

**Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Carlisle – Harrisburg, PA (by Zoom)  
Stated Meeting Minutes – December 7, 2021**

**Abbreviations**

- AC Administrative Commission
- BOO *Book of Order* – The Constitution of the PC(USA) Part II
- BCW *Book of Common Worship*
- BOP Board of Pensions
- CLC Church Leadership Connection
- COA Covenant of Agreement
- COM, CPM Commission on Ministry, Committee on Preparation for Ministry
- GA, OGA, SOT General Assembly, Office of General Assembly, Synod of the Trinity
- IEP Interim Executive Presbyter
- MSP Motion Seconded and Passed (if it comes from committee, MP only)
- NC, PNC Nominating Committee, Pastor Nominating Committee
- PC, PW Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Women
- PJC Permanent Judicial Commission
- SC, TSC Stated Clerk, Temporary Stated Clerk
- TE, RE, CCE, CRE Teaching Elder, Ruling Elder, Certified Christian Educator, Commissioned Ruling Elder

From the Call to the Meeting: This gathering of the presbytery will focus on Vital Congregations. In this time of ongoing uncertainty, we'll look at what gives us vitality. When we encounter obstacles, what makes it possible for our congregations to tap into the life-giving power of God? As people who long for the birth of a savior, what restores our strength, resilience, and energy? In the wilderness of cultural changes and a global pandemic, what invigorates our hope? The docket for this meeting is designed to explore seven marks of congregational vitality...reflected in the work we share...[evident] in the lives of our congregations. We'll ponder what more we have to learn...that we too may rejoice and blossom! Materials for reference during this meeting are on the Presbytery Meetings page of our website.

**Moderator Rev. Kristal Smith (hereafter identified as Moderator) called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with prayer at 6:30 PM with 80 in attendance via Zoom.** After housekeeping items, and instructions for voting, she offered an Anne Weems quote to frame the meeting: "watch, for you know not when God comes. Watch that you might be found wherever, whenever God comes."

**Approval of Docket, Enroll Corresponding Members; Intro of First-Time RECs, DCEs, and Special Guests**

**ACTION**

**MSP** to approve the docket

**MSP** to enroll Susan Wonderland, Transitional Synod Executive, as a Corresponding Member with voice. Welcome first-time commissioners: Brenda Shickley (Lower Tuscarora), Lori Beamer (Faith Immanuel).

**[Clerk note: references throughout to "poll shows" reflect on-the-spot survey results]**

**Vital Congregations, Mark 1: Lifelong Discipleship Form (poll shows 46% are curious, pursuing)**

**IEP Cheryl Galan introduced the theme, spoke about the image of boats** – Roman catacombs and early Christian art represented the container holding believers; the sea represents chaos. A video by TE Emily

McCachren shows a Lego boat – the church running into obstacles, running aground, “even though you followed directions perfectly.” Some aspects of congregational life are falling apart. Not as many youth as we used to. Anxiety everywhere. We’re not functioning as our best selves individually or collectively. What’s missing? We follow the Marks – signposts, focal points, practices that hold us together in Christ. TE Scott Bowerman: “we put Christ at the center of our lives...they know we’re Christians by our love.”

**TE Don Wahlig is invited to offer the Report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry.**

**TE Wahlig moves a recommendation from Committee to move an Inquirer to Candidate status.**

Coming from committee, the motion required no second. Discussion followed. Joining the meeting from Germany (where it was 1 AM), the Inquirer, Dr. Matthew Robinson, was invited to review his extensive academic background and care process timeline, which was available in advance of the meeting. Of note: he graduated in 2009 from the University of Chicago Divinity School; earned a PhD in 2014 in Theology and Religious Studies at Northwestern University; while completing PhD dissertation, moved to Mechanicsburg; taught in Messiah College’s Department of Biblical and Religious Studies; became a member of Silver Spring PC; and, sensing the call to ordained ministry, came under care of the Silver Spring Session in 2015. He began the period of inquiry on April 7, 2016.

