

## MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 25, 2023 MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF CARLISLE – DRAFT-A

### Attachments

1. Roll for Attendance at February 25, 2023 Meeting of the Presbytery of Carlisle

### Abbreviations

- ACTION MSP Motion, Seconded, Discussed, and Passed (if it comes from committee, MP only)
- AC, PJC Administrative Commission, Permanent Judicial Commission
- BOO, BOC *Book of Order* – The Constitution of the PC(USA) Part II, *Book of Confessions*
- BOP Board of Pensions
- CCE Certified Christian Educator
- COA Covenant of Agreement
- CPM Committee on Preparation for Ministry
- COM, CNWC Commission on Ministry, Commission on New Worshiping Communities
- GA, OGA, SOT General Assembly, Office of General Assembly, Synod of the Trinity
- IEP Interim Executive Presbyter
- NC, PNC Nominating Committee, Pastor Nominating Committee
- PC, PW Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Women
- PLGCLSC Presbytery Leader for Governance and Congregational Leadership / Stated Clerk
- TE, MWS Teaching Elder, Minister of Word and Sacrament
- RE, CRE, EREC Ruling Elder, Commissioned Ruling Elder, Elected RE Commissioner to this meeting

### Welcome, Zoom Instructions, and Docket Approval

The hybrid Meeting of the Presbytery of Carlisle was called to order and opened with prayer at 9:02 AM on site at Central PC (Chambersburg), and on Zoom, by Moderator Neal McCulloch. As is custom at Zoom and hybrid meetings, housekeeping notes were given, along with instruction for being recognized by the Moderator and voting in a hybrid context. Zoom presbyters were asked to keep their cameras on, allow for technical challenges, and participate in on-line voting; each motion, seconded, would be discussed and voted on, and PLGCLSC Kristal Smith would announce whether the motion passed (MSP).

### ACTION

**MSP** to approve the docket was followed by prayer: “we ask that each and every heart that gathers would see you.”

### Enrolling of Corresponding Members

None

### Intro of First-Time Commissioners, Pastors, DCEs, Special Guests

Moderator McCulloch welcomed RE Soon Park (Central PC, Chambersburg), RE Sue Karakantas (Mechanicsburg PC), RE Jay Garvin (Great Conewago PC), RE Jin Kim (Harrisburg Korean), and TE Lisa Chase (Silver Spring PC).

### Plenary

Moderator McCulloch called on IEP Cheryl Galan for the plenary address, titled, *Leading in Liminal Times*. Using as inspiration Susan Beaumont’s book, *How to Lead When You Don’t Know Where You’re Going*, IEP Galan spoke about the meaning of “liminal” space – the “in between” space, from the Latin word for threshold. Liminal can apply to something that used to work but doesn’t work any longer. For

organizations (churches, schools) liminal seasons are challenging: chaos ensues, anxiety rises, motivation falls, attendance may drop off, former issues re-emerge, personnel are overloaded, and there usually is division between those who want to return to the familiar and those who want to move forward. Today, we are in between the ways of doing and being church we have known and cherished, and the emergence of a life we cannot imagine. Richard Rohr observes that “God’s greatest work occurs in liminal space.” It’s hard not to scurry around and try to restore order, but in liminal time, Beaumont writes, the way forward is THROUGH the chaos and the unknown. IEP Galan summarized a framework of three spiritual shifts for leadership right now:

1. **From knowing to unknowing.** (Recall *Canoeing the Mountains’* technical v. adaptive challenge.) “Unknowing” is not the same as ignorance; rather, suspend judgment, remain curious, release attachment to control/outcome, recognize the limits of knowledge, and let God lead.
2. **From advocating to attending.** Rather than advocating (using the BOO or Bylaws to argue, stake a claim, seek to control behavior), in liminal time, attending is more helpful – what we do with mind, body, and spirit. We attend with our senses (like Moses), and our bodies (like Paul, given new vision). We sit in the murky messy place, seeking to follow God’s leading. Example: the Polaroid company was unprepared to navigate the rapids they faced, and went under. We ask: how attached are we to sanctuary-centered, building-based, pastor-led ministry? Are we being called beyond our sanctuaries to be partners, more than to be a provider of programs?
3. **From striving to surrender.** We must detach from our relentless activity. Striving can be counterproductive. Surrender shows a yielding spirit.

In the ‘deep water’ where our neighbors struggle, our planet groans, and our souls cry out for mercy, grace, and love, could it be that Jesus will give us hope and teach us trust? Susan Beaumont writes about Stonecrest Community Church where a new pastor is worried about membership decline. On his worst days, he becomes fearful, gathers like-minded leaders, prepares a case for the traditional approach. On his best days, he leads with presence, seeks stillness, detaches, seeks what is best for the future of the church, even if that might mean his departure. He might be the scapegoat. Leaders pray and host dialogue circles. Congregants behave badly. He regulates his personal reactions. Embraces the unknown for all it might teach him. In closing, IEP Galan stated that no one masters leading with presence. It’s a life-long journey. We must continue our own learning and receive the gift when it is given.

### **Church Officer Training**

Presbyters were sent into Break-Out Rooms to participate in seven workshops. The Moderator gave instructions to break at 10:35, then reconvene at 10:50, prepared for worship and Sacrament.

