

Highlights of the 186th Stated meeting of the Presbytery and our 1st official Zoom meeting

The presbytery had 129 folks on our first zoom presbytery meeting! There were a few bumps, but a good job was done by all.

Thank you to TE Rachel Crumley and TE Kate Rascoe for organizing a meaningful worship experience.

We welcomed David Staninus from the Presbyterian Historical Society who gave a short reminder of what the historical society does for us as a denomination.

We welcomed Martha Reisner from the Board of Pensions who gave us an update on what the Board has to offer in 2021.

We heard the report from our General Assembly Commissioners.

We elected more folks to committees of the Presbytery.

We passed an additional statement concerning Black women and Girls to be added to the General Assembly's "Responding to the Sin of Racism and a Call to Action". Our statement will be sent to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, the Rev. J. Herbert Nelson, and will be circulated to our congregations.

The Committee on Church Vitality and Transformation (CCVT) welcomed representatives from Trinity Presbyterian Church in Harrisonburg to share what they have been doing during this unusual time of the pandemic.

We passed the recommendations from the Committee on Relational Ministry to update the Sabbatical Policy for installed pastors and the Salary Policy for Installed Pastors.

A special thank you to our Moderator RE Rick Comstock for keeping us on course, to our chair of the Coordinating and Planning Commission TE Rachel Crumley for volunteering to take us through how to participate in the meeting and to RE Donna Lanaghan, the communications director for the presbytery who put in extra time to make this meeting possible. Well done good and faithful servants!

Our next stated meeting is Tuesday November 17, 2020 and currently is scheduled to be by zoom.