**Dr. Robinson worked for the past five years as Research Associate in Practical Theology in the Faculty of Protestant Theology at the University of Bonn, Germany.** In that position, he worked under the mentorship of Prof. Eberhard Hauschildt, an ordained Lutheran minister and one of the leading researchers in the fields of pastoral and spiritual care in Germany. In 2022, he was appointed to lead the development of a new department in Intercultural Theology; he teaches bachelors, masters, and doctoral students who are training for ordained ministry in the Protestant Church in Germany.

**Dr. Robinson’s Statement of Faith and Sense of Call were posted in advance of the meeting; highlights are offered here. He wrote of being a Reformed Christian who believes**

- in one God who loves, creates and sustains all things, forming “an eternal unity with God’s will as Spirit and God’s decree as Word, all of which serve as the guarantee of God’s covenantal action in history.”
- faith is grounded in Jesus of Nazareth as the Christ, Lord of all Creation and only Son of God the Creator. Through his life, death and resurrection from the dead, Jesus revealed to all the way of liberation from the bonds of sin.
- the Spirit of God in Jesus is uniquely revealed in the confession and mission of the Christian churches, particularly through their witness to God’s love for all as recorded in the Scriptures, their promise of forgiveness and new life as proclaimed in Baptism, and their commitment to peace and advocacy for justice as solemnly reaffirmed in the Lord’s Supper.
- God calls to the individual through the Spirit of Christ speaking in the spirit of the community, the Church. Calling is related to gifting...opportunities, resources, and skills that have been invested into one’s life by others and that, in turn, equip one with a certain outlook and abilities.

Dr. Robinson explained: “I want to maintain connection to PC(USA), which gives witness to and with the universal church, redeemed by Christ.” He now recognizes a strong and clear call to theological education: I have been blessed to receive a strong education in Christian life and witness, to travel extensively, and now to live abroad and work in an ecumenical setting.

**Examination** – in response to questions from the floor the Inquirer shared that the future is unknown. He pondered over several possibilities: Germany? Academic position? World Council of Churches? Traditional ministry? “I love theological education – that’s my strong sense of call, to pastors in training.” He also spoke about building up pastoral functions, such as the ministry of presence by

participating in a pastoral care and counseling group. His work involves accompaniment, care, trust building; he recently offered old fashioned pastoral care to a new student from Nigeria.

**MSP** on calling the question.

At 7:03 PM the Inquirer was moved to the waiting room; the presbytery discussed the motion below.

#### **ACTION**

**MP** to move Dr. Matthew Robinson from Inquirer to Candidate.

Moderator Smith asked Dr. Robinson to return to the floor at 7:08 PM, and asked whether he considered himself to be called, and willing to accept supervision. He answered in the affirmative, to which the presbytery showed signs of congratulations. Moderator Smith said "Congratulations – you are now a Candidate – may God bless and keep you!"

**TE Wahlig brought to the floor a motion from CPM recommending that the one-year time requirement for Candidacy be waived** with the rationale of "good and sufficient" reasons including not seeking to circumvent the process or abbreviate the time needed for discernment and growth into the call to ministry [and having been] actively engaged in the ordination process for five years. Coming from Committee, it required no second. Discussion followed.

ISSUE: Special dispensation question. Matthew already has completed the requirements. The reason for the request is that in the transition from the US to Bonn, the move from Inquirer to Candidate slipped through the cracks at CPM. Candidate Robinson asked for the opportunity to clarify that this request is not to get around a requirement but to acknowledge the process was not handled decently and in order. "It is only by virtue of a missing Form 5a rather than due to any lack of preparedness that I did not formally conclude the period of inquiry and begin the period of candidacy. Rev. Wahlig and I agree that the official transfer from inquiry to candidacy and completion of Form 5a simply "fell through the cracks" in the period of my transition from Mechanicsburg to Bonn and in the process of shifting CPM leadership from Paul Derrickson to Rev. Wahlig. I sincerely believe this was...accidental."

Candidate Robinson was moved to the waiting room at 7:13 PM.