### **How To Lead When You Don’t Know Where You’re Going (Hybrid)**

Facilitated by The Rev. Cheryl Galan, IEP, Carlisle Presbytery

Based on Susan Beaumont’s book of the same title. Resisting the temptation to think that we must try harder, work smarter, and do more in order for our churches to thrive, Beaumont equips pastors who attempt to make necessary leadership shifts and then face resistance from congregations which are justifiably anxious about their future. This workshop will unpack some of the key features of leadership for liminal times and provide resources. For Pastors and Church Officers.

### **Creative Spiritual Practices for Pastors (In-Person Participation Only)**

Facilitated by The Rev. Dr. Bruce Humphrey, retired, author of *I’m In Love With The Holy Spirit – mystical and practical theology of experiencing God in ordinary activities.*

Our congregations expect pastors to be the most spiritual person among them. Too often, however, amidst the demands of committees, budgets, and institutional logistics, clergy struggle to maintain a

personal vibrant connection with God through regular spiritual practices. This workshop offers practical guidance for pastors, and seminarians, and other leaders in the church.

### **A Church Guide for Choosing Your Next Adventure (Hybrid)**

Facilitated by the Rev. Ryan Landino, Presbytery Leader, the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy  
Increasingly, churches can project how many years remain before their current model of doing ministry is no longer sustainable. Based on fruitful collaborations with presbyteries in the Midwest, this workshop models a non-anxious, conversational approach for how sessions can explore new possibilities. 11 options will be reviewed as an imagination primer – ranging from MWS to CRE – with a constructive reframing of barriers: dignity over failure, resurrection over death. For Proactive Sessions and COM Conversation Partners.

### **Basic Workshop for New Ruling Elders (Hybrid)**

Facilitated by the Rev. Katy Yates Brungraber, Recording Clerk, Presbytery of Carlisle  
You said “yes” to God’s call; now what? This interactive workshop will guide new RE’s through fundamental Session responsibilities relating to worship, education, mission, and administration. We’ll explore duties that are mandated, strongly recommended, suitable, and permissible. Bring your copy of the *Book of Order* (BOO) and explore the importance of leadership that is faithful to our Presbyterian / Reformed heritage. Good news: we don’t have to re-create the wheel! For first time RE’s and anyone returning to Session who’d value a refresher class.

### **Congregational/Pastoral Care (Hybrid)**

Facilitated by the Rev. Rachel Schwab, co-pastor, First United Church of Christ, Carlisle  
As our churches experience shifts due to social-economic struggles, substance abuse issues, mental-health concerns, we see more folks in our neighborhood and surrounding communities – as well as existing members – reaching out to the church for assistance. Are we prepared for these changes and the folks who seek hospitality in addition to resources? How do we provide spiritual care in such multi-layered interactions? In this practical workshop, we will gain tools and self-awareness for our spiritual toolbox. For Deacons and Pastors.

### **Basic Workshop for Clerks of Session (Hybrid)**

Facilitated by the Rev. Kristal Smith, Presbytery Leader for Governance and Congregational Leadership  
The work that Clerks of Sessions do, such as keeping the records, telling the story of what happens in meetings (through minutes), and communicating about policies and procedures all contribute toward the healthy functioning of the Session, in fulfillment of the church’s purpose and values. In this space, 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. Bring questions. For New and Continuing Clerks but all are welcome.

### **#ProChurchGrower: Using digital tools for growth (Hybrid)**

Facilitated by John Fong, Church Growth Communications Consultant serving three Synods  
Now that you’ve begun to use digital tools for worship, learning, and promotion of your church’s ministries, are you ready to use these tools to build relationships that grow your connections within and beyond the congregation? This workshop highlights three church case studies and proven strategies from a Synod of the Northeast Innovation Grant and the #ProChurchGrower program that will help grow your church, overcome online digital clutter, reach your target audience, improve your overall communications and exposure, improve hybrid authenticity, and offer you help with following through. For Church Communication Staff and Volunteers.

**Break: 10:35 – 10:55**

Moderator McCulloch called presbyters back, and thanked Central PC for hosting the meeting.

**Report of the Commission on Ministry – includes examination of Candidate Billings**

The Moderator referenced *G-2.0103 (Call to Ordered Ministry)* and *G-2.0104 (Gifts and Qualifications)* to set the stage for the Examination of Peter Billings for ordination to Ministry of Word and Sacrament. He directed presbyters' attention toward the call to ordered ministry in the Church as the act of the triune God, evidenced by the movement of the Holy Spirit three ways – in the individual conscience, the approval of a community of God's people, and the concurring judgment of a council of the Church.

Moderator McCulloch called on COM Co-Chair, TE Tony Lorenz (First, Carlisle) to introduce the candidate: Peter Billings has been under care of the Presbytery of the Coastlands in New Jersey. A graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary (M.Div.), Candidate Billings was certified ready to receive a call in November 2020 and has received a unanimous call to St. Paul's United Church of Christ in McConnellsburg and Trinity United Church of Christ in Ft. Loudon, which are in full communion and within our bounds. In the materials posted for today's meeting, Candidate Billings provided a recorded sermon, in which he proclaimed, "It is our calling to show [God's] countercultural mercy with the world." Presbyters were asked to view the video ahead of the meeting.

