

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 28, 2026 STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF CARLISLE
Hybrid meeting at Pine Street Presbyterian Church (Harrisburg, PA) and via Zoom

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Abbreviations

- MSP Motion, Seconded, Discussed, and Passed
- MP Motion, Passed
- AC, PJC Administrative Commission, Permanent Judicial Commission
- BOO *Book of Order* – The Constitution of the PC(USA) Part II
- BOC *Book of Confessions*
- BOP Board of Pensions
- CC Coordinating Council
- CCE Certified Christian Educator
- CLC Church Leadership Connection
- COA Covenant of Agreement
- CPM Committee on Preparation for Ministry
- COM Commission on Ministry,
- NWCC New Worshiping Community Commission
- OGA Office of General Assembly
- MDP Ministry Discernment Profile
- NC, PNC Nominating Committee, Pastor Nominating Committee
- PC Presbyterian Church
- PW Presbyterian Women
- PHS Presbyterian Historical Society
- MWS Minister of Word and Sacrament
- RE Ruling Elder
- CRE Commissioned Ruling Elder
- EREC Elected RE Commissioner to this meeting

Call to Order and Prayer

The Stated Meeting (hybrid) of the Presbytery of Carlisle was called to order with prayer at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary of Pine Street Presbyterian Church in Harrisburg by Moderator Gary Hollinger.

The Rev. Stuart Seelman of Pine Street Presbyterian offered some opening remarks, sharing some of the historical roots of Pine Street Presbyterian and acknowledging its historical connection to Market Square Presbyterian and by extension Capital Presbyterian Church, the church home of Candidate Destini Hodges who would be offering a sermon during worship. Rev. Seelman named the location of the church on Susquehannock land and on the land of the old 8th Ward. He offered thanks to all at Pine Street who contributed to hosting the Presbytery meeting. After a few informational items about bathrooms and wifi passwords Rev. Seelman invited those gathered in person and on zoom into a time of worship.

Worship began with an opening salutation and introit offered by the choir, a call to worship, opening prayer, opening hymn, prayer of confession.

Candidate for ordination, Ruling Elder Destiny Hodges offered a sermon on John 14:1-14. She invited us to consider what it means to create a place for one another. She drew on her experience being welcomed into her husband's family in Liberia and the dwelling place prepared for her there to open up this passage in John. She asked all the presbyters to consider the nature of the place that Christ has prepared for us to abide, not just pass through. Finally, she invited the Presbytery to consider how we abide in that space, and how we intentionally create space for others, for strangers, and for each other. She invited us to wonder how we are cultivating the trust to truly enter the space God has prepared for us.

Rev. Seelman led an Affirmation of Faith adapted from the Brief Statement of Faith of the PCUSA.

Following the sermon Rev. Ed Blank, Rev. Lisa Chase, and Ruling Elder Debby Madden were commissioned as participants in the 227th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, USA. Commissioners answered commissioning questions affirming their commitment as disciples of Jesus Christ, their Lord and Savior: loving neighbors; working for the reconciliation of the world; serving with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love; relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Presbyters answered their questions in the affirmative, promising to accept these Commissioners as advisory delegates to the 227th General Assembly, chosen by God through the voice of the church, to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ. Presbyters promised to support and encourage them as they seek to fulfill their responsibilities in this ministry.

An offering was collected to support the work of Downtown Daily Bread. Downtown Daily Bread's Executive Director, Kristen Hermon was invited to share some information about the work that DDB does to serve the unhoused population in Harrisburg. She highlighted the growing need for services for people experiencing homelessness in Harrisburg.

Rev. Tony Lorenz offered a memorial moment for Rev. Robert Rhodes who served in the Presbytery of Carlisle for 65 years.

Worship concluded with the celebration of the Lord's Supper and a closing hymn.

At 8:00, following a short break, Moderator Hollinger began the business portion of the meeting. He began by reviewing the etiquette for hybrid meetings emphasizing the need for both zoom and in person participants to hear and be heard.

Moderator Hollinger called attention to the consent agenda and called for a motion and a second to approve the consent agenda. There were no items removed from the consent agenda for discussion.

MSP to approve consent agenda as follows:

- Approval of the docket for April 28, 2026
- Approval of changes to By-Laws [Attachment A] and Standing Rules [Attachment B].
- Receive 2025 Statistical Reports [Attachment C]

Enrollment of Corresponding Members

There were no corresponding members that were enrolled.

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

Moderator Hollinger invited first time Ruling Elder Commissioners to Presbytery to introduce themselves.

Tony Lorenz introduced Vicki McGlaughlin from First Presbyterian Church of Carlisle.

Rev. Tracey Perry introduced herself, she is serving at Middle Spring Presbyterian Church.

Report of the Coordinating Council

Moderator Hollinger called on Rev. Janice Tiedeck to present the report from the Coordinating Council. Janice presented the names of those who have been nominated to serve on the search committee for a Presbytery Co-Leader for Leadership and Governance. The nominations include:

- Jim Case (RE)
- Destini Hodges (MWS)
- Rob Cochran (RE)
- Kelly Wiant (MWS)
- Larry Gildner (RE)
- Nancy McClure (MWS)

Moderator Hollinger called for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations.

MP to approve those nominated by the Coordinating Council as the search committee for the Presbytery Co-Leader for Governance and Congregational Leadership.

