

**Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Carlisle – Harrisburg, PA (by Zoom)**  
**Stated Meeting Minutes – May 25, 2021**

**Attachments**

1. Establish an Administrative Commission – Upper West Conococheague PC, Mercersburg
2. Final Report of Administrative Commission – Christ PC, Lebanon
3. COM Report
4. Report of the Temporary Stated Clerk – With Annual Statistical Report

**Abbreviations**

- AC Administrative Commission
- BOO *Book of Order* – The Constitution of the PC(USA) Part II
- BOP Board of Pensions
- 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

**OPENING PRAYER** – Moderator Kristal Smith called the meeting of the Presbytery to order at 6:30 PM and opened with prayer, recognizing Pentecost (Acts, Chapter 2). “We too are all together in one place...Come, Spirit, who is our Light...Comforter and Consoler, Energizer, Consuming fire of Love, Joy of our Souls, Spirit of Wisdom and Insight, Strength of Wounded Ones, Source of our Peace.”

Moderator Smith invited IEP Cheryl Galan to address Zoom instructions and technology housekeeping matters, especially with regard to voting. IEP Galan turned the meeting back over to Moderator Smith.

**ACTION** – MSP to approve the Docket.

Moderator Smith invited First-Time Commissioners to introduce themselves. **[see ATTACHMENT #4 – Attendance List]** There were no corresponding members or special guests.

**Report of the Commission On Ministry**

Moderator Smith read from the BOO G-2.0103, the Call to Ordered Ministry in the church, which is “the act of the triune God...evidenced by the movement of the Holy Spirit in the individual conscience, the approval of a community of God’s people, and the concurring judgment of a council of the Church,” and G-2.0104 (Gifts and Qualifications). Moderator Smith called on TE Lou Nyiri, COM Co-Chair, to introduce the candidate, Mr. Stuart Seelman, who has been under care of Grace Presbytery in Texas. A graduate of Texas A & M University and Union Presbyterian Seminary, Mr. Seelman has been in conversation with the Associate PNC of the Camp Hill PC in discernment of a call to serve as the church’s Associate Pastor. TE Nyiri invited Mr. Seelman to read and proclaim God’s Word.

Mr. Seelman's message was drawn from the Gospel of Matthew, highlighting the act of conversion being about the person of Jesus Christ; believers entering great joy in the face of the world's grumblings; and the foolishness for the shepherd to leave the 99 in search of the 1, and yet...

### **Examination for Ordination**

After the sermon, Moderator Smith gave instructions to presbyters regarding the examination of the candidate for ordination. Appropriate questions included those relative to the sermon, Statement of Faith and Spiritual Autobiography (both posted with meeting materials), the Bible, Sacraments, Polity, Theology, and Mr. Seelman's sense of call to the Camp Hill Presbyterian Church. Questions from seven TEs centered around how God chooses to forgive and heal our sin, the meaning of personal salvation, and why church should matter in today's culture (especially for youth). The candidate spoke of the incarnational work of Christ, Calvinist understandings of sanctification and justification, and the wonder that God brings us along with Christ in the resurrection. With regard to detailing spiritual disciplines, the Candidate shared that he currently is reading the book of Jeremiah, benefitting from Daily Prayer in evenings, participating in a cohort, and working to set Sabbath limits.

**ACTION – MSP** to call the question, thus ending the examination. There was opportunity for, but no, discussion.

Mr. Seelman was moved to the Zoom waiting room. Moderator Smith called for a motion to approve Mr. Seelman for ordination as Minister of Word and Sacrament; a motion, seconded, was followed by discussion. Comments focused on the seminary and under-care educational process, and areas to explore further (Christ's work on the cross, and putting theological concepts in plain English). TE Nancy Conklin (Camp Hill, pastor) expressed that she welcomes the opportunity to be Mr. Seelman's colleague.

**ACTION – MSP** to call the question, ending discussion. There was opportunity for, but no, discussion.

**ACTION – MSP** to approve Stuart Seelman for ordination, thus clearing the way for Mr. Seelman to be called by the Camp Hill congregation as their Associate Pastor.

Mr. Seelman was returned from the Zoom waiting room. TE Nancy Conklin (Camp Hill) offered a prayer of celebration that the Lord might fulfill the good work already begun in Stuart's life.

