



The Presbytery of Carlisle

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Docket for February 22, 2020

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Guiding Principles

The Presbytery of Carlisle is a service community which:

Supports congregations in addressing their needs and opportunities and by increasing resources, information and training for mission and ministry.

Seeks to create dialogue in which congregations and presbytery actively talk to and listen to each other and respond to one another.

Promotes a relationship among congregations and the presbytery that is collegial and collaborative in ministry.

Rev. Graham Fowler	Moderator
Ruling Elder Cheryl Betts	Vice-Moderator
Rev. Cheryl Galan.....	Interim Executive Presbyter
Ruling Elder James Speedy	Stated Clerk
Rev. Dr. W. Wilson Bradburn.....	Executive Presbyter Emeritus
Reverend Katy Yates Brungraber	Permanent Clerk
Ruling Elder Debby Madden.....	Treasurer

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Persons who have voice and vote at Presbytery Meetings:

1. Minister Members of Presbytery
2. Ruling Elder Commissioners elected by the Sessions of the various churches
3. Officers of the Presbytery who are Ruling Elders
4. Chairs of Presbytery Committees who are Ruling Elders
5. Members of Coordinating Council who are Ruling Elders
6. Commissioned Ruling Elders serving a Church in Carlisle Presbytery
7. Certified Christian Educators who are Ruling Elders, employed full time by a church in Carlisle Presbytery
8. Moderator/Elder of Presbyterian Women in Presbytery of Carlisle
 9. Ruling Elders in Commissioned Ruling Elder training program or who have completed Commissioned Ruling Elder training program.

Presbytery Meeting Docket

- 8:30 Registration and Coffee
- 9:00-9:20 Call to Order and Opening Prayer
Approval of Docket
Enroll Corresponding Members, Intro First-Time Commissioners, DCEs, and Special Guests, etc.
Welcome and Arrangements
- Action: Nominating Committee - Nominee for COM
Action: By Consent Agenda, receive reports posted for Information
- 9:20-9:35. Brief Plenary: Hitting the Limits Of Our Competence
- 9:35-9:50 Break
- 9:50- 11:10. Workshops: *On-The-Map Skill Set for the Corps of Discovery*

Workshop Options: (See descriptions, below)

Ruling Elders 101	Katy Brungraber
Ruling Elders: Congregational Life Cycles and Leading for Vitality	Cheryl Galan
Teaching Elder as Change Agent? What Seminary Didn't Teach Us	Bruce Humphrey
Teaching Elders Translating God's Story for New Generations	Jeff Gibelius & Sharon Putt
Deacons 101: Organized to Bring Christ's Love	Lou Nyiri
Clerks of Session	Jim Speedy
Church Treasurers	Debby Madden

- 11:10-11:30 Break
Recognition of Ordinations (Cake Cutting, Photos and Certificates)
- 11:30 Worship in the Sanctuary: Sermon by Moderator Graham Fowler,
Installation of Officers, Communion and the Reading of the Necrology
- 12:30 Adjourn with Benediction

**Note: The next meeting of Carlisle Presbytery will be an evening meeting
Tuesday, May 5, 2020**

Workshop Descriptions

Ruling Elders 101

Katy Brungraber

Whether we've been Presbyterian for 5 or 25 years, it often isn't until we are called by God to ordained ministry in our own congregation that we come face to face with what it takes to lead God's people in a way that is faithful to our Reformed tradition. The good news is that we don't have to re-create the wheel! We have a tremendous resource in Part II of the PC(USA) Constitution - our Book of Order. This interactive workshop will guide new ruling elders and deacons through the basics. We'll explore distinctions between practices relating to worship, education, and mission that are mandated, strongly recommended, suitable, and permissible. If possible, download (for free) or bring your copy of the 2019-2021 Book of Order (\$10) from the PC(USA) on-line store. Anyone who wants to discover anew the Great Ends of the Church and the inspirational wisdom we have inherited from our Presbyterian ancestors is welcome.

Ruling Elders: Congregational Life Cycles and Leading for Vitality

Cheryl Galan

All congregations move through stages, or cycles of life, over time. These stages are often described with words like growth, plateau and decline. But churches can and do break out of this cycle, "circling back" toward thriving stages. This workshop will describe the stages and the intentional work that can re-define or re-develop congregations. We'll also talk about when it may be time to ignite an entirely new worshipping community.

Teaching Elders: Translating God's Story for New Generations

Jeff Gibelius

What do these words and phrases mean to you: salvation, born again, atonement, paid for our sins, washed in the blood? How would you explain these concepts to your confirmation class – or those students' parents? Many pastors are finding that traditional understandings of these theological concepts are not as helpful as they once were in building faith among young people. If we want to reach un-churched or de-churched young adults, perhaps the Gospel story needs to be told in a new way. Traditional doctrines may need to be filled with new meanings that speak persuasively and powerfully to the spiritual longings of younger generations. In this workshop we'll introduce the challenge of creating new theological language.

Dr. Sharon Baker Putt has focused her ministry on this task. She is a professor at Messiah College, Grantham, PA, a licensed Baptist preacher and former leader of a Disciples of Christ congregation. She is also the author of *Razing Hell, Executing God*, and a new – as yet unnamed – work of systematic theology due out this fall. Dr. Jeff Gibelius is the Lead Pastor of Second Church, Carlisle.

Pastor as Change Agent? What Seminary didn't Teach Us

Bruce Humphrey

Leadership is complex, even more difficult in times of significant social change. This seminar will review some insights about why change is difficult in general and how church as an institution requires astute change agent leadership. Rev Dr. Bruce Humphrey has led pastoral leadership conferences from Egypt to Hawaii, Nepal to Denver and in between. During his tenures as a medium and mega church pastor, he was known for helping declining aging congregations turn themselves around to become youthful, growing, and vibrant.

Deacon 101

Lou Nyiri

A deacon is a "people person" whose heart goes out to those in distress who need to experience Christ's love in concrete ways. Deacons are not the only Presbyterians who provide ministries of sympathy and caring. All Christians are called to love and care for their neighbors and one another. Deacons provide an *organized* way of bringing Christ's love to the church and community. Join us for some background on the office of deacon and collaboration on ways to *organize* deacon ministries.

Church Treasurers**Debby Madden**

Both maintaining and reporting the various financial functions of a congregation are crucial to the mission and ministry of a church. The responsibility of these functions varies per congregation, but all are necessary. This Treasurer's workshop will concentrate on revenue and disbursements, budgets, payroll, reporting, and recording of these functions. Workshop will be led by Debby Madden, who has worked for more than 20 years in accounting, payroll, and banking. If there are any specific topics or questions you would like her to cover, contact her at debbyam20@gmail.com

Clerks of Session**Jim Speedy**

This workshop is designed for new Clerks of Session, but experienced Clerks are definitely invited. Even if you are not a Clerk, but just want to find out more about Presbyterian Polity, please come. Carlisle Presbytery's Stated Clerk, Jim Speedy, will lead discussions on Clerk of Session's responsibilities, including communications, minute taking, church records responsibilities, end of year reporting duties and other items of information. There will be time for your questions as well.