Rev. Tiedeck continued her report by highlighting Weave Week, a week-long conference for Sr. High Youth in the Presbytery. The conference focuses on the environment, racism, immigration, and poverty and engaging in these issues from a Christian perspective. The cost to participants is just \$25.00 and at the end of the week they get to designate a charitable organization to donate the money to.

Moderator Hollinger offered a prayer for the search committee for the Presbytery Leader for Governance and Congregational Leadership.

Rev. Jeff Gibelius spoke as a member of council about Many Voices, One Song, a Presbytery event in August of 2026 to bring Carlisle Presbytery together. Rev. Cece Armstrong will offer the sermon that day. A recorded message from Rev. Armstrong was shared. Rev. Gibelius, Moderator Hollinger, and Ruling Elder Rose Jewell-Jordan spoke about how the idea for Many Voices, One Song emerged.

Report of the Temporary Stated Clerk

Moderator Hollinger called upon Temporary Stated Clerk Rev. Sharon Davy to present the Stated Clerk's report.

Rev. Davy began by encouraging everyone to attend Many Voices, One Song and to hear Rev. Armstrong preach. Rev. Davy's written report is included in Attachment D.

Report of the PJC

Rev. Davy continued by sharing the report of the Presbytery Judicial Committee.

She reminded the Presbytery of the seriousness of disciplinary charges and highlighted the purpose of discipline within the church as a way to work toward reconciliation and healing. To this end she read D-1.0201, D-1.0202, D-1.0301 from the book of order pertaining to the purpose of church discipline.

Rev. Davy presented the report of the PJC and the Alternative Resolution agreed to by the PJC and Rev. Dr. Stephen Melton. [Attachment E]

After reading the report Rev. Davy offered a prayer for restoration and healing for all parties involved.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Moderator Hollinger called upon Rev. Caroline Vickery to give the report of the nominating committee. She asked for prayers for the nominating committee as they begin their work.

Rev. Vickery presented a motion to approve Doyle Waybright of Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church to serve a one year term on COM. Moderator Hollinger asked if there were any nominations from the floor and invited any discussion. There were no nominations from the floor and Moderator Hollinger moved to vote.

MP to approve Doyle Waybright to serve a one year term on COM

Report of the Commission on Ministry

Moderator Hollinger called upon Rev. Tony Lorenz to give the report of the Commission on Ministry. The written report of the COM is included in Attachment G.

Rev. Lorenz reported that boundary training for Ministers of Word and Sacrament and Ruling Elders has been completed for this year.

He called attention to the written report of COM and invited prayers for all churches in transition.

COM recommends that the Presbytery grant a waiver to Pine Street Presbyterian Church to allow Linda McKillop and Betty Rader to serve an additional year beyond two consecutive three year terms as Deacons.

MP to grant a waiver to Pine Street Presbyterian Church to allow Linda McKillop and Betty Rader to serve an additional year beyond two consecutive three year terms as Deacons.

Rev. Lorenz then presented Candidate Destini Hodges for examination for ordination. He briefly described her impressive educational, professional and ecclesial background. The COM is presenting Destini to be ordained to the position in which she currently serves as the coordinator of Young Adult Volunteers for the PCUSA.

Destini came forward and read her statement of faith.

Examination of Destini Hodges for Minister of Word and Sacrament

The moderator opened the floor for questions reminding those present that per G-3.0306, “the presbytery shall examine each teaching elder or candidate who seeks membership in it on his or her **Christian faith and views in theology, the Sacraments, and the government of this church.**”

Rev. Bruce Humphrey asked Destini to share how she sees cross-cultural experiences helping in the spiritual formation of young adults.

Destini began by sharing more about her work for the General Assembly as the coordinator of Young Adult Volunteers. She shared that much of their work involves framing mission work in terms of connecting with people of other cultures, recognizing that God is already at work in the places where they are sent. Young Adults are taught not to merely tolerate difference but to be curious learners.

Rev. Scott Miller asked Destini to share her understanding of the sacraments. Destini told a story from her time growing up at Capital Presbyterian to highlight the way the communion connects us to all in the church in every time and place.

Rev. Leslie Mott asked Destini where she finds rest.

Destini admitted that that is something she is working on, but highlighted that she finds rest and renewal in her large extended family and in the connections both in her personal life and her church life.

The examination ended and Destini was taken out of the room.

Rev. Tony Lorenz moved, on behalf of the COM, that Destini Hodges be approved for ordination.

MP to approve that Destini Hodges be approved for ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament.

Destini returned to the room and was welcomed with the singing of the Doxology. Rev. Lorenz offered a prayer for Destini's walk of faith, her call to ministry, and her service both now and in the future.

Moderator Hollinger called upon COM Co- Chair Ruling Elder Bill McHenry to present the Guidelines for calling Associate Pastors. [Attachment H]. These guidelines will be presented to APNCs as they begin their work.

Report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Moderator Hollinger invited Rev. Buz Myers to give the report on the Committee on Preparation for Ministry.

Rev. Myers presented the written report of the CPM [Attachment I]. He highlighted the transfer of Jan Loudin-Maloney as an Inquirer to the Presbytery of Carlisle from St. Augustine Presbytery.

Rev. Myers recognized Ruling Elder Beth Fine who completed the Commissioned Ruling Elder program.