### **ESTABLISH ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION – UPPER WEST CONOCOHEAGUE PC, MERCERSBURG**

Moderator Smith called upon TE Nyiri to continue with the report of the COM. TE Nyiri brought to the presbytery the request of the Session of Upper West Conococheague PC, and recommendation of COM, that the presbytery elect an AC to walk alongside UWPC in discernment of a legacy path for the congregation. TE Nyiri drew attention to the document that describes the work the AC is authorized to do, and brought to the floor the names of those identified to be elected to serve on the AC. The motion, coming from COM, required no second. There was opportunity for, but no, discussion.

**ACTION: MP** to approve the request of COM, building on the Session's 15 months of intentional, prayerful discernment, to appoint an Administrative Commission to work on its behalf with the Session and Congregation to establish the legacy path of the Upper West Conococheague Presbyterian Church, Mercersburg, [see **ATTACHMENT #1 – Administrative Commission Authorizing Document**] and to approve those named to serve on the commission: TE Edward Blank (Member-at-Large), TE Katy Yates Brungraber (Member-at-Large), RE Kathryn Finley (Central PC) TE Emily McCachren (McConnellsburg), RE George Marguglio (Gettysburg PC).

Moderator Smith thanked the AC for willingness to serve: “God bless you in this work and this ministry.”

#### **FINAL REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION – CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, LEBANON**

Moderator Smith called on TE Charlie Best (honorably retired) to give the report. [see ATTACHMENT #2 – AC Final Report] TE Best commended the Session of Christ PC for staying with the AC the whole time and observed, “Praise God, the Session feels it worked out the best way possible.” TE Meg Shoeman read correspondence from a member of Session, RE Carol Holt, who expressed gratitude for the AC’s comfort, guidance, patience, foresight, friendliness, and humor – also for Rev. Galan’s preaching and sharing her talents. The letter lauded the presbytery’s commitment to respond to needs of the church family and praised the presbytery for the quality of the personalities assigned by COM.

**ACTION: MSP** to dismiss the AC for Christ Presbyterian Church, Lebanon, with thanks to commissioners TE Charles Best, Chair; TE Kristal Smith (Lebanon Lutheran), RE Gregg Robertson (Derry), RE Larry Smith (Christ, Lebanon) and TE Larry Van Hise (retired). There was opportunity for, but no, discussion.

Additional information from COM was reported in writing. [see ATTACHMENT #3 – COM Report]

#### **Report of the Coordinating Council**

Moderator Smith called on IEP Galan to offer the Coordinating Council Report. IEP Galan introduced the First Reading of Proposed Changes to By-Laws and also to Standing Rules (Nominating Committee), which were available electronically in advance of the meeting. RE John Carroll (Silver Spring PC), TE Meg Shoeman (TSC), and TE Heather Sigler (retired) operated as the small group working on the changes.

Changes represent:

- flexibility around particular months for presbytery gatherings
- clarification of stated clerk / parliamentarian
- shortening the stated clerk term of office – no limit to number of terms called
- making provisions for electronic meetings and voting by e-mail
- streamlining the process of the nominating committee

Additional changes are anticipated. Questions or recommendations for changes may be submitted in writing (chat or e-mail to TSC or IEP) in advance of September’s second reading, discussion, and potential action. Highlights from the written report include:

“We are currently in an experimental season to discern what structural changes (committees, budget, staff, office) will most faithfully and effectively serve Christ’s mission in and through our congregations:”

1. In 2020-21, the Mission Advocacy, Education, and Strengthening our Congregations Teams were dormant; a new Grants Review Team fulfilled the grant funding functions of these entities.
2. Two ACs walked alongside congregations in discernment of legacy paths; a third AC is proposed.
3. Task groups and sub-committees continue to function on an ad-hoc basis, relative to the presbytery’s mission relationships with Honduras and Camp Krislund.
4. A Vision Working Group of the Council has begun to ask how the presbytery will engage the opportunities and challenges for our life and witness as we emerge from the pandemic.