TE Lorenz called upon Candidate Billings to read his Statement of Faith, which featured at its center "Through Jesus' salvific life, death, and resurrection, we are invited to enjoy a new life in Him, and I believe He rejoices when we join Him in His ministry of healing and justice to all people." Then the Moderator instructed presbyters that questions would go back and forth between Zoom attendees and those on site. The Candidate responded to questions relative to the sermon, Statement of Faith, the Bible, Sacraments, Polity, Theology, sense of call to the two congregations, and Spiritual Autobiography (posted with meeting materials). His Spiritual Autobiography contained the following insight: "Mission is central to my sense of call...[affirmed] even on the adult mission trip to Haiti that was interrupted by a terrible earthquake.... "Spiritual Midwifery" is the Socratic method we used for humbly recognizing the individual before us as well as the spiritual labor they are undergoing. Outside of the church within any given community, there is great deal of this labor, and I believe I am called to assist in it."

Question topics and highlights of Candidate Billings' responses included:

- Lord's Supper – we share this meal in community; the Word shall be proclaimed
- Spiritual practices – prayer (daily / at meals), rediscovered prayer in the face of stress, walks
- Theology – Holy Spirit is the most animate person of the Trinity, and yet hardest to see. Perhaps we talk about the Holy Spirit the least and we miss opportunity. Pronouns (he/she/it) should be thought about in a way of what they "add to" the Trinity – it's great to think of male and female.
- Mission – a manifestation of Christ's gospel and our faith – the Word coming into being through us. The Holy Spirit (she) guides us, wants us to participate.
- God the Father – since I became a father myself last year, I've been thinking about unconditional love. God is perfect. God doesn't need us to defend God. I love to interact with people – I need to be in relationship with my daughter and maybe God needs to be in relationship with us.

**ACTION**

**MSP** to arrest examination.

Mr. Billings was escorted to a waiting room accompanied by COM Co-Chair TE Lou Nyiri (Gettysburg PC) while Moderator McCulloch called for a motion (seconded) which led to very brief, favorable, discussion.

### **ACTION**

**MSP** to approve Peter Billings for ordination to Ministry of Word and Sacrament.

Upon Mr. Billings' return from the waiting room, Moderator McCulloch announced the affirmative outcome of the vote, celebrating that the way is clear for him to be ordained by the Presbytery of Carlisle; the ordination likely will take place at St. Paul's UCC in McConnellsburg. COM Co-Chair Lorenz lifted a prayer of gratitude: "We thank you for this day which has been so long-coming..." and of blessing on Mr. Billings – for his family, the people he serves, and the community – "that all may come to know the depth, width, and breadth of your grace."

COM Co-Chair Lorenz then drew attention to the information items in COM's written Report to Presbytery February 2023. He called particular attention to the item regarding Meg Shoeman, stressing that her renunciation of jurisdiction was not the result of a disciplinary action; her conversion to Judaism and new ministry is where she can best serve God at this point.

- Received Mark Medina into Carlisle Presbytery and granted him honorably retired status.
- Dissolved the pastoral relationship between Graham Fowler and McCoysville effective December 31, 2022.
- Approved COA between Allison Smith and Market Square.
- Approved MIF for East Waterford/Lower Tuscarora.
- Planned Boundary Training event with David Olsen at Paxton on February 15, 2023.
- Approved honorarium for Bruce Humphrey for work with clergy care groups.
- Received correspondence from Margaret Shoeman announcing her conversion to Judaism. This meets the definition of renunciation of jurisdiction under G-2.0509 yet will be clearly reported to the General Assembly that no disciplinary measures were involved. Meg leaves the denomination in good standing.
- Approved COA between Brand Eaton and Great Conewago.
- Approved Installation Commission for Stephen Melton as Designated Pastor at Big Spring Presbyterian Church. Installation scheduled for January 29, 2023.
- Authorized the Rev. Patricia Roller from Huntingdon Presbytery to preside at the annual congregational meetings of Lower Tuscarora and East Waterford Presbyterian Churches on January 15, 2023.
- Approved MIF for Pine Street.
- Authorized the ordination examination of Emily Sutphin on the floor of Presbytery to serve as Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church's Associate Pastor, acted to receive the candidate into membership of the Presbytery of Carlisle, and authorized the congregation to call a congregational meeting for the purpose of extending the call to that candidate. All actions are contingent on her graduation from seminary.
- 2022 contacts have been made to Validated Ministers and Members at Large within the Presbytery.
- Approved Bill Beck to serve as Moderator of Warfordsburg Presbyterian Church.

- Approved Installation Commission for J. Caleb McClure as Pastor at Gettysburg Presbyterian Church. Installation scheduled for February 19, 2023.
- Authorized Peter Billings to be examined on the floor of Presbytery relative to his being called to serve St. Paul’s UCC in McConnellsburg and Trinity UCC in Ft. Loudon. Pending approval and the congregations’ concurrence, he will be received as a Minister Member of Presbytery.

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

Moderator McCulloch invited IEP Galan to report on the work of finding a new Presbytery Leader. She referred presbyters to the Coordinating Council’s written report, which identified three working groups

1. To nominate a Presbytery Leader Search Team that will reflect the diversity of congregations of various sizes and geography, and diversity of TEs and REs within the presbytery
2. To recommend a position description framework and a title that describes the role of the presbytery’s next leader, prioritizing spiritual relational and organizational elements of leadership required in times of adaptive change, merging administration and collaboration
3. On Presbytery Purpose and Core Values – work that builds on the work generated at previous presbytery meetings over the past 4 years as new patterns emerge that will transform congregations and support new forms of witness in our communities

Heather Sigler then presented and moved six nominees – “balanced and representative” – for election to the Presbytery Leader Search Team. If elected, this team will work with Synod Executive, Forrest Claassen, to search for a new Presbytery Leader. Coming from Committee, the nomination required no second. Inviting, but seeing no additional nominations from the floor, Moderator McCulloch entertained a motion to close nominations and elect the slate of nominees.