Report of the Presbytery Leader for Vision and Transformation

Moderator Hollinger invited Rev. Jamie McLeod to give his report as Presbytery Leader for Vision and Transformation. The written report is included as Attachment J.

Rev. McLeod reflected on all the new things that are springing up in our Presbytery. The Presbytery has welcomed at least seven new pastors into the Presbytery in recent years. We are preparing for Weave Week, a new conference for Sr. High Youth. He encouraged the Presbytery to attend Many Voices, One Song in August. He also highlighted regional pastor gatherings as places where we can be attentive to the new ways the Spirit is moving in our midst.

Rev. McLeod concluded by thanking everyone who contributed to allowing the Presbytery meeting to happen including the tech team and the hospitality of Pine Street Presbyterian Church.

Benediction and Adjournment

MSP to adjourn at 9:15 PM

A benediction and prayer was offered by Destini Hodges.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Rev. Sharon Davy
Temporary Stated Clerk**

Attachment A-- Changes to Article V of the By-Laws of the Presbytery of Carlisle

Article V - Meetings

A. Stated Meetings

1. The Presbytery shall hold at least 4 meetings a year, ordinarily one in each quarter. The Coordinating Council shall ordinarily set the dates, times, and locations of the meetings for the coming year by the last Stated Meeting of the current year. The Coordinating Council may change the date, time, and / or location of a particular stated meeting, if needed, and shall ordinarily inform the Presbytery of any change at least 60 Days prior to the meeting date. The presbytery may change a meeting date to avoid conflict with a meeting of a more inclusive governing body, i.e., Synod of the Trinity/General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
2. At least ten days in advance of each stated meeting of the presbytery, the stated clerk (Presbytery Leader for Governance and Congregational Leadership) shall make available the proposed docket and such other items as determined by the Coordinating Council. The order of business on the docket shall be recommended by the Coordinating Council and approved by the presbytery for each stated meeting.

B. Special Meetings

1. Special meetings of the presbytery may be called in conformity with the *Book of Order*. No business other than that listed in the notice of the special meeting shall be transacted.
2. At least ten days in advance of each special meeting of the presbytery, the stated clerk (Presbytery Leader for Governance and Congregational Leadership) shall distribute the notice of the meeting and any accompanying materials.

C. Quorum.

The quorum for any meeting of the presbytery shall be any three Teaching Elder members and the Ruling Elder members present, providing that at least three churches are represented by Ruling Elders.

D. Eligible Voters.

Teaching Elder members of the presbytery who are active members or members-at-large are eligible voters. In addition to Ruling Elder commissioners elected by their sessions, each Ruling Elder elected to be (a) an officer of the presbytery, (b) chair of a committee, (c) member of the Coordinating Council, (d) a Commissioned Ruling Elder (e) interim executive presbyter, or (f) moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Carlisle shall be enrolled as a member of the presbytery for their term of service, whether or not commissioned by their session. In order to attend to an imbalance of ministers and elders who are entitled to vote at presbytery meetings (in accordance with G-3.0301), all Ruling Elders, who are in the Commissioned Ruling Elder training program or who have completed the Commissioned Ruling Elder training program are designated to have voice and vote at presbytery meetings. This privilege shall include participation in the deliberation and work of the presbytery by attendance, voice and vote at all meetings of the presbytery. Any person elected to a position named in the second sentence of this section, who is not a Ruling Elder, shall be an ex-officio member of the presbytery with voice but without vote. During their term of service in an educational ministry under the jurisdiction of the presbytery, Certified Christian Educators are entitled to the privilege of the floor with voice only at all presbytery meetings, and in the case of Certified Christian Educators who are ruling elders, the privilege of voice and vote at all its meetings.

E. Open Meeting Policy.

The presbytery shall conduct its meetings in accordance with its Open Meeting Policy. The policy shall be maintained in the Leadership Handbook.

Attachment B

IV. Standing Rules of the Presbytery of Carlisle

1. Standing rules of the presbytery and the permanent entities elected by the presbytery may be adopted or amended by a majority vote of those members present and voting at any stated meeting of the presbytery when the complete substance of such action has been proposed in writing at the previous stated meeting of the presbytery or due notice of the proposed action has been given to each member of the presbytery with the call of the present stated meeting. No proposed action may conflict with the *Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)* or the Bylaws of the Presbytery of Carlisle. Standing rules of the presbytery and the permanent entities elected by the presbytery may be suspended for the duration of any meeting of the presbytery by a two-thirds vote of those members present and voting with the provision that such action does not conflict with the *Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)* or the Bylaws of the Presbytery of Carlisle.
2. The docket of each stated meeting will be planned by the Coordinating Council, utilizing action teams to plan a variety of worship, learning, and mission experiences. All stated meetings of the presbytery will include worship that draws upon different musical traditions and variety of prayer forms. Over the course of the year, the presbytery's worship will include the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper as well as the necrology of Ruling Elders who died in the previous year and the installation of the new Moderator and Vice Moderator.
3. The location of stated meetings will be determined by the Coordinating Council in consultation with the Executive Presbyter and the Stated Clerk. The Coordinating Council will endeavor to choose locations for meetings that best serve the presbytery.
4. Stated meetings of the presbytery shall be conducted making maximum use of consent agendas and omnibus motions. The conduct of the meeting shall comply with orders of the day. In order to insure the accuracy and understanding of motions and amendments from the floor of a presbytery meeting, the Moderator, at his or her discretion, may ask for said motions and amendments to be in writing using the "Motion/Amendment Form" copies of which shall be made available to those making such motions.
5. A call to the meeting, including the proposed docket or special meeting agenda, will be distributed electronically to each church and to all members of the presbytery. Churches shall be responsible for distribution of items to ministers, elder commissioners and any others attending the meeting. All meeting materials will ordinarily be posted to the presbytery web-site approximately 10 days prior to the meeting.
6. The Moderator shall call a special meeting of the presbytery at the request of three Teaching Elders and three Ruling Elders, the Ruling Elders being of different churches. Should the Moderator be unable to act, the Stated Clerk shall under the same conditions, issue the call. The purpose of the special meeting shall be clearly stated in the call. These may be called for purposes such as education, interpretation, or preliminary study of essential topics, examination for ordination etc.

