

Call of the Stated Meeting of The Presbytery of Carlisle

The Presbytery of Carlisle will meet **Tuesday, September 24, 2019** at the **Central Presbyterian Church in Chambersburg, PA**. Registration opens at 3:30. The meeting begins at **4:00 PM** with the **Examination of Candidate Joaquin Anabe Lopez for ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament**. Joaquin has been called to a Clinical Pastoral Residency with the Hershey Medical Center. As is our custom, Joaquin's examination will include the proclamation of God's Word, in a sermon preached before the presbytery, the reading of his [Statement of Faith](#) and opportunity for presbyters to examine Joaquin on the basis of his calling, gifts, preparation, and suitability for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament.

Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m., at a cost of \$8.00 per person. During the dinner hour we will lift up [Ministers' Milestones](#). And, we'll **celebrate the ministry of Suzanne Lemon Souder**, who has retired after 33 years of service to the Presbytery of Carlisle. For those who wish to offer personal words of gratitude to Suzi, we'll have a box at the Presbytery meeting, to gather written messages or cards for Suzi. If you'd like to include a message but can't be there:

- Mail your card to: Debby Madden, 54 N. Orange St., Carlisle, PA. 17013, or
- Send an email to: dmadden.fpcarl@pa.net

What else is Happening at the Presbytery Meeting?

This Presbytery meeting is designed to be an offering of our gifts in service to Christ's mission. Each part of the meeting will be a reflection of our stewardship of the gifts God has given, in and through our congregations:

In **Worship**...we'll offer our hearts, minds and voices to God, and center our gathering in God's Word and Spirit. Through Scripture, song, movement and prayer we'll consider God's call to transformative partnerships.

In a **Learning Experience**...we'll get to watch Kim Wadlington, pastor at Middle Spring, interview Dori Hjalmarson, Mission Co-Worker in Honduras. Then, around tables, presbyters will meet "Table Hosts" from all over the presbytery who are engaged in transformative mission partnerships, both locally and in other parts of the world. We'll consider together how God may be cultivating future strength for the gospel through our relationships beyond the walls of our churches. Finally, we'll learn about a "Covenant" describing new intentions for the partnership between our congregations and the Presbyterian congregations of Honduras.

In the **Reports and Actions** brought before us, we'll consider how our gifts of people and money, purpose and place are reflected in plans and intentions for the year ahead. As we continue to navigate our ever-changing context, we'll consider proposals intended to make space for discernment of a vision that connects our congregations in discipleship, mission, and faithful witness!

And that's not all....

While presbytery meetings bring together teaching and ruling elders for a few significant hours of interaction, there are lots of Presbyterians, all over our presbytery, who are not directly touched by what happens at a presbytery meeting. And we don't want them to be left out! And so....

Coming Saturday, September 28th is **ReFresh**, the annual event that seeks to restore our faith, revitalize our lives and leadership, and fortify our minds. This year, Mary Ann McKibben Dana is our keynote speaker. Author of ***God, Improv, and the Art of Living***, MaryAnn brings the gifts of an honest, playful and deeply wise guide. Following her Keynote, attendees can choose from 10 workshops (5 each in two workshop blocks). Lunch, child care and programming for children and youth are included! All of this, at no cost to participants. [Here](#) is where participants can learn more and register for the event. **Please include this event in bulletins, announcements and social media postings!**

We are pleased to welcome the **Rev. Dori Hjalmarson**, Mission Co-worker in Honduras, visiting our Presbytery from September 22-29. Dori's itinerary can be found [here](#). Churches hosting events with Dori welcome anyone who wishes to attend. The Mission Advocacy Committee of the presbytery will host **Lunch With Dori** on Thursday, September 26th at the Presbytery Office. Dori will help us take a deeper dive into the intentions of the new covenant for the partnership between the congregations of Carlisle Presbytery and Honduras. She'll also help participants think about creating mission partnerships in their own contexts. Please R.S.V.P. by calling the presbytery office or email office@carlislepby.org. Spread the word and make sure your congregation doesn't miss out!

[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 doing one of these:

- 1) Have meeting documents available electronically throughout the meeting on a laptop computer, tablet, or other device by doing one of the following:
 - a. Using Central's Wi-Fi to access the documents online while at the meeting, *or*
 - b. Downloading and saving the 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 Thursday, September 19th.
 - **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 Kurt Brungraber at office@carlislepby.org by the deadline listed above.