### **ACTION**

**MP** to close nominations and elect the slate of nominees as presented to the Presbytery Leader Search Team.

TE Graham Fowler	Pastor, Lost Creek PC, McAlisterville
RE Debbie Hough	retired CCE, Derry PC, Hershey
RE Wendell Jordan	Deacon, Faith Immanuel PC, Harrisburg
TE Inho Kang	Pastor, Korean Church, Camp Hill
TE Emily McCachren	Pastor, McConnellsburg PC, McConnellsburg
RE Denise Lockwood	Clerk, Lower Marsh Creek PC, Gettysburg

The Council thanked Working Group members from the Administration Committee Gary Myers (RE), and Coordinating Council Heather Sigler (TE) and Jim Warnock (RE) for their diligence in discernment.

### **Report of the Administration Committee**

Moderator McCulloch called forward Presbytery Treasurer, TE Ed Blank (Middle Spring PC). Treasurer Blank presented the Year-End Financial Reports. Materials that were provided on-line in advance of the meeting showed that Designated Funds reflect a distribution of just over \$151,000, combined, for Mission and Grants, Preparation for Ministry, Coordinating Council (including \$10,000 for Healthy Congregations), and Presbytery Designated Mission. No monies were used in 2022 for Holy Land Travel or Ministry and Mission Support. Most missions received less than \$4,000, with the exception of Honduras (\$38K+) and Juniata Shared Ministry (\$88K+, which brought in \$92K+). Balance: \$244K+

The Treasurer’s report included final line-item expenses for 2022. He highlighted certain figures:

the presbytery is \$118,000 short for Mission; \$236,000 was received in per capita; the total income amounted to \$464,000. Treasurer Blank shared the good news that although investments took a significant hit (New Covenant Funds suffered a 30% loss in 2022) congregations continue to be faithful in their giving and support of the work of the Presbytery. Presbyters had no questions for Treasurer Blank, who concluded with “thank you for giving – the state of the presbytery is good.”

The presbytery then entered the part of the meeting reserved for Information and Action Items.

### **Report of the Nominating Committee**

Vice Moderator Bowerman called forward PLGCLSC Smith, who then invited RE Gregg Robertson (Derry PC) to the floor. RE Robertson, on behalf of the NC, brought nominations of two individuals for service within the presbytery. Vice Moderator Bowerman entertained nominations from the floor. Seeing none, he entertained a motion to close nominations and elect the slate of nominees.

### **ACTION**

**MP** to close nominations and elect the slate of nominees: The Rev. Charles “Buz” Myers (Retired) to be Chair of the CPM, and RE Jane North (Gettysburg PC) to COM, Class of 2025

### **The Report of the Krislund Joint Camp and Retreat Center**

PLGCLSC Smith invited IEP Galan to come forward. IEP Galan made a motion, nominating for an at-large member of the Camp Krislund Board: John Hargleroad. Mr. Hargleroad is currently retired, has extensive knowledge of Park Administration and Recreation and event organizing, has considerable community experience in the Wheeling, WV area, and also has experience on the Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery Stewardship Committee, and with Synod of the Trinity (Commissioner, representing Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery). Mr. Hargleroad had agreed to serve on the Board for a two-year term if elected. All three presbyteries are being asked to approve this nomination. A resume introducing John’s background and experience was available with the documents posted for the presbytery meeting.

### **ACTION**

**MSP** to close nominations and elect John Hargleroad to a two-year term on the Camp Krislund Board.

### **Report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry**

PLGCLSC Smith reported that CPM has worked over the past several months to revise and update its Standing Rules in order to more accurately reflect current practice and intentions for this work. The revised draft included the following highlights

- Mission Statement – to provide support to individuals in their discernment of a call to ministerial leadership in accordance with the *Book of Order* (MWS, CRE, CCE)
- Membership – 12, equal numbers of TEs and REs, with the Stated Clerk serving *ex officio*
- Quorum – majority of membership
- Tasks – 9, including providing educational opportunities for congregations to identify individuals whose gifts are appropriate for ministry; providing support to inquirers/ candidates, REs exploring Commissioned status, and those seeking certification as Christian Educators (providing, among other things, resources on financial aid and assigning liaisons or reference group representatives as appropriate); reviewing annually the Ethics Policy and Sexual Misconduct Policy with candidates; and certifying for readiness candidates ready for examination, pending a call
- Basic characteristics of CPM members

The draft revisions for the CPM Standing Rules were available online with meeting materials.

**ACTION**

**MP** to pass the revised CPM Description in Standing Rules as presented.

The CPM report also included one information item: CPM endorsed RE Brad Hill from Falling Spring PC as a CRE in Training on February 7, 2023.