Discussion followed. Questions yielded the following points of clarification:

- if the one-year Candidate requirement is removed, COM will receive a request to validate Dr. Robinson's teaching position in Bonn as a validated ministry. If COM approves, then the Candidate would be examined by the presbytery at a future meeting.
- In Dr. Robinson's case, the presbytery's requirement for Clinical Pastoral Education was adapted – not waived – by CPM, and he was assigned to a CPE-like experience for his work in the academy. CPM was satisfied that he met that requirement.
- Although the Candidate lacks experience outside the academy, he's a regular participant at the community church, and he's under supervision there.

Other observations included "no issue," and "a logical conclusion – he'll do well where he is;" a couple TE's offered their personal experiences of being exceptions to the rule.

#### **ACTION**

**MP** with more than ¾ vote in favor of the motion to waive the one-year time requirement for Candidacy for Dr. Matthew Robinson.

At 7:26 PM Candidate Robinson is returned from the waiting room and congratulated. He expresses his gratitude, and IEP Galan remarks that “incarnation and God’s call are beautiful framings for lifelong service.” TE Bowerman offers a prayer of gratitude for God’s faithfulness and Matthew’s faithfulness.

**Vital Congregations, Mark 2: Intentional Authentic Evangelism [poll shows 42% curious, pursuing]**

TE Bruce Humphrey many of us feel uncomfortable with evangelism, referring to Paul in 2 Corinthians 4:7. “We hold this treasure in clay jars ... when we open ourselves we share the good news.” Vice Moderator Neal McCulloch offered Testimony: A Story from Dickinson PC. On March 8, 2020, Dickinson PC made the intentional decision to build relationships, no matter what. During COVID, “Faith Chats” were open to anyone via Zoom or under shade trees, talking about life and journeys of faith. Many were not originally Presbyterian. God helped us find this way. Blessings include a heart to love and – through a growing faith – be loved. “Intentional” comes with a decision to do authentic, real outreach. TE Humphrey leads prayer: “Help us...make us intentional in relationships.”

**Vital Congregations, Mark 3: Outward Incarnational Focus /Mission (poll shows 57% curious, pursuing)**

TE Emily McCachren speaks to the celebration of mission giving (both financial and hands-on) of Carlisle Presbytery congregations. Mission “sends us out of our buildings into a hurting world, because that is where we encounter Jesus, caring for the “least of these.”” Moderator Smith speaks to Designated Mission giving – showing a word cloud of giving opportunities within the presbytery – and makes an appeal for presbyters to make a dispersed offering of the presbytery: an intentional gift of money, food, clothing, or service. Prayer led by TE McCachren.

**Acknowledging the dispersed offering, Moderator Smith excused presbyters for a 5-minute BREAK from 7:43 to 7:48 PM.**

**Vital Congregations, Mark 4: Empowering Servant Leadership (poll shows 46% curious, pursuing)  
RE Donna Wenger is called upon to give the Report of the Nominating Committee.**

The written report, available in advance, was displayed on the screen, and RE Wenger reviewed all nominees. It was noted that while the presbytery could send two TE Commissioners to GA, there were no applications received. The motion below, coming from committee, required no second.

**ACTION**

**MP** to elect as Commissioners to the 225<sup>th</sup> General Assembly TE Peter Dietz (At Large), RE Roger Clowes (Gettysburg PC), and RE Bill McHenry (Highland United PC), with Kemper Dyson (Middle Spring PC) as Young Adult Advisory Delegate

RE Wenger bundled three action items. Motions below, coming from committee, required no second. Any nominees from the floor? They must have given prior approval. No nominees. Discussion? None.

