

**Minutes of the
188th Stated Session**

**of the
PRESBYTERY OF SHENANDOAH**

February 27, 2021

Via Zoom

NEXT STATED SESSION

**Tuesday, May 25, 2021
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**Saturday, August 28, 2021
TBA**

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**PRESBYTERY OF SHENANDOAH
MINUTES OF THE 188th STATED MEETING**

The 188th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Shenandoah was held via Zoom at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 27, 2021. Outgoing Moderator Richard Comstock led in prayer.

MEETING INSTRUCTIONS

Associate General Presbyter Nancy Meehan Yao gave detailed procedural instructions for the meeting.

WORSHIP

Worship was led by Teaching Elder Jim Yao of Moorefield Church, Teaching Elder Rachel Crumley of Tuscarora Church and Teaching Elder Bronwen Boswell General Presbyter/Stated Clerk; Ruling Elder Richard Comstock of Trinity Church and Commissioned Ruling Elder Judy Hensley of Union Church. Music by Roger Daggy, Director of Music/Organist and Kimberlea Daggy, Music Associate of Waynesboro First Church; Teaching Elder David Witt and Music Director Susan Homan of Opequon Church. Worship included the installation of the 2021 Moderator, Judy Hensley, Commissioned Ruling Elder of Union Church. Moderator Hensley presided over the remainder of the meeting.

QUORUM AND ENROLLMENT

The Stated Clerk reported that a quorum was present. The final enrollment was as follows:

Adm	Administrator	DYP	Director, Youth Program	P	Pastor
Asst	Assistant	ED	Educator	Prof	Professor
Assoc	Associate	HR	Honorably Retired	SS	Stated Supply
Chap	Chaplain	IA	Interim Associate	Stu	Student
CM	Campus Minister	IN	Inactive	T	Teacher
COP	Co-Pastors	IP	Interim Pastor	TM	Tent Making
Coun	Counselor	ML	Minister-at-Large	TP	Transitional Presbyter
DP	Designated Pastor	OM	Overseas Missionary	WC	Without Charge

(Description code for attendance: P = present E = excused A = absent)

E	Allamon, Karen H.	P	Staunton First	Absent
A	Allen, Donald R., Jr.	HR		
E	Atwood, Roxana M.	HR		
A	Barner, Ann Elizabeth	HR		
A	Barner, Fred Thomas	HR		
P	Bethard, John T.	P	Charles Town	Diane Mayhew
P	Boswell, Bronwen W.	GP/SC		
P	Boswell, Howard W., Jr.	P	Buena Vista	Absent
E	Boyer, Grace Jones	HR		
E	Brandon, Joseph C.	HR		
E	Bridgman, Stewart G.	HR		
P	Brownlee, J. Malcolm	HR		
P	Bunker, Jonathan W.	P	Berryville	Marsha Duckstein
A	Caperton, William G.	HR		
P	Carr, Gwendolyn B.	ML		
P	Carrico, Thomas J., Jr.	P	Finley Memorial	Absent
A	Cathcart, C. Stevens	HR		
P	Channell, Kevin J.	P	Collierstown	Roger Lees
A	Chapman, George W.	ML		
P	Clark, Casey R.	COP	New Monmouth	Absent
P	Clark, Rachel F.	COP	New Monmouth	
E	Condro, Joseph F.	HR		
A	Conrad, Scott A.	Supply	Hot Springs	
A	Corder, William "Lee"	ML		
E	Cornish, Homer T.	HR		

E Cox, C. William	HR		
A Craft, John K.	P	Bethany	Absent
P Cranford, April H.	P	Westminster	Marti Elliott
A Crannell, J. Scott	ML		
P Crumley, Rachel	P	Tuscarora	Janis Hatfield
P Cushwa, John W.	HR		
E Dawkins, Edward C.	Supply	Nineveh	
E Dax, Betty G.	HR		
P Dent, William H., Jr.	HR		
E Dietrich, Richard S.	HR		
A Donohoe, Patricia A.	HR		
A Douty, Horace D.	HR/IP	Oxford	
P Evans, Caroline B.	P	Front Royal	Deanne McVey
E Evans, George W.	HR		
P Everhart, William G.	Supply	Sunnyside	
P Farthing, Stanley H.	Supply	Zetta	
A Fetterman, Amy	Supply	New Providence	
E Field, Robert F.	HR		
E Fisher, Merle L., Jr.	HR		
P Forbes, Thomas H.	P	Keyser	Absent
		Piedmont	Absent
		Bridgewater	Absent
P Foster, M. Kerry	P		
E Franklin, John S.	HR		
E Garrison, John D.	HR		
E Goodman, William R., Jr.	HR		
E Goshorn, Robert D.	HR		
P Greenawalt, Karen J.	P	Gerrardstown	Jessica Grubb
P Groome, Thomas P., III	IP	Lexington	
A Harmon, Melissa L.	ML		
P Hay, Kevin W.	P	Middletown	Absent
E Hay, Thomas D.	HR		
P Held, Ann Reed	HR		
E Hellmuth, Barton L.	HR		
A Hendy, Susanna	ML		
A Hill, Richard H.	Supply	Beulah/Monterey	
E Hill, Robert S., Jr.	HR		
E Hill, Sarah L.	HR		
P Holden, Thomas J., III	HR		
P Hopkins, E. Reed	P	Loch Willow	Merrily Kohler
P Howard, Carl D.	HR		
P Howard, David D.	P	Strasburg	Absent
E Hunt, Patricia	HR		
P Hutcheson, Fletcher, Jr.	P	Circleville	Absent
		Seneca Rocks	Sandy Sites
A Inglis, J. Leslie	HR		
P Johns, James E.	HR		
P Kave, Jacob R.	SS	Broadway	
E Klein, Deborah H.	HR		
E Klein, William M.	HR		
P Lanaghan, Patrick R.	P	Timber Ridge	Donna Lanaghan
P Langdon, J. Bradford	HR/SS	Mt. Hope	
A LaPrade, Lester N., Jr.	HR		
A Lawton, James S.	HR		
A Lewis, Elizabeth	Chap	Westminster-Canterbury	
E Lowe, Emory G.	HR		
E Lown, John W.	HR		
A Lowrance, William J.	HR		
P Lunde, James E., II	P	Warrenton	Bill Greener, III Linda Thompson
E Macbeth, Bruce A.	HR		