Attachment C

2025 Presbytery Statistical Report

Presbytery Carlisle
Address 1801A Colonial Rd., Harrisburg, PA 17112
Phone 717-737-6821 **Fax**
Email office@carlislepbby.org
Web Site



Membership			
Prior Active Members	7636	Adjusted membership	7640
Gains		Losses	
Certificate	35	Certificate	42
Youth Professions	33	Deaths	181
Professions & Reaffirmations	82	Deleted for any Other Reason	280
Total Gains	150	Total Losses	503
Total Ending Active Members	7287		
Baptisms			
Presented by Others	29	Average Weekly Worship Attendance	2692
At Confirmation	5	Friends of the Congregation	790
All Other	13	Ruling Elders on Session	328
		Do you have Deacons? Yes / No	28 / 7
Age Distribution of Active Members		People with Disabilities	
17 & Under	188	Hearing impairment	293
18 - 25	361	Sight impairment	102
26 - 40	720	Mobility impairment	470
41 - 55	1036	Other impairment	334
56 - 70	1601		
Over 70	2320	Gender Distribution	
Total Age Distribution	6226	Women	3854
		Men	2463
		Non-Binary	0
Youth in Congregation			
Age 4 and under	131	Middle School (6th – 8th grade)	141
Elementary School (K-5th grade)	252	High School (9th – 12th grade)	173
		Total Youth	697
Racial Ethnic			
Asian/Pacific Islander/South Asian	77	Native American/Alaska Native/Indigenous	1
Black/African American/African	92	White	6043
Middle Eastern/North African	8	Multiracial	23
Hispanic/Latino-a	28		
		Total Racial Ethnic	6272
Budgeted Income	12,358,676		
Budgeted Expense	13,232,548		
Receipts			
Regular Contributions	10,241,235	Bequests	726,067
Capital Building Fund	1,572,844	Other Income	1,136,746
Investment Income	4,540,917	Subsidy or Aid	31,700
Expenditures			
Local Program	11,277,420	Investment Expenditures	911,819
Local Mission	850,407	Per Capital Apprt	202,888
Capital Expenditures	2,517,346	Other Mission	683,037

Attachment D

**Report of the Temporary Stated Clerk
Rev. Sharon Davy
April 28, 2026**

Items for Action

None

Items for Information

Reading of Presbytery Meeting Minutes

Thank you to TE Kevin Long (Intertwined) and RE Sally Kammerer (Big Spring) for reading the minutes of the February 7, 2026 Presbytery meeting!

Reported to the Office of the General Assembly

2025 Church Summary

2025 Minister Summary

Ordination of Rebecca Lister and Transfer of her membership to Shenandoah Presbytery.

Annual Statistical Reporting

35 of 39 Churches in Carlisle Presbytery submitted their Statistical Reports to the IUA.

Terms of Call

Of 39 Churches in Carlisle Presbytery,

2026 Session Records Review

There are three opportunities for Session Clerks to bring their minutes for review. Thank you to Alison Smith and Graham Fowler for coordinating these reviews.

- Wednesday, April 22 at 6:30 pm at Camp Hill Presbyterian Church and via Zoom
- Saturday, April 25 at 9:30 at Duncannon Presbyterian Church
- Saturday, May 2 at 9:30 am at Central Presbyterian Church in Chambersburg

Permanent Judicial Commission

The IC for the PJC completed its work and submitted an Alternate Resolution to the PJC for approval. The PJC approved the Alternate Resolution.

Attachment E

REPORT OF THE CARLISLE PRESBYTERY PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION

Rev. Anthony Lorenz,
Elder William McHenry,
Lisa Bloser, James Crowther
Jane Graham, Jeanne Grane
(complainants)

Vs.

Rev. Dr. Steven Melton
(respondent)

DECISION AND ORDER

Disciplinary Case 2024-1

Arrival Statement

This case came before the Carlisle Presbytery Permanent Judicial Commission (CPPJC) when a written complaint was filed against Rev. Dr. Steven Melton by Rev. Anthony Lorenz. The Complaint was joined by Elder William McHenry, Lisa Bloser, James Crowther, and Jane Graham, Jeanne Grane.