#### **Administration Committee / Treasurer Reports**

Moderator Smith called on the Vice Moderator to conduct the meeting. Vice Moderator Neal McCulloch called on TSC Meg Shoeman to offer Administrative reports. There were no verbal reports; written reports had been posted on the presbytery meetings page of the presbytery website, including the 21-page 2019-20 Financial Review and the TSC Report [see ATTACHMENT #4 – TSC Report with Statistical Summary]. There were no questions on reports. Of note:

1. the Administration Committee approved the sale of the Fellowship House of McConnellsburg PC for the sum of \$120,000. The Congregation voted unanimously to sell at a properly called congregational meeting on April 25, 2021. Proceeds will be placed in an endowment fund used to renovate the Christian Education building and Sanctuary.
2. the Administration Committee reviewed the Independent Accountant's Annual Financial Review report for the year 2020, from the Maher Duessel Co.; financial statements of the presbytery were found to be in order.
3. the Treasurer's Report included the following:
  - a. Almost \$50,000 of an expected \$225,000 has come in during the first 4 months of 2021
  - b. Mission and Support Expenses are well within range for the first 4 months of 2021
  - c. New Covenant Income/Growth Funds show strong increases (balance over \$1 million)
  - d. Designated Funds balance as of March 31 = \$241,195

**ACTION:** MSP to receive Administration reports – Committee, Treasurer, TSC, 2020 Financial Review.

### Minister Milestones

Vice Moderator McCulloch brought to the presbytery's attention the following Minister Milestones:

- TE Kathryn Johnston (Mechanicsburg PC) and Martha Spong welcome granddaughter, Eleanor Misato, born May 4.
- TE David Wright (Gettysburg PC) and Bonnie welcome granddaughter, Ivy Marie, born May 8
- TE Robin Morgan (St. Andrews PC, Lebanon) and TE Troy Morgan (Member-at-Large) welcome son, Dashiell, born May 14. Baby Dashiell had heart surgery and is recovering at home. Please hold Robin, Troy, Dashiell and big brother Riley in prayer.
- Stuart Seelman was examined and approved for ordination by the Presbytery of Carlisle May 25
- TE Pam Meilands (Derry PC) was installed as Associate Pastor for Youth and Families, May 18.
- TE Ivo Meilands (honorably retired after 20 years of service), transferred his membership from West Jersey Presbytery to Carlisle Presbytery, having moved with wife Patricia to Palmyra.
- TE Mark Allio is beginning a new call at the Jefferson Center PC in Saxonburg, PA. Mark formerly served as Associate Pastor at Mechanicsburg PC and in youth leadership, including Triennium.
- TE Ellen Crawford True is beginning a new call at the First PC of Concord, near Charlotte NC. Ellen formerly served as pastor at Christ PC, Camp Hill PC, as Interim pastor to several congregations in Carlisle Presbytery, and as Chair of the presbytery's Commission on Ministry.
- TE John Park (East Waterford PC and Lower Tuscaroa PC) will retire in August. He and his wife Jean will be moving to western PA.
- TE Russell Sullivan (Pine Street PC) will retire June 30. He and his wife Myriam will be moving to the Philadelphia area.

### Offering

Vice Moderator McCulloch invited the presbytery's offering, to benefit the Central PA Food Bank. CPBA fights hunger, improves lives, and strengthens communities, serving 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.

### Learning/Relationship Building

Vice Moderator McCulloch called on IEP Galan, who gave instructions for a small-group relationship-building exercise. Acknowledging the dismantling of many institutional structures, and stating that the future is not clear, IEP Galan observed how "we bear a lot of resemblance to the early church." She

invited conversation about next steps. [Presbyters entered breakout spaces for 30 minutes to discern the Spirit's movement, reflecting on the experiences of the past year by using Appreciative Inquiry, watching a video on living beyond our walls: "It's Pentecost", and pondering what God is doing today.]

1. In the past year, what nourished your spirit, kept you grounded in God's love?
2. Looking back what has God stripped away for our good?
3. Looking ahead, what has God planted that gives you hope for the future?
4. Looking around, what people and situations touched your heart?
5. Look within, what grief or lament do you carry? What might you let go?
6. Looking beyond – what are you unlearning for the sake of the Gospel?