A	Martin, Tracie E.	PA	Opequon	
A	McClintock, Lynn	ML		
A	McCoig, Dan M., Jr.	P	Winchester First	Absent Absent Absent
A	McCrary, Elizabeth L.	SS	Waynesboro Second	
P	McDonald, John L.	IP	Falling Waters	
A	McKune, Debra Y.	ML		
A	Miles, Larry C.	HR		
P	Mitchell, Loren T.	P	New Providence	Don Roll
E	Moore, William L.	OM		
E	Muncy, Robert L.	HR		
E	Newman, Howard A.	HR		
P	Newquist, Gusti L.	P	Shepherdstown	Lonce Bailey
P	Noll, Frederick E.	IP	Bethesda	
A	Normington, Seth A.	P	Cooks Creek	Don Myers
P	Osborne, Robert S.	HR		
E	Owen, Jan G.	HR		
A	Painter, William L., Jr.	HR		
P	Peterson, John C.	P	Covenant	Michael Norris Louise Scott
P	Pettit, Ann R.	Assoc	Massanutten	
P	Pettit, Patrick S.	IP	Waynesboro First	
A	Poland, Ernest L. Jr.	ML		
E	Pollock, Richard	HR		
A	Potter, Ronald R.	SS	Bunker Hill	
E	Price, Norman G.	HR		
P	Pyles, Elizabeth A.	P	McDowell	Absent
P	Rascoe, Clayton T.	ML		
P	Rascoe, Kathryn R.	IP	Woodstock	
P	Rayle, Kelly-Ann	PA	Lexington	
E	Reller, Charles K.	HR		
E	Rhyne, C. Thomas	HR		
P	Robertson, Helen	SS	Fairfield	
E	Ross, Anne M.	HR		
E	Ryan, Patrick S.	P	Tinkling Spring	Debra Fitzgerald O'Connell Absent
A	Sale, M. Anderson	HR		
A	Shearer, J. David	ML		
P	Sherman, H. Wray	P	Hermitage	Ronald Brower
P	Sieck, Philip L.	HR		
A	Singleton, Jacob R.	P	Staunton Third	Absent
E	Slider, C. Richard II	HR		
P	Smith, Alexa A.	IP	Berkeley Springs	
E	Smith, Evan R.	P	Staunton Second	Debra Sedr
P	Smith, James M.	P	Mossy Creek	Absent
A	Smith, Nancy A.	ML		
P	Smith, Vanessa M.	P	Hedgesville	Vicki Jenkins
A	Sommer, Philip W.	HR		
P	Sorge, Stephanie	P	Trinity	Judith LePera
E	Stanley, Arthur L.	HR		
E	Stephens, Millard M.	HR		
A	Stow, Elizabeth J.	Chap	Westminster-Canterbury	
A	Summers-Minette, Teresa L.	HR		
E	Swezey, Charles M.	HR		
E	Symons, Charles D., Jr.	HR		
P	Thomas, Aaron Lee	P	Olivet	Absent
A	Thomas, Amanda M.	AP	Winchester First	
E	Thornton, Joel P.	DP	Ivanhoe	Absent
			Wardensville	Absent