Jurisdictional Statement

The CPPJC finds that it has jurisdiction per D-7.0301, as Rev. Melton is a member of Carlisle Presbytery at the time of the complaint; the facts of the case that gave rise to the complaint have been shown to be true by virtue of Rev. Melton's guilty plea in court.

History

On November 27 Elder William McHenry was notified by Rev. Dr. Melton of his arrest. That notification was quickly followed by news accounts of the incident. On December 2, 2024, Rev. Lorenz filed charges against Rev. Dr. Melton accusing him of *committing the offense of violating his ordination vows by patronizing prostitutes and patronizing victims of human trafficking contrary to Holy Scripture and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA)*. The "Magisterial District Judge 09-3-03 Docket Number MJ-09303-CR-0000305-2024, Criminal Docket, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania v. Steven R. Melton" was attached. The complaint further alleged that Rev. Dr. Steven R. Melton regularly visited a massage parlor in Carlisle PA from about April 23, 2023 until September 2024, where he paid prostitutes for sex. Among the prostitutes are to be found alleged victims of human trafficking. The original complaint was joined by 5 other complainants, as noted above.

On December 1, 2024, the Session of the Big Spring Presbyterian Church voted to indicate its preference to place Rev. Dr. Melton on Administrative Leave. The CPPJC, convened a Special Committee to determine whether Administrative Leave would be required. On December 11, 2024, the Special Committee reported that they did not conclude that imposition of administrative leave pursuant to D-7.09 was required. However, based on the church's preference, with input from the Commission on Ministry (COM), a leave of absence was negotiated with Rev. Melton. The parties later agreed to dissolve the call between Rev. Dr. Melton and Big

Spring Presbyterian Church as of January 9, 2025. At that time COM also acted to prohibit Dr. Melton from duties of ministerial office in the Presbytery of Carlisle and also prohibit him from seeking a new call in any other presbytery of the PCUSA. Dr. Melton then moved to retired status on January 12, 2025.

An Investigating Committee (IC) was formed in January 2025. In February 2025 the IC requested an extension to the pursuant to D-7.1501, which states that an IC must file charges within one year of the date of the IC's first meeting. The request was made due to Rev. Dr. Melton's case coming up in civil court, and the request was granted to extend the deadline until 6 months after the conclusion of the investigation and any resulting trial undertaken by the civil authorities. (D-7.1501a.) In September 2025 Rev. Dr. Melton pled guilty; he was sentenced in October 2025.

After the conclusion of the secular case against Rev. Melton, the IC offered an Alternative Resolution for the case. On February 26, 2026 the IC notified the Temporary Stated Clerk of Carlisle Presbytery, that an Alternative Resolution (AR) agreement had been reached and signed by the IC and Rev. Dr. Melton. The Temporary Stated Clerk notified immediately the PJC (per D-9.0101b) which met and voted unanimously to approve the AR in full.

Summary of the Alternative Resolution

Rev. Dr. Steven Melton has been accused of sexual misconduct and the abuse of a vulnerable person, in violation Scripture and the Constitution of the PCUSA.

The Investigating Committee completed its investigation and drafted charges, though the charges have not been filed. The IC does not believe that restorative justice or mediation is appropriate to this case, due to the nature of the charges. The IC does believe that restoration is possible as Rev. Dr. Melton has shown repentance. It is the finding of the IC that Rev. Dr. Melton must be censured for justice to be done to the community and those injured by his actions.

In summary, Rev. Dr. Melton must plead guilty to the draft charges of the IC; comply with sanctions imposed by civil authorities; comply with conditions of probation resulting from criminal proceedings; agree to temporary exclusion from the exercise of ordered ministry for a period of 3 years (from March 3, 2026); submit to being under care of the Presbytery of Carlisle and comply with all requirements of its commissions, including but not limited to counseling; comply with requirements of D-9.0105, including specifically but not limited to section d (Effects of Temporary Exclusion from the Exercise of Ordered Ministry.)

Funds Report March, 2026

	Balance			Balance
Small Church Leadership	12/31/2025	Income	Distributions	3/31/2026
Mission and Grants				
Holy Land Travel	6,688	0	0	6,688
Ministry & Mission Support	9,314	0	0	9,314
Small Church Leadership	5,486	0	0	5,486
Pastor's Sabbatical Fund	15000	0	0	15,000
Preparation for Ministry				
Prep for Ministry	215	0	0	215
CPE - New for 2026	9,500	1,500	0	11,000
Education - New for 2026	2,000	15,000	(2,500)	14,500
Exams - New for 2026	0	700	(180)	520
Assesment - New for 2026	0	11,400	0	11,400
Total CPM	11,715	28,600	(2,680)	37,635
Coordinating Council				
PI Residual	37,022	0	0	37,022
Minister's Emergency	2,523	1,018	(827)	2,714
Presbytery Designated Missions				
Honduras				
Partnership	16,431	0	0	16,431
Scholarship Fund	7,974	2,902	0	10,876
Legal Reserve Fund	5,000	0	0	5,000
New Worshipping Communities	128,119	92	(60,000)	68,211
Intertwined	(25,626)	37,196	(18,951)	(7,381)
The Circle	5,191	36,498	(20,019)	21,670
Peacemaking Offering	5,955	0	0	5,955
TOTAL	230,793	106,306	(102,476)	234,622

Attachment G

Commission on Ministry Report to Presbytery April 28, 2026

Since the November Meeting of Presbytery, the Commission on Ministry has taken the following actions:

- Approved the COA between Rev. Brand Eaton and Great Conewago
- Approved the dissolution of call between Rev. Anthony Saturno and St. James
- Approved the COA between Rev. Allison Smith and Market Square
- Validated the ministry of Rev. Don Opitz at Grove City College
- Granted an exemption to Rev. Martha Spong recognizing her ordination in the United Church of Christ, transferred her membership from the UCC and enrolled her in Carlisle Presbytery, and validated her coaching ministry.
- Approved dissolution of the call between Rev. Kristal Smith and the Presbytery of Carlisle.
- Approved renewal of the COA between Rev. Christopher Schwab and Central.
- Approved renewal of the COA between Rev. Ed Blank and Middle Spring.
- Approved the dissolution of the COA between Rev. Ed Blank and Middle Spring.
- Approved Temporary Membership for Rev. Tracey Perry in the Presbytery of Carlisle, requiring Rev. Perry to take and pass approved courses in Presbyterian Polity and Reformed Theology before she is installed as pastor, directed the clerk to ask for a letter of dismissal from the Disciples of Christ.
- Appoint Rev. Scott Bowerman to moderate the congregational meeting for election of Rev. Perry on April 12, 2026
- Appointed Rev. Mark Medina as Moderator for Mt. Olivet
- Appointed Rev. Nancy McClure as Moderator for St. James
- Approved transfer of Rev. Andrew Hostetter to Donegal Presbytery
- Approved Installation Commission of Drew McFayden for January 18, 2026
- The renewal of the Covenant of Agreement between the Rev. Megan Boozer (ECO, retired) and the Falling Spring Church, Chambersburg.
- Approved the Installation Commission for the Rev. Brian Moss as pastor of the Lower Marsh Creek Church, Gettysburg Sunday, May 17, 2026 at 3:00pm:
 - Gary Hollinger (RE, Silver Spring and Moderator of Presbytery)
 - Janice Tiedeck (TE, Monaghan)
 - Susan Nunamaker (RE, Lower Marsh Creek)
 - Lynn Miller (TE, Christ, Camp Hill)
 - Kelly Jones (RE, Gettysburg)
- Appointed Rev. Scott Bowerman temporary moderator of the Middle Spring Church effective April 27, 2026.
- Added the Rev. Chris Schwab (UCC pastor) to the Pulpit Supply list.
- Transferred the Rev. Rebecca Lister to Shenandoah Presbytery effective April 9, 2026.
- Approved the Covenant of Agreement between the Pine Street Church and the Rev. Scott Miller to serve as Parish Associate effective April 9, 2026.

- Approved a grant to the Monaghan Church in the amount of \$2,800.00 from the Board of Pensions Assistance Grant Fund.
- Approved The Session of Paxton Church to call a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing the Rev. John Green as *Pastor Emeritus*, a position without compensation, authority, or duty.

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Attachment H

The Presbytery of Carlisle

Associate Pastor Nominating Committee Guidelines

An Associate Pastor serves the congregation by way of direct accountability to the session, and their call is independent from that of the Pastor. According to the Book of Order, “The relationship of an associate pastor to a congregation is not dependent upon that of a pastor.” (G-2.0504a) Thus, an Associate Pastor’s call process is conducted by an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) elected by the congregation for that purpose. The role of the Pastor (Head of Staff) in that call process is limited to appropriate counsel to the APNC, as specified below.

The position of Associate Pastor is different from the former role of an Assistant Pastor (which the PCUSA removed as a pastoral category in the 1980s). An Assistant Pastor served the Head of Staff directly as a ministry assistant. The Associate Pastor may be supervised by the Pastor but is accountable to the whole congregation in the same way as the Pastor.

While the Pastor does not direct the work of the APNC, it is important for the APNC to consult with the Pastor as it seeks to discern whom it will nominate to the congregation as Associate Pastor. To maintain that balance appropriately, COM advises the APNC as follows.

When an Associate Pastor search is being conducted, the APNC shall conduct its process in a way that assures that:

- The Associate Pastor position description is reviewed and supported by the Pastor;
- the nominee has the endorsement of the Pastor;
- the APNC maintains full ownership of the search process, without undue influence from the Pastor;
and
- Confidentiality of applicants is fully protected. Toward this end, COM advises that the Pastor:
 - participate in the initial APNC meeting with COM representative and/or presbytery branch minister;
 - have access to all PDPs throughout the APNC process;
 - be given opportunity to speak to the APNC about particular candidates in an advisory capacity at any stage of the process;

Attachment I

**Report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry
Buz Meyers, Chair**

Since the November Meeting of the Presbytery of Carlisle, the CPM has taken the following actions:

- Enrolled Rob Cochran as a Candidate.
- Transferred Jan Loudin-Maloney as an Inquirer to the Presbytery of Carlisle from St. Augustine Presbytery.
- Enrolled Donald Miller (RE, Capital) into the Presbytery of Carlisle Commissioned Ruling Elder program.
- Appointed Lynn Miller as Liaison to Jan Loudin-Maloney.
- Appointed Don Bowerman as liaison to Don Miller.
- Certified that Beth Fine is ready to be Commissioned.