As presbyters returned from small groups, TE Ed Blank (Treasurer) formed a mentimeter Word Cloud on screen from insights that came out of the sacred conversations: listen, share, social justice, love, help. Presbyters were challenged to make a difference in the world as an expression of faith in Jesus Christ.

### **Evening Prayer**

Vice Moderator McCulloch offered Prayers of Thanks and Intercession, focusing on the Word Cloud. "In these words, there is meaning...and hope. We give thanks that Stuart has come into our midst... we gather with and in Jesus Christ. We go our separate ways remembering minister milestones of those departing, coming, and persisting. We do have a story to tell – listening, sharing loving. In Jesus' name."

**ACTION: MSP** to end the meeting in prayer (8:30 PM), there being no further business.

**NEXT STATED MEETING:** Saturday, September 25 (Hybrid: in person and on Zoom)

Respectfully Submitted,

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Rev. Meg Shoeman, Temporary Stated Clerk

**ATTACHMENT #1**

**Recommendation to establish an Administrative Commission  
to Work With the Session and Congregation  
of The Upper West Conococheague Presbyterian Church, Mercersburg, Pennsylvania**

Building on the Session's 15 months of intentional, prayerful discernment, the Commission on Ministry (COM) of The Presbytery of Carlisle, **recommends and moves** that the Presbytery of Carlisle appoint an Administrative Commission to work, on its behalf with the Session and Congregation to establish the legacy path of the Upper West Conococheague Presbyterian Church, Mercersburg, PA.

COM further moves that the Administrative Commission be authorized to:

- **Meet with the Session to create and implement a strategy for communication with the congregation, especially regarding the factors currently impacting the vitality and sustainability of the church.**
- **Facilitate a process of discernment about the church's legacy: Engage the congregation in reflection and conversation about their shared values and the mission causes represented among them; Consider where and for whom the church's remaining assets will be directed, in the event of the dissolution of the Upper West Conococheague Presbyterian Church.**
- **Walk alongside the Session and Deacons to plan for the care of the congregation and the stewardship of the church's resources of people, property, and finances, in the time that remains.**

The Administrative Commission is authorized to assume original jurisdiction, if it deems necessary.

***In the event that a dissolution of the existing congregation is warranted, the AC is authorized to:***

- Arrange for the pastoral care and option for re-location of the members.
- Secure the Session records, legal rights to all property (real or personal) held by or for the benefit of the congregation.
- Dispose of the moveable personal property of the congregation.
- Secure the building and property; attend to matters of insurance.
- Dispose of the building and grounds or convey the building and grounds to the "The Presbytery of Carlisle of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)"
- Having discerned, with the congregation, its legacy intentions, recommend to the Presbytery the use of the remaining assets of the congregation, after all costs related to the work of Administrative Commission have been reimbursed to the Presbytery.
- Plan and conduct a Service of Witness.

The Administrative Commission may secure the assistance of other individuals, as appropriate, to assist with its work, and generally to do such things and take such actions, for, in the name of, and on behalf of the Presbytery of Carlisle as shall be reasonably necessary to accomplish the general purpose of this resolution.

**ATTACHMENT #2**

To: Presbytery of Carlisle

Fr: Administrative Commission (AC) Christ Presbyterian Church (CPC), Lebanon, PA

Date: April 19, 2021

Re: Final Report to the Presbytery of Carlisle

This report is in compliance with the instructions provided by the Stated Clerk that the Administrative Commission formally report to the Presbytery when its ministry is concluded. The AC was appointed at the December 9, 2019 meeting of the Presbytery of Carlisle with membership as follows: Rev. Charles Best, Chair; Rev. Kristal Smith, Elder Gregg Robertson (Derry), Elder Larry Smith (also a Session member at CPC) and Rev. Larry Van Hise. The AC was charged to:

- meet with the Session of CPC to assess the location of the church in its life cycle;
- meet with Session and Treasurer to ascertain financial status and obligations;
- meet with the Pastor to discuss leadership needs; and to
- empower and equip the Session to meet with the congregation to identify and
- explore the implications of various options that include but not limited to the following:
  - Continue on current course until financial resources are exhausted;
  - Convert the building and property into an asset for the congregation's continued sustainability;
  - Dissolve the congregation and determine how the church's remaining assets could be directed to fund a ministry within the community;
  - Explore possibility for a rebirth and development of a new Presbyterian witness within the Lebanon community.

