

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS
NOVEMBER 17, 2020
ZOOM PRESBYTERY MEETING

Committee on Pastoral Transition

ACTIONS TAKEN:

- A. Sustained the examination of Teaching Elder Loren Tate Mitchell (Peaks Presbytery) and received TE Mitchell as a member of Shenandoah Presbytery effective December 1, 2020. (See pages S2-3 for bio and faith statement)
- B. Approved the following terms of call between the New Providence Church and Teaching Elder Loren Tate Mitchell beginning December 1, 2020:

Annual Cash Salary	\$47,500
Use of Manse	16,530
Utilities, furnishing and appurtenances allowance	3,600
Housing Equity	3,000
Dental Insurance	1,000
Automobile Expenses	1,200
Books and Subscriptions	500
Continuing Education	1,700
Major Medical	17,908
Pension and Disability	8,596
SECA	3,909

Moving expenses to the field (\$5,000 maximum),

Four weeks annual paid vacation, including four Sundays.

Two weeks annual study leave with pay, including two Sundays. Funds and leave time may be accumulated up to and including three years with agreement of the Session.

The Parental Leave Policy for the Presbytery of Shenandoah (rev. February 11, 2017) shall be in effect.

The Church Family and Medical Leave Policy for the Presbytery of Shenandoah (rev. February 11, 2017) shall be in effect.

In the event of your total disability or death, your family will be allowed to remain in the manse for six months and will receive a sum equivalent to your salary for three months.

A sabbatical at the end of six years will be offered as outlined in the Shenandoah Presbytery Sabbatical Policy at <http://www.shenpres.org/forms.html>. The church shall budget from the first year of service money that can be accrued for the use of the session in meeting any additional expenses required to provide alternative leadership for the church during the Sabbatical. The annual amount will be \$1,000.

LOREN TATE MITCHELL
STATEMENT OF FAITH

I believe in the one God creator and redeemer of all in existence. I believe that we as the created are fully dependent on God, and God is completely independent from ourselves and yet God's work in creation is perpetual. I believe in the Holy Trinity. Jesus Christ is son of God both fully man and fully divine in nature. I believe that Jesus Christ lived among us, was crucified, buried and on the third day Christ rose from the dead to sit at the right hand of God. The Holy Spirit emanates from God and Son and is at work in us all. I believe in the forgiveness of our sins through Jesus Christ and the resurrection of the body into a life everlasting.

I believe in abiding by Christ's example in love and humility for all of God's creation. I believe in God's grace despite the sin that resides in us all. I believe that God's love abounds for all of humanity despite race, creed, gender, or sexual orientation and as such we too should love without bounds and be gracious to others as God has so been to us. I believe that God's creation illustrates that God can be seen among us. Our differences show that God cannot be bound by any limitations, that God's traits and diversities are limitless.

The Holy Scripture is a lens through which the ways of God are better revealed to us. I believe that while the Bible was written by the hands of men, they are divinely inspired by God. I trust in the necessity of the Holy Spirit at work in order to understand the interpretation of the scriptures. In the Bible we can learn of God's work in history as well as Jesus' ministry of compassion and humility. Our own lives should mirror him in actions and teachings to become better disciples.

The sacraments are the holy sign and seal of God's covenant of Grace with us, and are traditions found in the Holy Scripture as being administered by Christ. I believe that the Holy Spirit is present in the sacraments and it is by this power that the sacraments are effectual, not by any work of man. I believe the sacrament of baptism is a sign and seal of ingrafting into Christ, in which we die with Christ and rise into new life with Christ. It is by baptism that we are admitted into the visible church and profess our belonging to God. The Eucharist is the joyful feast by which we receive bread, wine and spiritual nourishment. This meal should be administered frequently as it renews our mutual fellowship and commitment to God. In the Lord's Supper we remember that Christ gave his body and blood broken for the forgiveness of our sins on the cross and we give thanks.

I believe in the universal church, comprised of all believers; past, present, and future. With the many members of the church we make the body of Christ, with Christ as the head of the church. As the Body of Christ in the world we gather together in a corporate life, as we cannot truly find salvation without a community of faith that encourages us. We disperse from this body into the world to live the Christian life, endowed by the Holy Spirit with gifts of ministry and witness. The church sets apart ordained offices in order to provide leadership and oversight for the church universal and local. The PC (USA) Constitution consists of two parts, the Book of Confessions which are used to further the interpretation and understanding of the Holy Scriptures, to illuminate God's work throughout history in tangible ways, and the Book of Order to govern the body. Both illustrate to us a church that is reformed and always reforming.