A	Tongen, Harold M.	HR		
E	Tremba, Randall W.	HR		
P	Vaughan, Robert C.	P	Romney	Lisa Hileman
E	Vernon, Joseph H. J.	HR		
E	von Oeyen, Jr., Robert	HR		
A	Watkins, John M.	HR		
A	Whiteley, Nancy S.	HR		
E	Wilkens, Jack B.	HR		
A	Wilson, Joan M.	ML		
E	Wilson, Stanton R.	HR		
A	Wing, Andrew P.	ML		
P	Witt, David R.	P	Opequon	Carole Fox Absent
P	Wolf, Sarah	AP	Covenant	
P	Yao, James C.	P	Moorefield	Don Baker
P	Yao, Nancy Meehan	AGP		
E	Young, Betty Jean	HR		
E	Young, Richard O., Sr.	HR		
A	Ytterock, Jonathan A.	P	Mount Horeb	Absent

CHURCHES WITHOUT INSTALLED PASTORS

Augusta Stone	Absent
Ben Salem	Absent
Berkeley Springs	Brice Williams
Bethel	Absent
Bethesda	Absent
Beulah	Absent
Bloomery	Absent
Broadway	Absent
Buckton	Andra Logan
Buffalo Gap	Absent
Bunker Hill	Absent
Burlington	Excused
Burnt	Absent
Clear Brook	Absent
Craigsville	Absent
Elk Branch	Absent
Elkton	Franci Edwards
Fairfield	Bonny Wilson
Falling Waters	Ruth Berg
Franklin	Absent
Glen Kirk	Absent
Goshen	Absent
Halltown	Absent
Hebron	Hannah Bush
Highland Memorial	Absent
Hot Springs	Absent
Immanuel	Absent
Lexington	Pam Luecke Jessica Willett
Little Falls	Absent
Martinsburg First	Absent
Massanutten	Melissa Caldwell Absent
McCutchen	Absent
Millboro	Absent
Monterey	Norma Reynolds
Mount Carmel	Mary Jane Mutispaugh
Mount Hope	Absent
Mount Joy	Absent

Mount Olive	Los Howe
Mount Storm	Absent
Nineveh	Absent
Oxford	Absent
Petersburg	Lila Frye
Pines Chapel	Absent
Rocky Spring	Absent
Ruddle	Absent
Second Opequon	Absent
Slanesville	Denise Rouse
Smyrna	Absent
Springfield	Excused
Sunnyside	Absent
Tabler	Aimee Peters
Tomahawk	Shirley McDaniel
Union	Excused
Waynesboro First	Betsy Ruehl
Waynesboro Second	Absent
Williamsville	Absent
Woodstock	Absent
Zetta	Excused

VOTING RULING ELDERS:

Commissioned Ruling Elders

A Michele Elliott	P Judy Hensley	P Mark Johnson
A Isca Mitchell	A David Omps	E Linda Reece
A Alvin Russell	P Bobby Spurgeon	P Susanne Taylor
A Paul Wolverton		

Voting Ruling Elders of Presbytery Staff or Coordinating and Planning Commission (CPC):

- P Richard Comstock, CPC
- P Donna Lanaghan, Staff (also serving as elected commissioner from Timber Ridge Church)

NON-VOTING VISITORS:

Presbytery Staff

Kim Stroupe

Other

Cindy Corell, Missionary to Haiti
John Dull, Youth Director, Tinkling Spring
Martha Reisner, Board of Pensions

Visitors

JoAnn Harman
Paul Kradel

Nancy Hopkins-Garriss
Rosalea Potter

Betty Inskeep
Timothy Turner

Teaching Elders = 58 Voting Ruling Elders = 47 Additional Guests = 10 TOTAL = 115

WELCOME

The Moderator welcomed everyone to the third Zoom meeting of the Presbytery of Shenandoah.

DOCKET

The docket was revised to eliminate a verbal report from the Committee on New Congregational Development. The docket was approved as revised. (See page 10)

STATED CLERK REPORT

Teaching Elder Bronwen Boswell gave the following report, *which was approved*:

I. FOR INFORMATION:

- A. PJC Reserve List. The roster of former members of the Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC) who may be called when necessary to constitute a quorum (see Book of Order D-5.0206b):
- Class of 2017: David Howard (TE) and Creigh Deeds (RE)
 - Class of 2015: Ed Brown (RE)
 - Class of 2013: Phil Sommer (TE)
- B. Dates for the meetings of Shenandoah Presbytery:
- Tuesday, May 25 = via Zoom
 - Saturday, August 28 = TBD
 - Tuesday, November 16 = TBD
- C. The Stated Clerk presents the list of ruling elders of the churches of the Presbytery who died in 2020. The information listed depends on reports from clerks of sessions of the churches. See pages 11-12
- D. Please see page 21 for informational reports from the Committee on Presbytery Administration and the Coordinating and Planning Commission.
- E. As Presbyterians we are called to recognize that the land, we occupy was taken from those who lived here for generations long before our ancestors landed on its shores. We live on the lands of the native peoples of the Massawomeck, Manahoac and the Monacan. Please learn more information concerning the native congregations of our denomination at presbyterymission.org.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS: (all approved)

- A. That Presbytery excuse from attendance from all or part of this stated meeting those ministers who submit such a request.
- B. That Presbytery receive the minutes of the commission to ordain Teaching Elder Molly Morris found on page 13.
- C. That Presbytery receive the financial summary for the year ending December 31, 2020 as found on pages 14-16.
- D. That Presbytery approve the minutes from the November 17, 2020, meeting of Presbytery as distributed.
- E. It is the policy of Shenandoah Presbytery to allow resident retired minister members who for good reason decide that they will not be participating in the Presbytery's voting for the year to remove themselves from the need to attend and the need to be counted in the Stated Clerk's recommendation for balancing minister/elder voting.