Additionally, the AC was authorized to assume "original jurisdiction" at its sole discretion.

The initial meeting of the AC was on December 17, 2019 with Interim Executive Presbytery, Rev. Cheryl Galan and Stated Clerk, Jim Speedy to review the charge from Presbytery and to discuss any questions. At this meeting, Elder Gregg Robertson was appointed Vice-Chair and Rev. Larry Van Hise, Secretary. The AC began meeting either as the AC or with the Session on a weekly basis beginning early in January of 2020. It should be reported up front that Session members Elders Julie Fields, Clerk; Becky Moyer, Carol Holt, Diane Roth and Nancy Shay continued to work patiently, diligently and faithfully with the AC until the congregation was dissolved and continuing up to date of this report. The orderly and satisfactory completion of the AC's ministry was due largely to their dedicated participation. Also essential to the efforts of the AC was the willingness of Treasurer Al Bender and Assistant Treasurer Sandra Herr to continue in their respective capacities until the dissolution of the congregation.

During the AC's initial meetings with the Session, it became evident that the Session was unanimous in its belief that CPC could not survive as a functioning church under the current pastorship of Rev. John Barlow. A series of "listening sessions" were conducted with members of the congregation to gauge their feelings on the future of CPC with or without Rev. Barlow. This concluded with an agreement by both the Session and Rev. Barlow to dissolve his relationship with CPC. A six-month severance agreement was negotiated between Rev. Barlow and the Session in accordance with Presbytery guidelines which totaled \$22,500. At a Congregational Meeting on March 29, 2020 the motion to dissolve the relationship with Rev. Barlow effective March 31, 2020 was approved by a majority: 27 for, 5 against.

It was at this juncture that the directives from the Pennsylvania Department of Health regarding Covid-19 to limit public gatherings as well as legitimate individual health concerns essentially doomed any effort of CPC to remain a viable functioning church. In addition to frustrating the Session and the congregation to freely assemble and plan a future, the church structure was in need of repairs estimated to exceed \$300,000. At that time, the total liquid assets of the church were approximately \$43,000 with a severance obligation of \$22,500.

At its joint meeting with the Session on April 7, 2020 the AC voted unanimously to assume "original jurisdiction" and a letter was sent to the congregation explaining the implications of this action. Although the AC would function as the Session going forward, the elected Session members agreed to continue to meet and work with the AC. (For the purposes of this report, the originally elected Session members will continue to be referred to as "the Session").

After a number of meetings and having carefully reviewed the results of a written survey to the congregation detailing several possibilities for the future of CPC, the Session and the AC concluded that the most reasonable option was to dispose of the church property, donate any remaining cash assets to local ministries and dissolve the congregation. The church structure and property had been estimated by accredited appraiser Benjamin Weaver to have a value of \$744,000. During the summer months while the AC and Session considered several options regarding the disposal of the church property, digital Sunday morning worship services were organized and produced by Elders Gregg Robertson and Carol Holt. Both Rev. Charlie Best and Rev. Don Potter led worship on several occasions.

A final worship service at CPC which also celebrated its 150th Anniversary was conducted in the sanctuary on August 2, 2020 with fifty-three in attendance. As of July 31, 2020, all financial assets of CPC had been converted to cash equaling \$20,455 and the severance obligation had been fully satisfied.

By early September, the AC and Session agreed that the best use of the church structure as a continuing Christian ministry within the Lebanon area was to donate the structure and all contents "as is" to True Life Ministries (TLM) a very successful youth ministry operating within the greater Lebanon County community since 1945. TLM agreed to accept the structure and all contents (previously, congregation members were given the opportunity to claim personal items). The one exception was the unique baptismal font which had been commissioned by the Coleman family (the founding family of CPC) which was a large marble statue of an angel. St. Luke's Episcopal Church, another Lebanon area church founded by the Coleman family, agreed to move the font to its church and assume all related expenses. TLM also agreed to pay all closing costs, all legal fees incurred by the AC and the appraisal fee.

The remaining cash assets, after all expenses were satisfied were to be distributed as follows:

- 50% to Lebanon County Christian Ministries;
- 25% to Coleman Park and
- 25% to Iglesias Ei Dios Vivente, a Spanish ministry in Lebanon which had expressed interest in the church structure.