**Report from the Leader for Governance and Congregational Leadership**

PLGCLSC Smith drew presbyter attention to her written report which was included with the meeting materials and was provided for information only. Included were

- A report to the Office of General Assembly about removal of Margaret Shoeman from Minister rolls; she leaves in good standing with the presbytery
- A report concerning members of an installation Commission for the Rev. Dr. Stephen Melton as Designated Pastor at Big Spring PC
- Approval of Presbytery Meeting Minutes for December 6, 2022 by Rev. Lucy Bowerman (At-Large) and RE Phil Noll (Hope PC)
- Preparations to vote on GA 225 Amendments on April 18, 2023
- 2021 Session records review – 35 of 42 churches completed that review
- 2022 Necrology report
- a full roll of the Presbytery as of 2022.12.31, including
  - TEs in Validated Ministries – 31 within congregations / 12 outside of congregations
  - TE Members-at-Large – 8
  - TEs who are Honorably Retired – 56
  - CREs – 4
  - CCEs who are retired – 5 (4 living within the bounds)

PLCGSC Smith called attention to spring dates for the 2022 Session Records Review at three locations: Faith-Immanuel (April 27), Highland United (April 29), and Central Chambersburg (May 6).

**Worship**

Moderator McCulloch gathered presbyters in worship: “Let us come into God’s presence with a sense of awe, humility, hope, and gratitude.” He presented incoming Moderator Bowerman with a cross – a symbol of the calling. He then preached on Luke 23: 44-46 – the Temple curtain torn in two – inviting us to commend our spirits into God’s hands, as Jesus did from the cross, and to ponder the question, ‘who is waiting for the Spirit that God has placed in you?’ Sharing illustrations from his 20 years as a state park chaplain, he remembered receiving the call to serve at the presbytery level, and coming up with 11 reasons why he should *not* serve! (Since then, he’s been on CPM, and served as presbytery Vice Moderator, then Moderator). “Christ absorbed all my reluctance to serve...Does the world around us see ‘there’s electricity here?’ We start with the Spirit that God has placed in every one of our congregations.” Moderator McCulloch asked: Do we ask what we can do to survive? Or do we ask what we can do to serve the world?

Incoming Moderator Bowerman gave thanks to God for Moderator McCulloch’s leadership: for the spirit he brought to presiding at presbytery meetings, ordinations and installations; for the wisdom he offered in teaching and preaching; for the open heart with which he cultivated relationships among us. Well done, good and faithful servant!

Offering in excess of \$500 was collected to help with the resettlement of a Syrian family that had been in a refugee camp for 10 years. The Al-Ali family of 8 is in need of a vehicle; Central PC is sponsoring and



caring for them. Prayer: “May the rich blessings of God flow between giver and receiver so lines are blurred between giving and receiving and all experience the goodness and grace of God.”

### **INSTALLATION OF MODERATOR AND VICE-MODERATOR**

Moderator McCulloch called on PLGCLSC Smith, who introduced TE Scott Bowerman (Central PC, Chambersburg) as having answered God’s call of discipleship to the position of Presbytery Moderator, and CRE Roz Presby (Faith-Immanuel PC, Harrisburg) as Vice-Moderator, both for 2023. PLGCLSC Smith led the prayer of installation – “Grant us courage to follow you boldly;” Former Moderator McCulloch declared TE Bowerman and RE Presby as installed to service as Moderator and Vice Moderator. The Moderator received from the Former Moderator additional symbols of the office: Stole, and Gavel.

### **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

Moderator Bowerman, Vice Moderator Presby, and Former Moderator McCulloch shared leadership in the celebration of the Lord’s Supper. They spoke with gratitude for witness of the REs who entered the Church Triumphant in 2022:

Camp Hill	Edith K. Flurkey, Oscar "Bud" Lemmons, Joan S. Prescott, M. Jeffrey Hoaster
Capital	John Frye, Rudolph Jackson
Central	Jo Ann Dittman, Nancy Reichenbach
Christ	Stanley Harry Colestock Jr., Robert Norman Hendershot, Jordan Thomas Rogers, John "Jack" Ross Redshaw
Derry	Elizabeth Jeffries, Cynthia Parrish
Duncannon	Henry Eugene Sterner
Faith Immanuel	Charles Kannegieser
Falling Spring	Harold Taylor, Jr., Stephen Overcash
First Carlisle	John "Jack" Augustine
Highland United	Allen Hall, Dagmar Elaine Hardy, Theodore Furry
Hope United	Dorothy Thompson
Lost Creek	Anna Mae Peoples
Lower Tuscarora	Dorothy Sherlock, Herbert Burd, Sr.
Market Square	Earl "Casey" Shaffer, Jr.
Mechanicsburg	John Neimer
Middle Spring	Harold VanArt
Mt. Olivet	Ramona Creek, Vickie Anderson, Stanley Shaw
Paxton	Janice Barnes, Sally Killian
Silver Spring	Mark Basehore, Shirley "Louise" Lauchlan
St. James	J. Linden Sanders
Warfordsburg	Wilma J. Valentine

They also prayed to “God of manna and mustard seeds” for revitalization of the church; wisdom in the search for our next Presbytery Leader; guidance for congregations in transition; healing for those facing health issues; justice and the end of war; and recovery amid the rubble in the aftermath of earthquake. After the singing of *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*, Moderator Bowerman thanked the volunteers and staff of Central PC – and the presbytery for the privilege of hosting the meeting. Former Moderator McCulloch called for a Motion to adjourn; all in favor stood for a prayer and benediction. The meeting ended at 12:33 PM. The next Presbytery meeting (via Zoom 6:30 – 9:00 PM April 18, 2023) is for the purpose of examining a Candidate for Ordination and voting on 33 Amendments to the *Book of Order*.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristal Smith, Presbytery Leader for Governance and Congregational Leadership