While the Presbytery strongly encourages participation in the full life of the Presbytery, the following have by signed request asked to be automatically excused from Presbytery meetings for the year 2021 indicating they will not be voting and will be "inactive participants" for Presbytery business: (If you are a resident retired minister member of Presbytery and did NOT sign such a form for 2021, you are counted and expected to attend Presbytery.)

Roxana Atwood
Betty Dax
John Garrison
John Lown
Charles Symons, Jr.
Jack Wilkers

Joseph Brandon
Richard Dietrich
Barton Hellmuth
Thomas Rhyne
Randall Tremba

William Cox
Merle Fisher
Patricia Hunt
Richard Slider
Robert von Oeyen, Jr.

- F. Membership and Attendance Balance. Each year the Stated Clerk is required to recommend to Presbytery a way of balancing the representation of ruling elders and ministers (Manual 5.2.2.). The following is the analysis for 2021 (for ministers as of 12/31/20 and church membership as of 12/31/19).

TEACHING ELDERS:

Total Enrollment of Teaching Elders, 12/31/2020..... 155

Active Participants

Installed Pastors 45
 Interims and Supplies..... 19
 Serving in other validated ministries..... 6
 Parish Associates 1
 Members at Large 10
 Resident Honorably Retired (not inactive or infirm) 28
Total Active Participants..... 109

Non-participants for 2021

Resident Honorably Retired requesting to be inactive 16
 Resident Honorably Retired who are infirm 7
 Honorably Retired living outside the bounds of presbytery..... 22
 Overseas Personnel 1
Total Non-Participants 46

TOTAL TEACHING ELDERS PARTICIPATION..... 109

RULING ELDERS:

Ninety-three (93) congregations send one ruling elder 93
 Six congregations send two ruling elders: Covenant, Lexington, Massanutten,
 Opequon, Tinkling Spring, Warrenton..... 12
 One congregation sends three ruling elders: Winchester 1st 3
 Commissioned Ruling Elders for Particular Pastoral Services 10
 Certified Christian Educators serving 0
 Presbytery staff 1
 Ruling elders serving on Coordinating and Planning Commission..... 1
TOTAL POTENTIAL RULING ELDERS PARTICIPATION 120

CONCLUSION: No imbalance exists for 2021

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING MODERATOR

Teaching Elder Bronwen Boswell, General Presbyter/Stated Clerk took a moment to recognize Ruling Elder Rick Comstock who served the Presbytery diligently as Moderator for 2020. Bronwen presented Rick with an engraved Celtic cross along with a few personal gifts.

ONLINE GIVING TO PRESBYTERY

Teaching Elder Bronwen Boswell, General Presbyter/Stated Clerk noted that the Presbytery now has online giving at www.shenpres.org.

ASSOCIATE GENERAL PRESBYTER

Teaching Elder Nancy Meehan Yao noted that the Global Pandemic has been just short of a year. TE Yao reminded us how to be the Church going forward and know that God is with us. TE Yao reminded us of the health guidelines and requirements that still exist from the CDC as well as from the states of Virginia and West Virginia.

BOARD OF PENSIONS

Ruling Elder Martha Reisner, Consultant for the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, gave a presentation on what the Board has to offer in 2021 including new benefit reminders and Covid-19 resources.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES (CER)

Teaching Elder April Cranford, Co-Chair, noted The Big Event will be held September 17 both virtually and in-person at Massanetta Springs Conference Center. College applications are due by June 1, 2021. Scholarships are \$500 each and applications are found at <https://shenpres.org/scholarship-grants/>

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH VITALITY AND TRANSFORMATION (CCVT)

Teaching Elder David Witt, Chair, reported on their ministry since the November Presbytery Meeting. The Committee has awarded 25 grants from the Innovative Worship Fund for technical needs amounting to just under \$20,000. Ruling Elder Rosalea Potter from Collierstown gave a presentation on The Pike Program which is a Pod (learning center) housed at the Collierstown Church for Rockbridge County students. The Pike Program has benefitted tremendously from grants awarded by CCVT. See pages 17-18 for a full written report.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS (CN)

Honorably Retired Teaching Elder Brad Langdon, Chair, presented the following report, *which was approved*:

The Committee recommends that Presbytery elect the following to serve:

Permanent Judicial Commission

Class of 2025: RE Dietrich Maune, Massanutten Church

Synod Commissioner

Class of 2023: RE Kimberly Kline, Franklin Church

There were no nominations from the floor.

