



Call to the Meeting of The Presbytery of Carlisle

Like this turtle I encountered one day last summer, we are emerging, slowly. Still following the guidance of the CDC, we are beginning to gather in our churches again. When we gather indoors, we limit our numbers. We continue to wear masks and keep distance between us. Many of us are vaccinated by now, and express a sense of relief that we can safely be with the people we love, that life itself is beginning to feel safe again.

Still, it is not the same because we are not the same. The experiences of the past year have changed us. On **Tuesday, May 25, 2021**, The Presbytery of Carlisle will gather, beginning at **6:30 p.m. on Zoom** to bear witness!

The docket and other materials for reference during this meeting are found on the [Presbytery Meetings page](#) of our website. Please use [this link](#) to pre-register. Upon registration, you will be directed to a page that gives the Zoom link.

For this meeting, we're following a **Worshipful Work** model which weaves elements of worship throughout the meeting: we'll begin with liturgy, then a sermon by a candidate to be examined for ordination, we'll engage in sacred conversations and dwell in the story of Pentecost as part of our learning time, and the meeting will end with the offering of our financial gifts and prayers.

On the heels of Pentecost, our meeting will feature **break-out spaces** for presbyters to discern the Spirit's movement as we reflect on the experiences of the past year and talk about what we see God doing among us, today:

- In the past year, what nourished your spirit...what kept you grounded in God's love and engaged with activities and relationships you found life-giving?
- Look back...what has God stripped away, for our good?
- Look ahead...where do you see signs of new life emerging? What has God planted that gives you hope for the future?
- Look around....where do you see people or concerns that touch your heart and move you to want to join what God is already doing?

- Look within...what grief or lament do you carry? What do you seek to let go...to let be?
- Look beyond....what are you unlearning, for the sake of the gospel?

What is God up to? We look forward to seeing your faces and hearing your stories, as we also engage the work that represents the Spirit's movement in and through our presbytery.

Please note:

We strongly recommend that each person attending this meeting with voice and vote be signed into Zoom on a device that includes both aural and visual participation. Please also verify that you are using the latest version of Zoom. This will facilitate your participation in all elements of the meeting.

The offering received at this meeting will benefit the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank. Fighting hunger, improving lives, and strengthening communities, the Central PA Food Bank serves 27 counties across central PA. By working with more than 1,000 local agencies and programs, more than 200,000 people are served each month through food hubs located in Harrisburg and Williamsport.

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.

When you register, we've added a way for you to let us know about any **Minister Milestones** we could celebrate at the meeting as well as **joys or concerns** to be lifted up in the prayers of the presbytery.

Finally, for up-to-date information about COVID-19 immunization and advice on protocols for returning to in-person worship, we highly recommend [this webinar](#) hosted by New Castle Presbytery, with Lisa Allgood, immunocytochemist and transitional executive presbyter for the Presbytery of Cincinnati, presenting.

Blessings,

Cheryl D. Galan, Interim Executive Presbyter