**ACTION**

**MP to elect for service as**

1. Moderator of Carlisle Presbytery for 2022 RE Neal McCulloch (Dickinson PC)
2. Vice Moderator of Carlisle Presbytery for 2022 TE Scott Bowerman (Central PC, Chambersburg)
3. Members of Committees [“1” means first 3-year term, “2” means 2<sup>nd</sup> 3-year term]
  - a. Administration
    - i. 2024 RE Tom Whitaker                      Monaghan PC – 1  
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- b. Coordinating Council
  - i. 2023 TE Rachel Schwab 1<sup>st</sup> UCC Carlisle – 1
  - ii. 2024 TE Heather Sigler Pine Street PC – 2
  - RE Niki Shaddock Mechanicsburg PC – 1
  - RE Rose Jewell-Jordan Faith Immanuel PC – 1
- c. Commission on Ministry
  - i. 2022 TE Drew Stockstill Christ Lutheran Church – 1
  - ii. 2023 RE Jim Case Capital PC – 1
  - iii. 2024 TE Katy Yates Brungraber At-Large – 2
  - RE Richard Lee Monaghan PC – 2
  - TE Lou Nyiri Gettysburg PC – 2
  - TE Kristal Smith Lebanon Lutheran Coop. Ministry – 1
  - TE Vern Gauthier Newville 1<sup>st</sup> United PC – 1
  - RE Larry Espenshade Derry PC – 1
- d. Committee on Preparation for Ministry
  - i. 2022 TE Jennifer McKenna Honorably Retired – 1
  - ii. 2023 TE Buzz Myers At-Large – 1
  - iii. 2024 RE Mike Fry Newville, 1<sup>st</sup> United PC – 2
  - TE Kim Wadlington Market Square PC – 2
  - RE Mike Orleski Lower Marsh Creek PC – 1
  - TE Allision Smith Faith Immanuel PC – 1
- e. Camp Committee
  - i. 2023 TE Pam Meilands Derry PC – 2
  - ii. 2025 RE Marty Gruver Pine Street PC – 1
  - RE Elizabeth Roman St. James PC – 1
- f. Permanent Judicial Commission
  - i. 2027 TE Andy Hart Falling Spring PC – term not applicable
  - RE Jim Speedy Mechanicsburg PC – term not applicable
  - TE Graham Fowler Lost Creek/ McCoysville PC – term not applicable
- g. Synod
  - i. 2022 RE Margaret Mielke Mechanicsburg – 1
  - ii. 2027 TE Dale Williams Honorably Retired – 1

Prayer by John Carroll “together we serve and are empowered.”

**Vital Congregations, Mark 5: Spirit-Inspired Worship (poll shows 44% curious, pursuing)**

**The Wilderness is a Place of New Life: A visual meditation from A Sanctified Art**

VIDEO by Lisle Garrity – The earth always kisses the sky. My mother whispered: God is a gardener, and I have nothing to fear. God and I will be planting seeds, hoping to turn your wilderness into a garden. I will never stop looking for you.”

IEP Galan prayer – “when we are distracted by the cares of the day... You are there transforming us.”

**Vital Congregations, Mark 6: Caring Relationships (poll shows 67% curious, pursuing)**

TE Humphrey - “with vulnerability we make space for crucial conversations which lead to reconciliation and peace.”

**TE Dave Lehman, Chair of the Administrative Commission of Perry Valley PC, was invited to give a final report on the work of the AC. His verbal report highlighted the five-page written report to presbytery.**

TE Lehman offered context – for much of its life, PVPC was a satellite church of Millersville Church. It served the local community. Millerstown and Newport United. PV continued independently then joined Juniata. The AC commended TE Nancy McClure for preaching for three congregations in three buildings! When active membership reached 10-15, it was no longer feasible to continue. Good working relationships yielded migration to Highland United PC. The congregation voted to formally end their functioning as a congregation and to hold their last service. Original Jurisdiction was assumed in January 2021, and the AC worked to wind up building and contents issues. The church building was sold in June 2021. Regarding the Cemetery Association from 1890s, protections were made by selling the property in June. Expenses were paid. \$3,000 of the \$6,600 assets were given Highland UPC. Having served from April 2020 to December 2021, and their work being completed, the AC asked to be discharged. This report was followed by opportunity for discussion.