COMMITTEE ON MISSION AND OUTREACH (CMO)

Commissioned Ruling Elder Bobby Spurgeon, Chair, introduced Cindy Corell, member of Tinkling Spring, who has served since 2013 as the PCUSA Hunger Program co-worker to Haiti. Cindy gave a presentation of her work in Haiti as Companionship Facilitator.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Moderator Judy Hensley and Ruling Elder Rick Comstock led the Body in prayer remembering the many persons and causes that members of Shenandoah Presbytery had called to our attention. The Body remembered those names in the necrology report of Ruling and Teaching Elders from 2020.

COMMITTEE ON PASTORAL TRANSITION (CPT)

Teaching Elder Patrick Pettit, Chair, reported on the Committee's actions taken during their meetings December-February. See page 19 for a full written report.

TE Pettit introduced Teaching Elder Alexis Smith who is the new interim pastor at Berkeley Springs Church. TE Smith was asked to provide the Body with a brief introduction of herself as well as one thing she has learned about ministry during the Pandemic. Teaching Elder Gusti Newquist, pastor of Shepherdstown Church, spoke of her previous work with TE Smith and asked her to elaborate on how ministering the Sacraments are part of her pastoral journey.

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY (CPM)

Teaching Elder Kate Rascoe, Chair, reminded the Body of the purpose of CPM and how they are doing the work of the Presbytery. The Committee has finished the process with Molly Morris who has received a call to Dekalb, Illinois. The Committee has approved new inquirer Bobby Snell of Tinkling Springs Church.

The following were recommended as examination readers for 2021: Teaching Elder John Bethard, Teaching Elder Beth Pyles, Ruling Elder Mary Lou McMillin, and Ruling Elder Jean Kilby. TE Kate Rascoe will serve as an alternate. *The recommendation was approved.*

COMMITTEE ON RELATIONAL MINISTRY (CRM)

Teaching Elder Howard Boswell, Chair, reported on the Committee's actions taken during their meetings December-February. See page 20 for a full written report.

TE Boswell introduced Honorably Retired Teaching Elder James Johns who has moved to Stephens City, Virginia. TE Johns was asked to share his story with the specific question of "Where do you see sin at work in our world today?" Teaching Elder April Cranford, pastor of Westminster Church, spoke of her previous work with TE Johns and asked him how his business background has enhanced his ministry.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m. with prayer by the Moderator. The Presbytery will meet in stated session on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, via Zoom.

Judy Hensley, Moderator

Bronwen W. Boswell, Stated Clerk

Kim Stroupe, Recording Clerk

DOCKET

- 9:30 a.m. Call to Order, Prayer & Meeting Instructions
- 9:35 a.m. Worship with Installation of New Moderator
- 10:05 a.m. Determining a Quorum
Procedural Rules
Welcome and Introduction of Guests
Adoption of the Docket
Report of the Stated Clerk – TE Bronwen Boswell
Report of the Associate General Presbyter – TE Nancy Meehan Yao
- 10:30 a.m. Board of Pensions, Martha Reisner, Church Consultant
- 10:40 a.m. Committee on Educational Resources – TE April Cranford
- 10:45 a.m. Committee on Church Vitality and Transformation – TE David Witt
- 11:00 a.m. Committee on Nominations – TE Brad Langdon
- 11:10 a.m. Committee on Mission and Outreach – CRE Bobby Spurgeon
- 11:30 a.m. Intercessory Prayer with Elder Recognition
- 11:45 a.m. Committee on Pastoral Transition – TE Patrick Pettit
- ~~11:55 a.m. Committee on New Congregational Development – TE Karen Greenawald~~
- 12:00 p.m. Committee on Preparation for Ministry – TE Kate Rascoe
- 12:05 p.m. Committee on Relational Ministry – TE Howard Boswell
- 12:15 p.m. Anticipated Adjournment

2020 NECROLOGY REPORT

Augusta Stone	Bruce Grover Terry Showalter Drehla Sours Tom Starkey
Berkeley Springs	Irene Hedrick
Beulah	Albert Shultz Maxine Shultz
Bloomery	Kenneth Glenwood Johnson
Bridgewater	Jean Shull
Broadway	Jody Abt
Buena Vista	Bonnie Albertoli Bob Withers
Burnt	Jack Butler
Clear Brook	James Baker
Circleville	Robert Vint
Collierstown	Elizabeth Lee Knick Clark Ellis Freeman Morris
Cooks Creek	Emily Hill Mike Liskey
Covenant	Dennis Avery
Elkton	Wilda Billhimer Chuck Davis Madelyn Dixon
Franklin	Carolyn Catherine Ruddle
Halltown	Mary Costello Edge
Hebron	Nancy Hewitt
Hedgesville	Lyman Edward Burt Peggy Helmick
Hot Springs	Ronda Lawhorn Clayton
Keyser	Orie Thomas Harman Mark Allen Trenter
Lexington	Delma Rae Carpenter Ron Downey Ouida Reaves Goehring Barbara Joyner Paul McNeil Penick Marion Rohne
Massanutten	Edward Comer Nancy Lu Irvine Bob Porter John Schneider
Middletown	Nancy Gardenhour
Monterey	Francis Fenn
Moorefield	Harold Dwane Barr

