

## **Report of the Presbytery Leader for Governance and Congregational Leadership September 23, 2023**

The 226<sup>th</sup> General Assembly will soon be upon us! Over the next few months, the Presbytery of Carlisle will work to identify delegates to attend the meeting June 24 – July 4, 2024 in Salt Lake City, UT. If you are interested, please look for future announcements from the Presbytery and visit the PC(USA) [web page](#) for more information on the Assembly itself.

### ***Items for Information***

#### **Reading of Presbytery Meeting Minutes:**

Rev. Nancy McClure (Juniata Shared Ministry) and RE Elyse Rodgers (Pine Street) read and reviewed the minutes of the April 2023 meeting of the Presbytery.

Rev. Rachel Schwab (First UCC Carlisle) and RE Beth Fine (Camp Hill) read and reviewed the minutes of the May 2023 meeting of the Presbytery. Sincere appreciation to Nancy, Elyse, Beth, and Rachel for their careful attention to this task!

#### **Reported to the Office of the General Assembly:**

- The Retirement of Cheryl Galan.
- The Ordination of Peter Billings.
- Permission for the Rev. Yeon Ik Park to serve as Temporary Pastor at Harrisburg Korean Church during the summer of 2023.
- Initiate transfer of the Rev. Lou Nyiri to the Presbytery of Detroit
- Initiate transfer of the Rev. William Hudson to Western Reserve Presbytery
- Change the Rev. Christian Neubaum's status to Validated Ministry as Chaplain within Carlisle Presbytery

#### **Annual Review of 2022 Session Minutes and Registers:**

Of the 42 churches of the Presbytery of Carlisle, 39 presented their 2022 Session records for review with very few exceptions noted. Our Clerks of Session take great care to "write the vision and make it plain" (Habakkuk 2). Thank you!

#### **Update on 225<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Amendments:**

All the amendments have been approved and are now included in the Book of Order. These items represent the most significant work for our Presbytery:

- Boundary Training required every 36 months for Inquirers, Candidates, Certified Christian Educators, and all those serving on councils;
- All councils must implement policies on harassment and antiracism;
- Terms of call for pastors must include provision for 12 weeks of family medical leave

**Commission Report:** Received the report of the Commission to ordain and install Rev. Emily Sutphin as Minister of Word and Sacrament. She will serve as Associate Pastor of Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church. All the constitutional questions were answered in the affirmative. SPECIAL NOTE: The Stated Clerk has verified the Rev. Sutphin's successful completion of the MDiv requirements and her graduation from the program in May 2023.

**Commission Report:** Received the report of the Commission to ordain Rev. Peter Billings as Minister of Word and Sacrament. He will serve as pastor of St. Paul's (McConnellsburg) and Trinity (Ft. Loudon) United Church of Christ. All the constitutional questions were answered in the affirmative.

**Commission Report:** Received the report of the Commission to install Rev. Mark Englund-Krieger as Pastor of Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church. All the constitutional questions were answered in the affirmative.

**Commission Report:** Received the report of the Commission to install Rev. Lisa Chase as Associate Pastor of Silver Sprig Presbyterian Church. All the constitutional questions were answered in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

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