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Attachment J

The Report of the Presbytery Co-Leader for Vision and Transformation

April 28, 2026 Meeting of the Presbytery

At the April meeting of the Coordinating Council, Presbytery Moderator, Gary Hollinger offered these words from the prophet Isaiah as a challenge to our body. He read from the 43rd chapter, “Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?” and he asked us to consider what new things the presbytery might be about in the coming months. In many ways, we, as a presbytery have already accepted that challenge and I would like to take a few minutes to reflect on all the newness that is taking place among the faithful in our little corner of the Presbyterian world.

To start, we have entered into a season of welcoming new pastors into our number even as many churches are in various stages of transformation and transition. A couple weeks ago, I was at the Middle Spring Presbyterian Church as they welcomed Pastor Tracey Perry, who I believe is on zoom with us tonight, to become their new pastor and help write their next chapter. Brian Moss has begun his work at Lower Marsh Creek. James Calvin Davis will soon begin the next phase of his life serving Central Presbyterian in Chambersburg. In total, over the last couple of years, we have welcomed at least 7 new pastors into our numbers and they have infused us with new ideas and visions for a better tomorrow.

We are also at work bringing a conception of a youth conference to life. You have heard me say and write many times that Weave Week is coming and it certainly is. We have planned a wonderful week of speakers, activities, worship, and fun and now all we need is for your youth age folks (grades rising 9th through graduated 12th) to register.

Each of you received a flyer this evening with a QR code that will take you to the registration page for Weave Week and I am certain that all of you have someone in your life who could benefit from a week of Presbyterianism in all its forms. And the best part of the week is that all this, the speakers, the activities, the worship, the fun day at Hershey Park, is only \$25 per person. That is not a typo. Just \$25. So, think really hard about who in your orbit could use a week long youth retreat weaving around Central PA and exploring what it means to be a missional church.

At the same time, we are busily planning a presbytery-wide worship event that will take place August 30th at 4:00 in the afternoon at Second Presbyterian in Carlisle. There will be choirs and hand-bells and fantastic preaching from the wonderful Rev.

Cece Armstrong. We could not be more excited about coming together as over 7,000 Presbyterians and 40-some congregations to worship God, walk with Jesus, and move with the very movement of the Holy Spirit. There is lots of work going into this and someone at your church has volunteered to be an ambassador for the service so be looking out for more information to come about this great event in the life of the presbytery.

Finally, I want to tell you about something that I am excited about going on in the life of the presbytery—the return of Regional Pastor Gatherings. We have been doing this since last October and they have been a huge success for the presbytery. They have been so well-received in fact that the presbytery has offered resources to help these four gatherings of pastors to start new ministries in the presbytery and I can’t wait to tell you the

ideas that they come up with in our next round of meetings. So please keep these in your prayers as we explore together what new things the Holy Spirit is leading us to.

Friends, this is a season of exploring what new thing God is doing in our midst and as we proceed, we look forward to hearing about what your visions are for the future of the presbytery, as well. I'm always available for a cup of coffee or to break bread together, so, please feel free to reach out to me. I love to hear your stories and dream dreams together of what the future might bring.

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Attachment K—Roll of Attendance

Retired and Non Parish

Name	St	Pr	Ex
Beltzner, Doug	HR		
Best, Charles	HR	X	
Black, Jon	HR		
Bowerman, Scott	HR		
Bowne, Dale	HR		
Boyer, Rick	HR		
Bradburn, W. Wilson	HR		
Buffaloe, Marie	HR		
Carroll, Karin	HR		
Carter, Kent	NP		
Christopher, Donna	NP		
Conklin, Nancy	HR		
Dietz, Peter	NP		
Derrickson, Barbara	HR		
Derrickson, Paul	HR		
Dunn, Arlene	NP		
Englund-Krieger, Mark	HR		
Francis, Dale	HR		
Folts, Thomas	NP		
Galen, Cheryl	HR		
Gordon, Gene	HR		
Green, John	HR		
Hammann, William	HR		
Houtz, Richard	HR		
Humphrey, Bruce	HR	X	
Jessen, Charles	HR		
Kamau, Johnson	AL		
Kline, Darlene	HR		
Langer, Rebecca	HR		
Martin-Minnich, Ron	HR	X	
Mater, Jeanette	HR		
McCall, Myrtle	HR		
McClure, Nancy	HR		
McKenna, Jennifer	HR		
Medina, Mark	HR		
Meilands, Pam	HR		
Melton, Stephen	**		
Miller, Scott	HR	X	
Morgan, Troy	NP		
Myers, Anne	HR		
Myers, Charles	NP	X	
Opitz, Don	NP		
Pace, Art	HR		
Park, John C	HR		

Potter, Donald	HR		
Reinert, Nancy	HR		
Reitz, James	HR		
Rhoades, Robert	HR		
Richwine, James	HR		
Ross, Anne M.	HR		
Roach, Timothy	HR		
Schmidt, John	HR		
Sheffield, Dick	HR		
Sigler, Heather	HR		
Sproat, John	HR		
Stewart, Anne	NP		
Stockstill, Andrew	NP		
Strauss, Sandra	NP		
Sullivan, Russel	HR		
Sweet, Tom	HR		
Thomas, Thomas D.	HR		
Trask, Edward	HR		
Uittenbogaard, Roger	HR		
Uittenbogaard, Susan	HR		
Van Hise, Angelina	HR		
Van Hise, Larry	HR		
Van Schenkhof, Carol	HR		
Velthius, Stephen	NP		
Veon-Nyiri, Candace	NP		
Wadlington, Derek	NP		
Washburn, Mary	HR		
West, Howard	NP		
Wiant, Kelly	NP		
Williams, Dale	HR	X	
Winsheimer, Harry	HR		
Work, Galen	HR		
Wright, David	HR		
Yaroschuk, Kathryn	NP		
Yates-Brungraber, Kathy	NP		