Mt. Horeb	Mildred Evelyn Detamore Gene Saufley Garber
New Monmouth	Gene Duff
New Providence	Mary Lou Gordon Richard Kauffman James Wade, Sr.
Opequon	Frances Pitcock
Petersburg	Helen Smith Boor
Staunton First	Henry Baker Carey
Staunton Third	Willard Botkin, Sr. George Colvin, Jr. Renata Dinkle Payne Fisher, Jr.
Strasburg	Harry Propst Marie Spence
Timber Ridge	Charlotte Gingerelli Martha Henry
Tinkling Spring	Fred Ray Stone Houston Irvine "Jack" Todd, Jr.
Tomahawk	David Parril
Trinity	Carolyn Arbuckle Margaret Hottel Challace McMillin Patricia Wingo
Union	Edgar Skelton Christine Stogdale
Wardensville	Nancy Pat Harmon
Warrenton	Tony Lukeman Paul Lumbye
Waynesboro First	William Bare Campbell Epes Aileen Kennedy
Waynesboro Second	Betty Firebaugh Alice Pugh
Westminster	John Chestnut Lindsay, Jr. Harding Watson Lonas Thomas Holcomb Smith Steven Alexander Yancey
Winchester First	Edward Janes Bell, III Paula Gay Wahlman
Zetta	Melvin Thomas Lawhorn

Teaching Elders:

James Atwood, John Baxter, Philip Unger, Robert Woodworth, and Philip Young

MINUTES OF COMMISSION TO ORDAIN MOLLY KATHLEEN MORRIS, as minister of the Word and Sacrament. In accordance with the appointment of the Presbytery of Shenandoah, the commission convened at the First Presbyterian Church, Staunton, Virginia, on Sunday, December 13, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

Commission members present: Teaching Elders: Karen Allamon, Richard Dietrich, and Kate Rascoe Ruling Elders: Richard Comstock (Presbytery Moderator), Paige Kullman (Staunton First), and Dan Summers-Minette (Covenant). Also invited and present were Rev. Eleanor Shell, Rev. Dr. Fred Holbrook, and Ruling Elder Laura Holbrook.

A quorum was present.

Richard Comstock, called the commission to order and led in prayer. The commission elected Richard Comstock, Moderator, and Karen Allamon, Clerk.

The congregation was called to worship. Eleanor Shell preached the sermon on the subject "Justice, Faith and Power" from Luke 1:35-55.

Richard Comstock stated the proceedings of the Presbytery preparatory to the ordination and pointed out its nature and importance and then asked the questions of the candidate, Molly Morris. These being answered in the affirmative, the candidate knelt and with prayer led by Fred Holbrook and the laying on of hands, the commission ordained her to the ordered ministry of teaching elder..

Kate Rascoe delivered the charge to the pastor.

At the conclusion of the service the newly ordained minister made a brief statement and pronounced the benediction.

Richard Comstock, Moderator
Karen Allamon, Clerk

	Actual Twelve Months December 31, 2020	2020 Twelve Month Budget	Remaining Budgeted Funds	% Used
Resources Provided by:				
Acceptances from Congregations	\$ 480,411.30	\$ 487,130.57	\$ 6,719.27	99%
Supplemental Income (1x from Corp)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	100%
H'burg First Settlement	\$ 24,800.00	\$ 24,800.00	\$ -	100%
Total	\$ 515,211.30	\$ 521,930.57	\$ 6,719.27	
Resources Used for:				
Church Vitality & Transformation CCVT	\$ 107.27	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 892.73	11%
Educational Resources CER	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ -	100%
Mission and Outreach CMO	\$ 9,124.49	\$ 11,300.00	\$ 2,175.51	81%
Presbytery Administration CPA				
GA - Per Capita	\$ 100,463.75	\$ 100,463.75	\$ -	100%
Synod - Per Capita	\$ 12,908.75	\$ 12,908.75	\$ -	100%
GA - Shared Mission Support	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	100%
Synod - Shared Mission Support	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -	100%
Total to GA and Synod	\$ 117,572.50	\$ 117,572.50	\$ -	100%
Occupancy	\$ 24,239.20	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 9,760.80	71%
Office Expenses	\$ 19,833.58	\$ 28,300.00	\$ 8,466.42	70%
Presbytery	\$ 161.48	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,338.52	5%
Personnel Expenses	\$ 352,360.50	\$ 380,302.00	\$ 27,941.50	93%
Total CPA	\$ 396,594.76	\$ 446,102.00	\$ 49,507.24	89%
Preparation for Ministry CPM	\$ 692.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 308.00	69%
Pastoral Transition CPT	\$ 85.86	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,914.14	1%
Relational Ministry CRM	\$ 21.02	\$ 775.00	\$ 753.98	3%
Total	\$ 530,697.90	\$ 590,249.50	\$ 59,551.60	90%
	\$ (15,486.60)	\$ (68,318.93)		
	\$ 8,239.47	2020 acceptances received in 2021		
	\$ (7,247.13)	2020 deficit		

