

## Call to Meeting of the Presbytery of Carlisle

September 23, 2023

In-person at Paxton Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg or online via Zoom



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### BECOMING BELOVED COMMUNITY

Beloved Community is an ideal and a reality. It is present yet distant and forming. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. popularized the term and infused it with deep meaning over the course of his life and work for peace and justice. For followers of Jesus the Christ, our Triune God reveals Beloved Community to us in eternity. The Persons of the Trinity are distinctive yet united, each with a different way of expressing the same love and nature. Among the three there is mutuality, absolute trust, and an outpouring and love and energy to and for the other. As congregations and as a presbytery we seek to embody Beloved Community through our work, worship, and being together. Not that we achieve and perfect it, but we can align our intentions to that purpose. In Beloved Community we see the differences among us can serve to strengthen our community and service.

As we gather for our September Presbytery meeting, we intend to bear witness to various aspects of Beloved Community: the blessing of our loving God calling us to worship together; the sorrow of shifting community as two churches seek to be dismissed to another denomination; the hope of ecumenical partners with shared purpose as the Rev. Chris Schwab from Carlisle UCC preaches; and the work of acting on practical pieces like budget, presbytery staffing, bylaws, per capita, and minimum terms of call.

Our time together will begin with worship at 9:00 am, praising our Triune God, acknowledging our brokenness, and being opened to receive anew the abundant life offered in Christ. Following worship, we will move into the business portion of the meeting. The **docket** can be found by following the link. Please follow this **link** to register for this meeting no later than September 18, 2023.

Additional meeting materials will be posted on the meeting web page beginning the second week of September.