

The Administrative Commission to Perry Valley Presbyterian Church

Status Report To Carlisle Presbytery

The Administrative Commission to Perry Valley Presbyterian Church was convened in early April at the request of the Presbytery. Perry Valley Church is linked with Highland United Presbyterian and Westminster Church, and is ably served by Rev. Nancy McClure. Although its membership roll has about 40 persons, the regularly active members number perhaps 15 -20. The Church is financially solvent, but the burdens of carrying its modest budget and serving in its worship and program activities are challenging to the remaining faithful. The Administrative Commission met with the members of Session twice, one via Zoom, and once in person, to discuss their circumstances. We have met for an open discussion with the congregation to review a draft plan, and the congregation is now scheduled to meet formally on October 4, to vote on a plan to close the Perry Valley Church. Members will be encouraged to transfer their membership to the Highland United Presbyterian Church (located about three miles away.) Over the past few years the members of Perry Valley have worked with the Highland Church members in some combined activities and feel comfortable now that joining with Highland is the right way to proceed. This decision is contemplated with understandable hesitation, regret and reluctance. If the plan is adopted, the Church will have its final services by year end.

David Lehman, Chair

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