LOREN TATE MITCHELL
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

I am delighted to introduce myself to you as I have accepted the call to New Providence Presbyterian Church. My name is Loren Tate Mitchell and I am a pastor in good standing with the Presbytery of the Peaks.

I was born and raised in Virginia. I spent much of my childhood in Pittsylvania County, Virginia before my family moved to Bedford, Virginia in my adolescence. I've grown up enjoying the rolling hills and mountains of our area as well as the proximity to drive to the beach! I am an only child; my parents reside in Bedford currently and I enjoy a close relationship with my extended family who are also in the area.

I was baptized in Bedford Presbyterian Church in 1999 at the age of 15 and since then have had amazing opportunities for faith formation in the Presbyterian Church, attending youth conferences, worship and music conferences, and presbytery retreats as both a participant, and later as an adult leader. I attended Hollins University, graduating in 2006 with a degree in English/Creative Writing. From there I attended Union Presbyterian Seminary, graduating in 2010 with a dual master's degrees in Divinity and Christian Education.

As you will see from my information form, I've had a variety of pastoral roles in the Presbyterian Church. My greatest pleasure comes from finding creative ways to engage the Scriptures in study and worship. I find that innovation in faith formation is important for all ages to engage in God's redemptive grace throughout their lives. I consider myself to be a lifelong learner and enjoy exploring new avenues of ministry and partnership.

I currently live in Roanoke with my husband Michael, who I met in college, and our six-year-old son, Kemper. We enjoy spending time together as a family, exploring what our area has to offer for young children and families. We also enjoy a close relationship with both my parents and my in-laws who live in the area. In addition to my sister-in-law and her spouse who live in Maryland, Kemper has the blessing of many "extended aunts and uncles" from our amazing circle of friends. To unwind I enjoy reading, writing, and coloring. Intentionality in eating healthy, exercising daily, and spending designated time in spiritual practices have become foundational in my personal journey.

In my most recent context I served as Temporary Bridge Supply for Mayberry and Bluemont Presbyterian Churches. As they searched for a new permanent pastor, I serve them in variety of ways. I also serve as the Worship Leader for Wild Goose Christian Community in Bonsack, VA. Wild Goose is one of the denominations 1001 New Worshiping Communities.

I very much appreciate the mission and witness of New Providence Presbyterian and look forward to being part of Shenandoah Presbytery.

Committee on Relational Ministry

ACTIONS TAKEN:

- A. Renewed the commissioned ruling elder contract between the Bloomery Session and CRE David Omps from December 1, 2020-December 31, 2021.
- B. Renewed the temporary supply pastor contract between the Lexington Session and TE Kelly-Ann Rayle from December 1, 2020-May 31, 2021.
- C. Renewed the supply pastor contract between the Oxford Session and HR Horace Douty from January 1-December 31, 2021.
- D. Excused the following sessions from the rotation of elders for 2021: Franklin, Springfield, and Tomahawk.

Committee on Nominations

Committee on Educational Resources

Class of 2023: RE Judy LePera (Trinity)

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Vice-Chair: TE Jonathan Ytterock (Mt. Horeb)

Class of 2022: TE Tom Forbes (Keyser/Piedmont)

Committee on Presbytery Administration

Chair: TE Fletcher Hutcheson (Circleville/Seneca Rocks)

Committee on Relational Ministry

Vice-Chair: RE Kim Kline (Franklin)

Coordinating and Planning Commission

Rick Comstock, immediate past presbytery moderator, becomes chair in 2021.

MOFFETT GRANTS FOR 2021

Gerrardstown Presbyterian Church Monthly Free Community Dinners	\$1,050
Highland Food Pantry Emergency Financial Assistance	\$1,400
Loch Willow Presbyterian Church Health Equipment Loan Program	\$ 700
Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center CWS Refugee Resettlement support	\$1,400
Middletown Presbyterian Church Holiday Meals for Food-insecure	\$1,400
Opequon Presbyterian Church Roots and Shoots Garden	\$1,365
St. Luke Community Clinic Prescription Assistance Program	\$1,400
Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church Youth-Activated Mission Ministry	\$1,050
Trinity Presbyterian Church Light the Flame/Keister Elementary School Food Program	\$1,400
Warrenton Presbyterian Church Haven Dinner Program	\$ 500
Westminster Presbyterian Church Summerlee Local Mission	<u>\$ 700</u>
TOTAL	\$12,365