HR members are automatically excused unless otherwise indicated.
 HR—Honorably Retired
 NP—Non-Parish

Installed TEs

Name	St	Pr	Ex
Armstrong, Mark	AL		
Blank, Edward	P	X	
Bowerman, Lucy	P		
Bowerman, David	P		
Chase, Lisa	P	X	
Cook, Robert	P		
Eaton, Brand**	P		
Fowler, Graham	P	X	
Gauthier, Vernon	P		
Gibelius, Jeff	P	X	
Gray, Shawn	P	X	
Hart, Andrew	V		
Jenkins, Stanley	P	X	
Johnston, Kathryn	P	X	
Jorgensen, Richard	P	X	
Kang, Inho	P		
Keuhn, Lon	P	X	
Long, Kevin	OP	X	
Lorenz, Anthony	P	X	
McClure, Caleb	P	X	
McFayden, Drew	P		
Miller, Lynn	P	X	
Morgan, Robin	P		
Moss, Brian	P	X	
Mott, Leslie	AL	X	
Neubaum, Christian	P		
Poteet, Margaret	P		
Reeves-Schwab, Rachel	AL		
Robinson, Matthew R.	AL		
Schwab, Chris	POD		
Seelman, Stuart	P	X	
Smith, Allison	P	X	
Smith, Kristal	AL		
Sutphin, Emily	AL		
Tiedeck, Janice	P	X	
Viau, Laura	P		
Vickery, Caroline	P	X	
Wahlig, Donald	P	X	
Whitaker, Stephen	P		

REs Commissioned/ Commissionable

Name	Church
Judy Bostdorf	Hope United
Neil McCulloch	Dickinson

Visitors

Name	Church/Organization
Ryan Croft	Krislund
Destini Hodges	Capital/ PCUSA
Kristen Herman	Downtown Daily Bread
Marisa White	Capital
Elliot Robinson	Capital
Jeanette Robinson	Capital
Elise Rogers	Pine Street
George Kunkle	Pine Street
Jan Maloney	Gettysburg
Michael Putt	Pine Street
Robert Kerr	Pine Street

REC allotment—plus one for each church for parity
 0-500=1
 501-1000=2
 1001-1500=3
 1501-2000=4
 2001+=5

Ruling Elder Coms

Church	Elder Coms	# of REC
Big Spring		2
Camp Hill	Abby Tierney Beth Fine	2
Capital		2
Central	Douglas Vanderau	2
Centre	RuthAnn Schoenfelt	2
Christ, CampHill	William Young	2
Derry		3
Dickinson		2
Duncannon	Larry Gildner Lucinda Novinger	2
East Waterford		2
Faith Immanuel	Elise Kelly Berry Michelle Beck	2
Falling Spring		3
First, Carlisle	Deb Ryerson Vicki McLaughlin	2
First United, Newville		2
Gettysburg	Tom Kolmer	2
Great Conewago	Colleen Reamer Al Homiak	2
Greencastle		2
Harrisburg Korean		2
Highland United	Bill McHenry Cecile Willet	2
Hope United		2

Lost Creek	Kathy Schrack	2
Lower Marsh Creek	Dana McDonald	2
Lower Tuscarora		2
Market Square		2
McConnellsburg		2
McCoysville		2
Mechanicsburg	Martha Spong	2
Middle Spring		2
Monaghan	Kathleen Wells Lincoln Milner	2
Mt. Olivet		2
Paxton	Geoffrey Vinton Margaret Poteet	2
Pine Street	Becky Cotich Eileen Kunkle	2
Presby Cong Middletown		2
Second		2
Silver Spring	Cheryl Moore Alan Flenner Ashley Ringquist	3
St. Andrews	Fredrik Borger Virginia Badger	2
St. James	Barbara Hughes	2
Upper West Conococheague		2
Warfordsburg		2
Waynesboro		2
Wells Valley	Janice Helsei	2
Westminster		2

Other Attendees Not Listed Elsewhere			
Former Moderators	Members of Council	Committee Chairs	Christian Eds
	Gary Hollinger-Mod	Betsy Neilson	
	Jamie McLeod- EP		
	Sharon Davy- SC		
	Rose Jewell- Jordan		
	Debby Madden		

REGISTERED ATTENDANCE			
Teaching Elders	25	Corresponding Members	0
Ruling Elder Commissioners	31		
Ruling Elder Officers / Council / Committee Chairs	6	Visitors	11
Ruling Elder Certified Christian Educators	0	Presbytery Staff without vote	
Ruling Elder Former Moderators	0	Other	0
Ruling Elder Special Representatives (PW)		33 Congregations represented	
CREs in pastoral service	2		
Not currently serving	1		
TOTAL VOTING	65	TOTAL NON-VOTING	11
TOTAL IN ATTENDANCE			76