Church	Elder Commissioners	# of Elders	CREs	Total #
Big Spring	Sally Kammerer		1 Neal McCulloch	1
Camp Hill	Beth Fine, Dolores Peffley		2 Roz Presby	1
Capital				
Central	Jean Diehl, Soon Park		2	
Centre	Raymonda Cunningham, Kirra Stydinger		2	
Christ, Camp Hill	Sara Frailey		1	
Derry	Gregg Robertson		1	
Dickinson	DaleLynn Prokop, Natalie Coulson		2	
Duncannon	Margaret Raub		1 <b>Committee Chairs</b>	
East Waterford			Norma Mateer	1
Faith Immanuel	Rose Jewell Jordan		1	
Falling Spring				
First, Carlisle				
First United, Newville	Elaine Fry, Mike Fry		2	
Gettysburg	Jennifer Daniels, Nancy Cook		2	
Great Conewago	Coleen Reamer		1	
Greencastle	Jennifer Robertson		1 <b>Christian Educators</b>	
Harrisburg Korean	Jin Kim		1	
Highland United	Bill McHenry		1	
Hope United	Jackie Noll, Phil Noll		2	
Lost Creek				
Lower Marsh Creek	Dirk Grove, Lynn Miller		2	
Lower Tuscarora	Brenda Shickley		1	
Market Square	Theresa Elliott, Cindy Bendroth		2 <b>Council</b>	
McConnellsburg	John Johnston		1	
Mechanicsburg	Susan Karakantas, Katie Chase, Larry Stoner		3	
Middle Spring	Park Bierbower, Quay Stolte		2	
Monaghan	Kathy Wells, Nancy Brucker		2 <b>Total CRE, CC, CE, Council</b>	3
Mt. Olivet				
Paxton	Mary Myers		1 <b>Guests</b>	
Pine Street	David Colestock, Beth Alwine		2 Matt Drumheller (Donegal Pby)	1
Presbyterian Congregation Middletown	James Fry, Judy Packheiser		2 William Young, Christ (Deacon)	1
Second	Julie Rhen		1 Dick Lee, Monaghan (RE)	1
Silver Spring	John Carroll, Diane Lupia, Gary Hollinger		3 Lincoln Milner, Monaghan (RE)	1
St. Andrews	Bill Mulligan		2 Ed Urenko, Monaghan (RE)	1
St. James	Barbara Hughes		1 Jay Garvin, Great Conewago	1
Upper West Conococheague			John Fong (presenter)	1
Warfordsburg			John Hargleroad, WV Presbytery	1
Waynesboro	Brian Zimmerman, Lori Sutton		2 John Reese, Dickinson (RE)	1
Wells Valley	Tracy Mosebey		1 Kyle Clark, Gettysburg	1
Westminster			Michelle Quigley, Dickinson	1
	<b>Total Elder Commissioners</b>	51	Michele Bourne, Dickinson	1
	<b>Total Other Personell</b>	3	Perry Latshaw, St. Andrews	1
			Ryan Landino, G/L Presbytery	1
			Susan Wilson	1
			Michelle Simmons, Market Square	1
			Susan Neville, Silver Spring	1
			Kathryn Finley, Central (RE)	1
			Jane Murray, Market Square (RE)	1
			Galen Burkholder	1
			Jerry Schnell	1
			Leigh Porter	1
			<b>Total Guests</b>	22
			<b>Total Voting Elders</b>	54

**ATTACHMENT 2**  
**Report of the Presbytery Leader for Governance and Congregational Leadership**  
**February 2023**

Reported to the Office of General Assembly

Removal of Margaret Shoeman from the Minster rolls; she leaves in good standing with the Presbytery.

Report of Installation Commission

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Melton was installed as Designated Pastor at Big Spring Presbyterian Church on January 29, 2023. Members of the Installation Commission included: TE Don Wahlig, RE Jay Mowery, Moderator Neal McCulloch , TE Kathryn Johnston, TE Vern Gauthier, and RE Beth Biery,

Approval of Presbytery Meeting Minutes

Rev. Lucy Bowerman and RE Phil Noll (Hope Presbyterian Church) read and reviewed the minutes of the December 6, 2022 meeting of the Presbytery. Sincere appreciation to Phil and Lucy for their careful attention to this task!

Preparation to vote on GA 225 Amendments on April 18

An email was sent to Moderators and Clerks of Session and a web page has been created with pertinent information and links to educational videos. Two Zoom meetings are planned for March 8 and 9 at 6:30 pm for questions and conversation.

2021 Session Records Review

35 of the Presbytery's 42 churches have completed a review of Session Records for 2021.

Church	A/N
Big Spring	A
Camp Hill	A
Capital	N
Central	A
Centre	A
Christ, Camp Hill	A
Derry	A
Dickinson	A
Duncannon	A
East Waterford	N
Faith Immanuel	N
Falling Spring	A
First, Carlisle	A
First United, Newville	A
Gettysburg	A
Great Conewago	A
Greencastle	A
Harrisburg Korean	N

Highland United	A
Hope United	A
Lost Creek	A
Lower Marsh Creek	A
Lower Tuscarora	A
Market Square	A
McConnellsburg	A
McCoysville	A
Mechanicsburg	A
Middle Spring	A
Monaghan	A
Mt. Olivet	A
Paxton	A
Pine Street	A
Presbyterian Congregation Middletown	A
Second	N
Silver Spring	A
St. Andrews	A
St. James	A
Upper West Conococheague	N
Warfordsburg	A
Waynesboro	A
Wells Valley	N
Westminster	A

A= APPROVED N= NOT SUBMITTED

Thank you to those churches who completed that work! For those who are experiencing some difficulty in accomplishing the task, please be in touch with me so we can work on it together OR you may wait until we meet for the 2022 Session Records Review (see next item).