At the October 3, 2020 meeting of the Presbytery of Carlisle, the AC recommended and the Presbytery approved the donation of the church structure, property and contents "as is" to TLM and to distribute the remaining cash assets as detailed above.

A Congregation meeting was held on October 8, 2020 where a motion to donate the church structure, property and contents excepting the baptismal font to TLM was unanimously approved.



On November 3, 2020 the closing on the transfer of the CPC church structure, property and contents to TLM was concluded. Elder Julie Fields reported that she delivered on December 21, 2020 to the Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia, PA all appropriate minutes and records of CPC.

At a meeting of the AC and Session on January 25, 2021 it was moved and unanimously approved to donate \$5,000 to a long-time faithful member who was in financial distress due to the sudden death of her husband from Covid-19. On February 1, 2021 it was moved and unanimously approved to distribute the remaining cash funds as follows:

- \$6,213.83 to Lebanon County Christian Ministries;
- \$3,106.92 to Coleman Park and
- \$3,106.92 to Iglesias Ei Dios Vivente.

Treasurer Al Bender was instructed to mail the funds along with accompanying letters provided by Elder Julie Fields and to close the checking account when the checks cleared. Treasurer Bender reported on February 18, 2021 that all checks cleared, that the account balance was "0" and the account had been closed.

At its meeting on February 23, 2021 the AC dissolved the congregation of Christ Presbyterian Church, Lebanon Pa. A list of active members (67) who have not requested transfer to another Presbyterian congregation has been sent to Interim Stated Clerk, Rev. Meg Shoeman. A review of the "Duties and Responsibilities of an AC in Closing a Church" provided by the Stated Clerk determined that all items have been satisfied. The AC felt that it should remain in existence until the baptismal font was successfully moved from the CPC sanctuary to St. Luke's Episcopal Church. This was accomplished on March 30, 2021. At this juncture, the Administrative Commission believes that it has concluded its ministry as directed by the Presbytery and requests that it be dissolved.

**ATTACHMENT #3****Report of the Commission on Ministry 25 May 2021 – COM**

- Approved request and granted permission to Silver Spring session to authorize their nominating committee to nominate an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee;
- Authorized Ruling Elder Stan Howes (Huntingdon Presbytery) to serve at the Lord's table and to preach at Wells Valley, without authorization to celebrate the sacrament of baptism and without authorization to moderate the session, pending completion of his PCUSA polity course;
- Approved the Covenant of Agreement between Ruling Elder Stan Howes and Wells Valley;
- Approved Stuart Seelman as Associate Pastor to Camp Hill, pending his examination by the presbytery and affirmative vote of the congregation
- Approved recommendation that the Presbytery of Carlisle appoint an Administrative Commission to work, on its behalf with the Session and Congregation to establish the legacy path of the Upper West Conococheague Presbyterian Church, Mercersburg, PA;
- Approved the mission review report of Big Spring as sufficient to elect a PNC, and authorized Big Spring nominating committee to nominate a PNC;
- Approved the mission review report as sufficient to elect a PNC and authorized Gettysburg to nominate a PNC;
- Appointed the following liaisons and moderators:
  - RE Beth Fine, Silver Spring Liaison
  - RE Denise Lockwood and RE Lynn Phillips, liaisons to Mechanicsburg
  - RE Bill McHenry, liaison to Mt. Olivet
  - Rev. Jon Black, Pine Street Moderator
  - RE Dick Lee, Pine Street Liaison
  - Rev. Nancy Reinert, Christ Camp Hill Moderator
  - RE Gary Hollinger, Christ Camp Hill Liaison
  - Rev. Graham Fowler, East Waterford/Lower Tuscarora
  - RE Elaine Fry, Middle Spring, Liaison
- Concurred with dissolution between Rev. Kim Wadlington and Middle Spring;
- Concurred with dissolution between Rev. Mark Allio and Mechanicsburg;
- Concurred with dissolution between Rev. Ellen Crawford True and Christ, Camp Hill;
- Received the Temporary Stated Clerk's report of completion of annual review for all members serving in validated ministries or as members-at-large;
- Received Temporary Stated Clerk's report that acceptable terms of call have been reported for 29 of the 30 churches with installed pastoral leadership;
- Approved transfer of membership for Rev. Ivo Meilands, from West Jersey Presbytery to the Presbytery of Carlisle, with approval for his inclusion on Presbytery's pulpit supply list;
- Authorized Rev. Brand Eaton (UM minister in supply service to Great Conewago) to moderate Great Conewago session;
- Concurred with request from Hope and Faith-Immanuel churches to change pastoral relationship with Rev. Allison Smith from Designated to Indefinite Installed;
- Approved the updated commission to install Rev. Pam Meilands as Associate Pastor to Derry