Restricted Net Assets as of December 31, 2020		
Cmte on Church Vitality & Trans		
Innovations in Worship Grant		2,395.00
Total Cmte on Church Vitality & Trans		2,395.00
Cmte on New CongregationalDevel		
Community Cup NWC		7,500.00
H'burg 1st to CNCD		77,310.99
Total Cmte on New CongregationalDevel		84,810.99
Cmte on Educational Resources		
Brown & Hogshead		668.00
Blue Funds		19,744.53
Thomas & Martha Grafton		659.08
Harry S McClung		3,087.00
Peacemaking % Retained		11,271.49
Women in Community(SacrameLife)		4,512.11
Youth Council - SPYCE		5,452.48
Total Cmte on Educational Resources		45,394.69
Cmte on Mission & Outreach		
Covenant Shower Trailer - DRT		508.80
MVMC Shower Trailer		1,779.53
Baja Mission Trip - HAMC		
2020 Baja Mission Trip		12,483.94
Tool Fund		2,309.72
Baja Uniform Fund		100.00
Sterrett Memorial Fund		2,029.44
Total Baja Mission Trip - HAMC		16,923.10
Hunger		
Hunger Funds		13,188.25
Ethiopian Famine Relief		586.00
Total Hunger		13,774.25
Living Waters Team		
Water Projects - Undesignated		27,428.15
El AyalEscuelaOficialRuralMixta		459.75
WP-ComalapaEscuelaTecnicoChixot		459.75
WP-Guat.SantiagoAtitlan,Iglesia		1,024.53
El Sinaca IglesiaAsambleaDeDios		459.75
Iglesia Christiana Y Misionera		50.00
Total Living Waters Team		29,881.93
Moffett Grant		12,365.00
PCUSA Ethiopian Network		1,836.94
Ramsey fund		10,814.43
Partnership Committee		
Darimu Presbytery storm damage		1,050.00
Special Projects Ethiopia		1,300.00
ESL - Project Funds		3,839.11
Ethiopian Banquet		323.79
Gambella Girls		2,000.00
iCARE Gore Home		
iCARE - Christmas pool		100.00
iCARE Discretionary		1,500.00
iCARE - Sponsorships		16,169.98
iCARE Staff		1,250.00
Wakjira Haile Scholarship		183.72
Total iCARE Gore Home		19,203.70
Partnership Discretionary		4,443.27
Total Partnership Committee		32,159.87

	Total Cmte on Mission & Outreach	120,043.85
	Cmte on Pastoral Transition	
	CRE/ARE Training Program	3,525.06
	CRE/ARE Mentor Training	511.97
	CRE/ARE Vocational Assessments	1,025.66
	CRE/ARE Annual Meeting	1,025.66
	McClung - CAT WALK training	3,481.07
	Total Cmte on Pastoral Transition	9,569.42
	Cmte on Prep for Ministry	
	CPM Discretionary	278.47
	Total Cmte on Prep for Ministry	278.47
	Cmte on Presbytery Administrati	
	Ordination Funds	150.00
	2021 Acceptances	1,406.98
	Continuing Education	
	Cont Ed 2020 - Support Staff	1,000.00
	Con Ed 2019 - Support Staff	91.20
	Cont Ed 2020 - Bronwen	1,245.93
	Total Continuing Education	2,337.13
	G.P. Discretionary Acct	18,360.09
	Investment Interest	1,828.58
	Legal Fees	2,826.98
	Presbytery Upgrades	110.93
	Total Cmte on Presbytery Administrati	27,020.69
	Cmte on Relational Ministry	
	Boundary Training	3,057.98
	CRM Discretionary	9,177.29
	Mediation and Conflict Training	5,069.16
	Ministry-SenecaRock/Circleville	41,667.00
	Strong Ministers' Program	117,691.26
	The Oasis (Ramkey) Project	20,261.06
	Total Cmte on Relational Ministry	196,923.75
	TOTAL	486,436.86

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH VITALITY AND TRANSFORMATION (CCVT)

Stated Purpose of CCVT: To provide processes and support for congregations that have an identified need, willingness, and ability to engage in spiritual and/or programmatic growth which can lead to deeper commitment both within and beyond current membership.