#### 2022 Session Records Review

All Clerks of Session are invited to bring their minutes and membership rolls for this annual review. The Presbytery is offering three times to gather for this work:

- Saturday, April 29 at 9:30 am at Highland United Presbyterian Church in Newport
- Thursday, April 27 at 6:30 pm at Faith-Immanuel in Harrisburg (also available via Zoom)
- Saturday, May 6 at 9:30 am at Central Presbyterian Church in Chambersburg

You will receive more information about this in the coming weeks.

With gratitude to God for their lives and faithful service among us, received Necrology Reports of the following Ruling Elders for the year 2022:

Church	Ruling Elder	Date of Birth	Ordination Date	Date of Death	Age
Camp Hill	Edith K. Flurkey	10/20/33	5/1/77	1/18/22	90
	Oscar "Bud" Lemmons	8/9/30	1961	7/7/22	91
	Joan S. Prescott	4/10/31	5/3/98	10/12/22	91
	M. Jeffrey Hoaster	5/21/42	5/4/86	10/21/22	80
Capital	John Frye	2/16/37	2/15/87	11/22/22	85
	Rudolph Jackson	8/27/28	5/23/10	9/23/22	94
Central	Jo Ann Dittman	11/14/27	1/14/07	7/16/22	94
	Nancy Reichenbach	8/23/31	12/15/96	9/14/22	91
Christ	Stanley Harry Colestock Jr.	9/22/42	1/8/89	6/8/22	79
	Robert Norman Hendershot	5/8/31	12/3/73	7/14/22	91
	Jordan Thomas Rogers	5/21/21	12/5/76	9/22/22	101
	John "Jack" Ross Redshaw	5/9/39	1/13/85	11/10/22	83
Derry	Elizabeth Jeffries	7/6/31	1/5/75	6/9/22	91
	Cynthia Parrish	6/13/59	12/31/95	10/11/22	63
Duncannon	Henry Eugene Sterner	8/4/27	2/3/69	9/5/22	95
Faith Immanuel	Charles Kannegieser	9/16/30	6/14/15	11/2/22	92
Falling Spring	Harold Taylor, Jr.	1/12/24	Jan-60	3/1/22	98
	Stephen Overcash	7/17/45	1/10/93	8/12/22	77
First Carlisle	John "Jack" Augustine	9/14/33	1/10/10	8/22/22	88
Highland United	Allen Hall	7/25/50	Jan-05	3/8/22	71
	Dagmar Elaine Hardy	6/15/23	Jan-76	7/1/22	99
	Theodore Furry	5/23/24	Jan-62	7/25/22	98
Hope United	Dorothy Thompson	7/25/29	1/25/76	1/6/22	92
Lost Creek	Anna Mae Peoples	7/8/33	Jan-01	12/15/22	89
Lower Tuscarora	Dorothy Sherlock	1/29/30	1/17/88	2/14/22	92
	Herbert Burd, Sr.	9/8/32	1/12/58	6/20/22	89
Market Square	Earl "Casey" Shaffer, Jr.	9/12/39	unknown	8/3/22	82
Mechanicsburg	John Neimer	11/14/47	1/18/12	2/18/22	74
Middle Spring	Harold VanArt	12/9/30	1/1/70	7/8/22	91
Mt. Olivet	Ramona Creek	2/16/36	1/24/98	5/11/22	84
	Vickie Anderson	5/22/59	12/6/98	6/19/22	63
	Stanley Shaw	10/6/36	2/20/66	12/26/22	86
Paxton	Janice Barnes	8/15/41	1/8/98	4/2/22	81
	Sally Killian	11/6/32	5/25/86	10/26/22	90

Silver Spring	Mark Basehore	3/31/36	6/23/91	10/5/22	86
	Shirley "Louise" Lauchlan	12/20/38	6/30/96	10/19/22	83
St. James	J. Linden Sanders	1/6/43	1/19/75	4/1/22	79
Warfordsburg	Wilma J. Valentine	8/3/39	Jan-89	12/4/22	83

Reported, as required by the *Book of Order*, the members of Carlisle Presbytery as of December 31, 2022, to the Office of the General Assembly. Also as required by the *Book of Order*, created and have on file, the roll of the Ministers of Word and Sacrament in the Presbytery of Carlisle and the register of Certified Christian Educators. The Roll of Ministers and Register of CREs as of 31 December 2022 is included below and noted are individual changes in designation within the presbytery made since that date.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristal Smith  
 Presbytery Leader for Governance and Congregational Leadership