**ACTION**

**MSP** to approve and accept the final report of the Administrative Commission of Perry Valley PC.

**MSP** to release the Administrative Commission of Perry Valley PC.

Prayer by Vice Moderator McCulloch, thanking God for God's faithfulness, and asking the Lord to sustain the dispersed flock for ministry.

**A written update from the Upper West Conococheague AC was provided with meeting materials.**

Of note: following an AC/Session retreat in September, and responding to ongoing escalating tensions within the congregation, and after much prayerful consideration, on October 25, 2021, the Session of the Presbyterian Church of the Upper West Conococheague voted to ask the Administrative Commission to assume Original Jurisdiction. The AC prayerfully accepted Session's request, and assumed Original Jurisdiction. The AC meets almost weekly in support of the needs of the congregation.

**Minister Milestones and Celebration of Ordinations**

**The Moderator invited TE Sue Wonderland, who is retiring as Synod Transitional Executive, to speak** with regard to her 13-year relationship with Carlisle Presbytery. TE Wonderland reported that she came to know and love this presbytery and being based in Camp Hill. Sharing an office with the presbytery was a blessing – it was good to be together, focusing on the same things. She thanked the presbytery for introducing the Synod to the Peace Light of Bethlehem. She marveled at the process of emptying the building in Camp Hill; lifted up the ministry of Camp Krislund; reflected on preaching in congregations. "You are a faithful crew; your heart for mission is known beyond your bounds."

TE Wonderland thanked the presbytery for showing hospitality, and for continuing to show up as connectional church during COVID. She also thanked IEP Galan (for being an active colleague, modeling living together), TSC Shoeman (for her faithfulness), for Laura Williams (for her work as Treasurer), the presbytery's Commissioners to Synod: Charlie Best and Margaret Wilke (they have been fabulous), RE Justin Flemming, TE Derek Wadlington (Student Ministry). Noting appreciation for tonight's use of Vital Congregations to frame the meeting, TE Wonderland commented "keep growing in Christ...I will treasure the bonds of friendship."

**Ordination anniversaries were lifted up**, including TE Inho Kang (10 yrs with Korean church), TE Kathryn Johnson (20 years), TE Nancy Reinert (25 years), TE Jim Richwine (30 years), TE John Burns and Mary Washburn (40 years), TE Tim Roach and TE Tom Thomas (50 years), TE Jack Larson (60 years). 50 and 60-year celebrants will write article reflections for publication in the presbytery newsletter.

**Tom Sweet was invited to offer a Memorial Moment for TE Bob Hotchkiss.**

Bob was an introvert who lavished his life on others. Excitement, controversy, or fun, could break out at any moment. He was a living encyclopedia of church history. Served Synod of Trinity. Bob's life was big because his heart was big. Bob made us all feel we were part of a big family circle. He visited people on Mondays (his day off) and was known as "Monday Bob." He was the oldest worshiper in residence at Market Square PC, and is remembered fondly for reading the Christmas gospel. Hail and farewell for a while, until we meet again.

**Bruce Humphrey was invited to offer a Memorial Moment for TE Bill Hambright.**

Bill was an extrovert. He loved ushering at Penn State Football games. A graduate of Fuller Seminary, he was ordained in 1981. A youth pastor in NY, OH, and IN, he grew a preschool ministry that served 1,000 children over the years. A conflict situation yielded severance; he became a therapist /bi-vocational pastor. Founded another preschool. Returning to Central PA after divorce he served Loysville, loving especially the Thanksgiving meal – he delivered 100s of meals. More recently, Bill led Bible Study at 2<sup>nd</sup> PC Carlisle. In his last couple years, he started attending a black Pentecostal church. Ultimately, he planned his own celebration of life.

**Vital Congregations, Mark 7: Ecclesial Health (poll shows 45% curious, pursuing)**

IEP Galan spoke about having clarity of purpose, shared core values, and sound fiscal practice, in which we find a balance of worship and rest.

**TE Ed Blank was called upon to present the Treasurer's Report of the Administration Committee**

There were no questions for the Treasurer on his year-to-date report.