Respectfully Submitted

**ATTACHMENT #4****Report of the Temporary Stated Clerk 25 May 2021 – With Annual Statistical Report**

Items for Information Rev. Bruce Humphrey and Ruling Elder Chantal Atnip (Pine Street) read, reviewed and approved the minutes of the 27 February 2021 stated meeting of Presbytery.

Rev. Graham Fowler and Ruling Elder Beth Fine (Camp Hill) will read and review the minutes of the 25 May 2021 stated meeting of Presbytery.

The Annual Statistical Report (2020) of the Presbytery to the Office of the General Assembly is herewith attached. The Temporary Stated Clerk

- Reported to the Office of the General Assembly that Rev. Lou Nyiri is now Chair of the Commission on Ministry;
- Reported to the Office of the General Assembly the dismissal of Rev. Jane Anabe to the Presbytery of Wabash Valley; Reported to the Office of the General Assembly the dismissal of Rev. Joaquin Anabe Lopez to the Presbytery of Wabash Valley;
- Reported to the Office of the General Assembly and Board of Pensions the dissolution of Christ Presbyterian Church, Lebanon following the conclusion of the good and fine work of the Administrative Commission appointed thereto;
- Attended the Synod Review of Presbytery Minutes for the Year 2020. The 2020 minutes were reviewed via Zoom by the Synod of the Trinity on April 22, 2021. The 2020 minutes were approved with the following exceptions:
  1. Minimum terms of call for Certified Christian Educators were not reported
  2. 2019 Synod Review of Presbytery Minutes was not reported
 Reviewers offered grace and words of encouragement to each other in the setting of this challenging pandemic year;
- Facilitated completion by COM of the annual review of members serving in validated ministries and members-at-large, as required by the Book of Order.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Meg Shoeman, Temporary Stated Clerk  
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Membership

Prior Active Members 9870

Adjusted membership 9871

Gains Losses Certificate 28

Certificate 37

Youth Professions 34

Deaths 201

Professions & Reaffirmations 46

Deleted for any Other Reason 228

Total Gains 108

Total Losses 466

Total Ending Active Members 9513

Baptisms

Average Weekly Worship Attendance 3809

Presented by Others 23

Presbytery of Carlisle

Female Members 5585

At Confirmation 3

Friends of the Congregation 888

All Other 3

Ruling Elders on Session 365

Do you have Deacons? Yes / No 30 / 7

Age Distribution of Active Members

People with Disabilities

25 & Under 886

Hearing impairment 188 2

6 - 40 1216

Sight impairment 72

41 - 55 1307 Mobility impairment 326

56 - 70 2103 Other impairment 302

Over 70 2609 Total Age Distribution 8121

Christian Education

Birth - 3

145 Grade 7 72 Age 4 75 Grade 8 84 Kindergarten 76 Grade 9 76 Grade 1 82 Grade 10 79 Grade 2 80

Grade 11 82 Grade 3 57 Grade 12 86 Grade 4 71 Young Adults 199 Grade 5 63 Over 25 945 Grade 6 56

Teachers/Officers 296

Total Christian Education 2624

Racial Ethnic Asian/Pacific Islander/South Asian 114

Native American/Alaska Native/Indigenous 2

Black/African American/African 97

White 7576 Middle Eastern/North African 67 Multiracial 18 Hispanic/Latino-a 22

Total Racial Ethnic 7896

Financial Data Annual Income 15,069,307

Mission Expenses 1,916,870

Annual Expenses 13,607,127

Personnel Expenses 7,163,771

Facilities Expenses 2,526,752

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