeting?

The Presbytery **Worships**...as we consider how God is rolling away stones to bring new life and as we commission those who will attend the Youth Triennium this summer at Purdue University.

The Presbytery **Learns**...as we notice what's changed and talk with each other about leading in uncharted territory!

The Presbytery **Connects**...as we discover what's new with the Board of Pensions, meet Krislund's new Executive Director, hear from those who have even honorably retired, in ministry...and continue our Minister Milestones initiative. (Yes, there will be M & Ms)! Over dinner we'll lift up your celebrations (complete [this form](#) and return to Stated Clerk Jim Speedy).

The Presbytery **Acts**...on by-laws and policies to help us navigate our ever-changing context...to celebrate the giving of our congregations that funded Christ's mission in 2018....to highlight upcoming events of learning and mission!

[The Docket for the meeting is now on our Website along with related documents.](#)

To make use of these documents during the meeting, we suggest:

- 1) Bring a laptop computer, tablet, or other device to the meeting and use Highland's WIFI to access the documents on line OR download and save meeting documents to your device for reference throughout the meeting.
- 2) Review materials ahead of time and follow along through our use of a screen and projector to guide presbyters through the business of this meeting.
- 3) Request a paper packet by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21st. **PLEASE NOTE: AS WE TRANSITION TO ELECTRONIC PACKETS AND USE A SCREEN TO DISPLAY MEETING MATERIALS, WE WILL NO LONGER PRINT PAPER PACKETS, EXCEPT BY REQUEST.** To request a paper packet, call or email Suzi Souder at the presbytery office by the deadline listed above.

PRE-MEETING GATHERING HOSTED BY THE BOARD OF PENSIONS

The Rev. Dr. Doug Portz, Senior Church Consultant for the Board of Pensions will share information about the latest Benefit Plan changes and Ministry Programs to support pastors and staff

of churches. Pastors, session members, Business Administrators, Chairs of Personnel, and Treasurers will want to attend.

Topics to be covered will be:

- **Healthy Pastors, Healthy Congregations:** a program intended for the health and financial well-being of pastors and the congregations they serve; excellence grants of up to \$10,000 can be given to pastors who participate which may be put into retirement savings or for debt reduction.
- **New Health Coverage Options:** new affordable Vision Eyewear coverage, Group Term Life, and a NEW High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) with an HSA, as well as, Flexible Medical Spending Accounts that help save pastors pre-tax dollars..
- **Pathways to Renewal:** a dues reduction model for small and large congregations desiring to call a pastor to a newly created position or one that has been vacant; dues are reduced from 37% to 19.75 % for five years. Come hear details!!
- **Ministerial Education Debt Assistance:** a new approach to helping pastors pay down debt; up to \$25,000 can be made available; pastors of any age or any size church may be eligible. Come for more details.
- **How to examples of ... how to choose benefits from the menu options for full-time and part-time staff.**

This time will help participants understand as well as how to access and set up benefits in the context that works best for each church. New pastors, in particular, are encouraged to attend! Questions: contact Rev. Doug Portz, dportz@pensions.org.