**Presentation and Action on 2022 Budget**

Treasurer Blank fielded a few questions and highlighted the proposed budget which had been available on the presbytery website in advance of the meeting.

- Estimated Income from per capita in 2021 (\$225,000) is expected to go down to \$230,909
- The presbytery's per capita contribution to GA in 2022 will be \$85,427 – same as in 2021
- \$20,000 has been approved from a Synod Grant toward PneuMatrix discernment work
- \$199,519 toward Personnel – up \$11,000 from 2021
- \$35,000 toward Camp Krislund – same as in 2021
- This proposed budget of \$456,843 (with \$166.00 surplus) reflects a BALANCED BUDGET without touching reserves or drawing down from over a quarter of million dollars in investments

Coming from Committee, the motion required no second.

**ACTION**

**MP** that the proposed 2022 budget be approved as presented

**TE Vern Gauthier was asked to give the Report of the Krislund Joint Camp and Retreat Center Committee, specifically for the second reading and action on Krislund by-laws changes**

One presbyter expressed concern about rapid turnover, noting that the ones who sit at table the longest become the most influential; in moving to a high-turnover board, the presbytery could inadvertently be shifting power to camp director and executive presbyter. In response, TE Gautier observed that the camp has had trouble getting people to serve on the board for two 3-year terms. The proposal allows people still to serve in 6-year increments – just with three, 2-year terms. Sometimes we need people with particular gifts. All members of the board are in favor. Opportunity was given for additional questions.

**ACTION**

**MP** to approve the Krislund By-Laws changes as requested by the Board to amend term limits.

**Report of the Temporary Stated Clerk by TE Meg Shoeman**

TSC Shoeman presented recommendations – given in writing with rationale before the meeting – that

1. TE Katy Yates Brungraber be elected as Recording Clerk for 2022 (noting her exemplary work)
2. Duncannon PC and Market Square PC term limits be waived (citing BOO rationale), and
3. To address imbalance of TE's and RE's in presbytery meetings, each church in the presbytery be given one additional RE beyond membership guidelines, outlined in Standing Rule #12 of Carlisle Presbytery, who will have voice and vote meetings of the Presbytery of Carlisle in 2022.

An opportunity was given here for the presbytery to ask questions.

**ACTION**

**MSP** to bundle the three motions.

**MP** to approve the three action items as presented by TSC Schoeman.

**Information Items from the Report of the TSC included:**

- RE Phil Noll (Hope United PC) and TE Emily McCachren (McConnellsburg PC) reviewed and approved the minutes from the September 25, 2021 meeting of Presbytery.
- RE Phil Noll (Hope United PC) and TE Andrew Hostetter (Centre PC, Loysville) will review the minutes from the December 12, 2021 meeting of Presbytery.
- The TSC reported the death of God's good and faithful servant Rev. Bill Hambright to the OGA.
- *Book of Order*, D-5.0206.b requires the Stated Clerk to report annually to Presbytery a roster of members of the Permanent Judicial Commission, by class, whose terms have expired within the past six years. These are as follows:
  - Class of 2021- RE Gary Hollinger; TE Tom Thomas; TE Dick House
  - Class of 2019- TE Jon Black; RE Ginny Boynton; RE Norma Mateer
  - Class of 2017- RE David Getz; RE Michael Zang; TE Myrtle McCall
- The annual review of Session minutes and registers has been conducted in both virtual (Zoom) and in-person spaces. Clerks who attended in-person review sessions under appropriate COVID 19 safety protocol, very much enjoyed the opportunity to reconnect face to face with their fellow clerks. The TSC in coming weeks, will review records for clerks who were unable to attend the virtual or in-person sessions which were offered in October and November 2021. The final report of the annual review of Session records will be offered in the TSC report to the Presbytery in February 2022.
- TSC offers Presbytery's thanks for the hospitality of Central and Market Square Churches who opened space for in-person sessions. The Committee on Representation did not meet in 2021.

