



## Call to the Meeting of The Presbytery of Carlisle

The Presbytery of Carlisle will meet Saturday, **February 27, 2021, 9:00 am - 12:15 pm**, on Zoom. Our gathering will feature:

- A time for **Learning** with an opening plenary by the Interim Executive Presbyter, followed by Break-out rooms for pastors, elders, deacons, and Clerks of Session
- A time for **Essential Business** of the presbytery, for action and information
- A time for **Worship**, featuring a sermon offered by out-going Moderator Cheryl Betts and the installation of Moderator-Elect Kristal Smith and Vice-Moderator Elect Neal McCulloch

The docket and other materials for reference during this meeting are found on the [Presbytery Meetings page](#) of our website. *We welcome pastors and elder commissioners along with any Ruling Elders and Deacons who wish to attend.* Please see the line-up of workshops described below and use [this link](#) to pre-register so we can assign Zoom break-out rooms. **Note: when you register, please include the email address that is associated with your Zoom account. This will allow us to set up the break-out rooms ahead of time.**

*Feel free to forward this information to all Session members and Boards of Deacons!*

Please note: **during worship an offering will be received to benefit the COVID-19 Response Fund of Christian Churches United.** This fund is aimed at helping individuals and families who have limited financial options and who may not fit the requirements of other publicly-funded programs. Your gifts will help people affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and related economic downturn, through assistance with housing costs, medication, and staff support to help people navigate a crisis. You may give through Give Now button on our website, through the Give +Plus App downloadable to your cell phone or by mailing a check payable to the Presbytery of Carlisle.

Here are the **Break-Out Room choices** for church officers, both those who are new to the role and want the basics, and those who are ready for a deeper dive. When you register to attend the meeting, please also register your workshop choice. Upon registration you will be directed to another page that confirms your registration and gives you the Zoom link for the meeting.

### ***Tableware & Tendrils in Tempest Tossed Days***

Deacons faithfully share Christ's love in concrete ways. While not the only Presbyterians called to provide ministries of sympathy and caring for neighbors and one another, deacons provide *organized* ways of bringing Christ's love to the church and community. Join us for background on the office of Deacon and collaboration on ways to *organize* deacon ministries (delving a bit into how Deacons may have pivoted in this pandemic). Facilitated by Rev. Lou Nyiri, Associate Pastor, Gettysburg

### ***Post Pandemic Priorities: Serving Christ in "the Least of These"***

As a church leader are you feeling stuck in survival mode and wanting a renewed sense of purpose? Please join us as we look into and beyond the current crisis to see how God is calling and equipping our congregations to serve Christ in the world. We will reflect on Jesus' call to discipleship in Matthew 25, the ways our churches currently practice reaching out to "the least of these," and dream together about how we can more fully lean into that vision. We will briefly discuss the Matthew 25 initiative developed by the 222nd and 223rd General Assemblies as a means for further engagement in this ministry. Facilitated by Rev. Kristal Smith, Moderator-Elect

### ***Ruling Elders 101 – Living Into Our Ordination Vows***

Whether born into or adopted into the Presbyterian tradition, often it's not until we are called by God to ordained ministry in our congregation that we face what it takes to lead in ways that are faithful to our Reformed heritage. Good news: we don't have to re-create the wheel! We have our *Book of Order*. This interactive workshop will guide new ruling elders through *basic responsibilities relating to worship, education, mission, and administration*. We'll explore duties that are mandated, strongly recommended, suitable, and permissible. Please supply your own copy of the 2019-2021 *Book of Order* (\$10) from the PC(USA) on-line store, or download it (for free). In the age of COVID-19, church officers can adapt their work toward the Great Ends of the Church in creative and dynamic ways. Facilitated by the Rev. Katy Yates Brungraber, Member-at-Large

### ***Meltdown: Leadership Skills to Maintain Sanity in Stressful Times***

The pastoral call of leadership has always been stressful. If it weren't hard enough in normal times, these days our congregations have been infected by inflamed distrust of leadership across most of our social institutions combined with declining civility. No wonder most pastors wrestle with feelings such as self-doubt, anxiety, stress, depression, fears of incompetence. This seminar explores a few leadership skills to help us step back from the generalized anxiety in order to stay strong through our demanding times which require adaptive change. Facilitated by the Rev. Dr. Bruce Humphrey, Honorably Retired

### ***Faith Once Delivered...And Recorded...And Properly Maintained!***

In this workshop, we'll handle some of the nuts and bolts of how Clerks of Session maintain orderly records and correspondence in faithful witness to the local congregation's participation in Christ's ministry to the world. This is a good place for new clerks to stop by, but all are welcome. There will be space for conversation as well as questions or concerns that arise from pandemic related limits and opportunities. Facilitated by the Rev. Meg Shoeman, Temporary Stated Clerk

### ***How Wolves Change Rivers***

When wolves were reintroduced to Yellowstone National Park after being absent nearly 70 years, their presence impacted the whole eco-system, so life could thrive again. How might this story help us think about the forces carving out new spaces for the gospel to flourish, today? We'll explore the metaphors found in this story in order to consider our leadership roles and purpose and to expand our imaginations as we meet the adaptive challenges of our time. Facilitated by the Rev. Cheryl Galan, Interim Executive Presbyter