**Roll of Teaching Elders and Certified Christian Educators in Carlisle Presbytery  
as of 12/31/2020**

**Honorably Retired (G-2.0503-c)**

Raymond Anderson  
William Beck  
Doug Beltzner  
Charles Best  
Jon Black  
David Bowerman  
Dale Bowne  
W. Wilson Bradburn  
Marie Buffaloe  
Karin Carroll  
Crea Clark  
Barbara Derrickson  
Paul Derrickson  
John Green  
Bertha Hamel  
William Hammann  
Richard Houtz  
William Long Hudson  
Bruce Humphrey  
Thomas Jackman  
Charles Jessen  
Darlene Kline  
John Larson  
Ron Martin-Minnich  
Jeanette Mater  
Myrtle McCall  
Jennifer McKenna  
Mark Medina  
Donald Mitchell  
Anne Myers  
Charles Myers  
Art Pace  
John Park  
Donald Potter, Parish Associate, Camp Hill  
Nancy Reinert  
James Reitz  
Robert Rhoades  
Jim Richwine  
Lois Richwine  
Timothy Roach  
John Schmidt  
Dick Sheffield



Heather Sigler  
John Sproat  
Russell Sullivan  
Thomas D. Thomas  
Edward Trask  
Roger Uittenbogaard  
Suzanne Uittenbogaard  
Carol Van Schenkhof  
Mary Washburn  
Dale Williams  
Harry Winsheimer  
Galen Work  
David Wright

**Teaching Elders Engaged in Validated Ministry within a congregation, or within the jurisdiction of the church (G-2.0503-a)**

Edward Blank	Interim Pastor, Middle Spring
Scott Bowerman	Pastor, Central, Chambersburg
Kent Carter	Interim Pastor, Paxton, Harrisburg
Lisa Chase	Associate Pastor, Silver Spring
Nancy Conklin	Pastor, Camp Hill
Mark Englund-Krieger	Pastor, Lower Marsh Creek
Graham Fowler	Pastor, Lost Creek, McAlisterville; Stated Supply in Huntingdon Presbytery* <b>effective 1/1/23</b>
Cheryl D. Galan	Interim Executive Presbyter
Vernon Gauthier	Pastor, First United, Newville
Jeff Gibelius	Pastor, Second, Carlisle
Gene Gordon	Supply Pastor, Capital, Harrisburg
Andrew Hart	Pastor, Falling Spring, Chambersburg
Andrew Hostetter	Pastor, Centre
Kathryn Johnston	Pastor, Mechanicsburg
Inho Kang	Pastor, Harrisburg Korean
Anthony Lorenz	Pastor, First, Carlisle
Emily McCachren	Pastor, McConnellsburg United
Caleb McClure	Pastor, Gettysburg
Nancy McClure	Pastor, Highland, Westminster (Juniata Valley Shared Ministry)
Stephen Melton	Designated Pastor, Big Spring, Newville
Robin Morgan	Pastor, St. Andrews, Lebanon
Christian Neubaum	Pastor, Middletown
Louis Nyiri	Associate Pastor, Gettysburg
Anthony Saturno	Pastor, St. James, Mechanicsburg

Stuart Seelman	Associate Pastor, Camp Hill
Allison Smith	Temporary Associate Pastor, Market Square <b>*effective 1/1/23</b>
Kristal Smith	Presbytery Leader for Governance and Congregation Leadership
Janice Tiedeck	Pastor, Monaghan, Dillsburg
Kim Wadlington	Interim Pastor, Market Square, Harrisburg
Don Wahlig	Pastor, Silver Spring, Mechanicsburg
Stephen McKinney-Whitaker	Pastor, Derry

**Teaching Elders Engaged in Validated Ministry outside the congregation (G-2.0503- a)**

Donna Christopher	Supply Pastor at two ELCA Churches, in CPE Residency
Peter Dietz	Navy Chaplain
Arlene Dunn	Chaplain, Asana Hospice
Don Opitz	Chaplain, Grove City College
Matthew Robinson	Professor, University of Bonn
Rachel Schwab	Visitation Pastor, First UCC, Carlisle
Anne Stewart	Vice President for External Relations, Princeton Theological Seminary
Drew Stockstill	Pastor, Christ Lutheran Church, Harrisburg
Sandra Strauss	Director of Public Advocacy, PA Council of Churches
Stephen Velthuis	Navy Chaplain
Derek Wadlington	Chaplain, Wilson College
Howard West	Director of Spiritual Life Services, Country Meadows

**Members-at-Large (G-2.0503-b)**

Lucy Bowerman	Family Needs
Katy Yates Brungraber	Family Needs
Thomas Folts	Family Needs
Pam Meilands	Seeking a call
Troy Morgan	Family Needs
Candace Veon-Nyiri	Seeking a call
Kelly Wiant	Seeking a call
Kathryn Yaroschuk	Family Needs

**Commissioned Ruling Elders**

Neal McCulloch Dickinson  
Roz Presby Hope, Dauphin and Faith-Immanuel, Harrisburg

**~~Certified Christian Educators (G-2.1103)~~**

~~Cheryl Betts Director of Christian Education – Gettysburg 3/13/23 Retired in 2022 and moved out of the area~~

**Retired Certified Christian Educators- Living within the Bounds of Carlisle Presbytery**

Debbie Hough  
Debby Madden  
Mary Speedy  
Kathy Wells

Ruling Elder, Derry  
Ruling Elder, First, Carlisle  
Ruling Elder, Mechanicsburg  
Ruling Elder, Monaghan

**Certified Ruling Elders**

Craig Kegerise Member, Derry  
Suzi Souder Member, Mechanicsburg