**COM Report**

**TSC Shoeman was invited to share the written report from the December 7 meeting where COM**

- appointed Rev. Katy Yates Brungraber to be Moderator for Duncannon Church.
- concurred with action by St. James Church at their congregational meeting to call Mr. Anthony Saturno to serve as their Pastor, pending his ordination.



- appointed Rev. Vern Gauthier as mentor for Mr. Anthony Saturno.
- adopted a working document on Pastoral Relationships in the Presbytery of Carlisle.
- approved the renewed CoA between Greencastle Church and Rev. Robert Cook.
- appointed Ruling Elder Scott Pepperman as COM liaison for Paxton Church.
- appointed Rev. Kristal Smith as COM liaison for Pine Street Church.
- approved the Commission to Ordain and Install Mr. Anthony Saturno as Pastor at St. James Church. The Commission consisted of Neal McCulloch (Vice-Moderator), Vern Gauthier (TE), Kathryn Johnston (TE), Karen Howenstine (RE), and Scott Pepperman (RE).
- approved the Commission to Install Rev. Caroline Vickery as Designated Pastor at Waynesboro Church. The commission so far: Kristal Smith (Moderator, TE), Katy Yates Brungraber (TE), Jason Stains (RE), pending completion of Commission which may be done by email.
- approved the CoA between Pine Street Church and Rev. Matt Drumheller.
- approved the request by Rev. Matt Drumheller to maintain his membership in the Presbytery of Donegal while he serves as Interim Pastor to Pine Street Church.
- approved the request by Rev. Anne Ross to transfer her membership from Shenandoah Presbytery to Carlisle Presbytery and added Rev. Ross to the pulpit supply list of Carlisle.
- approved the renewal of the CoA between Dickinson Church and CRE Neal McCulloch.
- approved the renewal of the CoA between Great Conewago Church and Rev. Brand Eaton.
- approved a recommendation to request Administration Committee authorize funding for clergy sabbatical grants for 2022.
- approved a recommendation that TE Katy Yates Brungraber and RE Debbie Hough lead a Zoom pop-up Bible Study beginning in January 2022, utilizing the resource *Krazy Kinfolk* by Barbara Essex. The study will be open to all and especially with purpose to support congregations who have limited pastoral leadership but certain desire to deepen their knowledge of and interaction with the Bible.

It's that time of year for clerks to submit end-of-year reports and statistical reports to GA. As of today, clerks have access to the presbytery website (Deadline February 4, 2022). Vice Moderator McCulloch commends TSC Shoeman for her work.

### **Vital Congregations Video Reprise, Reflection, Conversation**

VIDEO – our boat is stronger with relationships, and outward incarnational focus. And the one who steers the building blocks is the one who Created us. IEP Galan commented that we'll be looking at these polls and explore areas that need more focus or growth for vitality. Let REs in congregations know about the Feb 26 gathering of the presbytery.

### **What would your congregation do with these building blocks of congregational vitality?**

Krazy Kinfolk Zoom Bible Study cross-presbytery experiment, Lend a Hand, Boundary Training February 8.

The presbytery acknowledged Moderator Smith for her clear and grounded moderation, and Vice-Moderator McCulloch for keeping us connected to God's work among us.

### **ACTION**

**MSP** to adjourn with prayer at 9:20 PM. Vice Moderator Neal McCulloch offered prayer for Pine Street PC's staff and congregation in transition with TE Matt Drumheller, praise for Greencastle PC's new members, the ministries of REs and TEs and Deacons, for our experiences with COVID (hope and opportunities – uplifting each other virtually, and successful streaming); sustaining hope for all who

have lost loved ones – especially the families of Rev. Hambright and Rev. Hochkiss; thanks in our hearts for the legacy of Perry Valley PC, and for Perry Valley members joining with Highland United PC. “Let us go to tomorrow together, as part of that salvation history that challenges us as we travel in the streams of life. Bring a living faith through Your reign in our lives.”

**NEXT STATED MEETING:** Saturday, February 26, 2022, 9 AM to noon (Hybrid: in person and on Zoom)

Respectfully Submitted,

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Rev. Meg Shoeman, Temporary Stated Clerk