CCVT Members: David Witt, chair; Phil Sommer, vice-chair; Malcolm Brownlee, Rick Comstock, Ed Dawkins, JoAnn Harmon, Tracie Martin, Juliana Ritchie, Nancy Meehan Yao, Associate General Presbyter, Staff Support

Report to Shenandoah Presbytery – Saturday, February 27, 2021

- ✓ Grants to Churches for Innovative Worship
CCVT has awarded 25 grants since March 2020, totaling just under \$20,000, all the grants for the advancement of technology for worship, both hardware and connections (ZOOM). These grants have come from the 2018 Fund, which was originally for \$3,000 per year, 3 grants per year, with a single congregation receiving up to \$1,000 per year. The application is on the presbytery website, has been highlighted at presbytery meetings, and has been included in recent e-letters. Considering the COVID pandemic, CCVT has set aside the limit of three grants per year but reaffirmed the \$1,000 per year to one congregation benchmark. CPA has graciously and generously allocated additional funds for CCVT to award. These grants are making virtual worship available now within many communities and will be useful for ministry through worship and other areas in the future. Since our last meeting, we have awarded grants to Broadway, Gerrardstown, Nineveh, Shepherdstown, and Nineveh Churches. An email recently followed up with churches who have received grants, checking in with them, asking how the grant had made an impact on their church's ministry, and calling for their gifts and willingness to share their technological gifts and learnings with others. A summary is being written and a resource will be made available in the future.
- ✓ Ministry Program Grant
We awarded a Ministry Program Grant to the Collierstown Church for their learning POD (PIKE) in Rockbridge County, in coordination with the Rockbridge County Public Schools hybrid model. Children, who are either totally virtual learners or hybrid learners on at home days, come to the church. An employed teacher/facilitator and an assistant (retired public-school teacher) help the children and coordinate activities.
- ✓ “Rethinking Evangelism Conference”
Since several of us attended this PCUSA conference back in October via ZOOM, we are hoping to follow up here in our presbytery by sponsoring a virtual workshop this year. How do we define and how should we redefine “evangelism?” How do we share our faith? What are the “nuts and bolts” of being a hospitable congregation? How do we get beyond the numbers? How do we go beyond the walls of our church buildings?
- ✓ Rethinking Our Witness, in a New Year, for a New Time
Consider this question, “In the midst of a pandemic, how will your church witness outside the church building and share the good news of the gospel?”
We have all taken a vow to “pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?” How will we creatively do that as the Church? Many churches have been doing that for almost a year. Many were extremely imaginative during the Advent/Christmas season. Many are gearing up for a creative Lent/Easter season. What about your church? How are you engaging and connecting with others in new ways?
- ✓ Vital Congregations
This is part of the PCUSA Faith Formation, Theology, and Evangelism work area. We have been reading and thinking through this program initiative that would involve the commitment of the presbytery. For that reason, we will continue studying, talking, and listening to see if this would be a good step for us a year from now.

✓ Meeting RE: “First Call Pastors/Congregations”

This would be a new opportunity for our presbytery to partner with smaller churches, rural/small town etc., in a type of pastoral residency program for first-call pastors. It could be based upon the “For Such a Time as This” program that the PCUSA CLC sponsored a few years ago (now inactive). This would be a way for smaller churches to “train up new pastors” and new pastors to share vitality and new thinking, providing the mutual recognition of gifts.

✓ Asking Questions – Please keep asking these questions...

- For what are we grateful?
- What are some new opportunities for ministry?
- How is the Church becoming something new and different?
- What have we learned? What will we do in the future?

As a committee, we will ask, “How can we listen to help/accompany/empower the churches of Shenandoah Presbytery?”

We understand we may need to target churches who need help by providing people resources. There may be churches coming out of the pandemic without much hope. We pray. We discern. We encourage. We “weep with those who weep and rejoice with those who rejoice” as we empathize, lift up, and help one another.

✓ Today’s Presentation

- ❖ CCVT is pleased to present a special report from special people from a special church at the presbytery meeting today...we celebrate Collierstown Presbyterian Church and their PIKE program, as we have recently awarded them a Ministry Program Grant for this new outreach. With Collierstown, we also celebrate Fairfield, New Providence, and Timber Ridge churches and their Rockbridge County learning PODS and for their heartfelt outreach and imaginative mission.

COMMITTEE ON PASTORAL TRANSITION (CPT)

ACTIONS TAKEN:

- A. Appointed the following liaisons and moderators:
 - Elkton – TE Karen Allamon as liaison
 - Waynesboro Second – TE Kelly-Ann Rayle as moderator
- B. Sustained the examination of Teaching Elder Gwen Carr to serve as parish associate at Trinity Church.
- C. Approved the Parish Associate Contract between TE Gwen Carr, the Trinity Session, and the Trinity pastor TE Stephanie Sorge from January 1-December 31, 2021.
- D. Sustained the examination of Honorably Retired Teaching Elder John Cushwa to serve as temporary supply pastor at Tomahawk Church.
- E. Approved the temporary supply pastor contract between the Tomahawk Session and Honorably Retired Teaching Elder John Cushwa from January 1-December 31, 2021.
- F. Sustained the examination of Teaching Elder Ernie Poland to serve as temporary supply pastor at Second Opequon Church.
- G. Sustained the examination of Teaching Elder Alexa A. Smith (Ohio Valley Presbytery) and received TE Smith as a member of Shenandoah Presbytery effective January 1, 2021.
- H. Approved the interim contract between the Berkeley Springs Session and TE Alexa A. Smith for a period of one year beginning January 1, 2021.
- I. Approved the contract between the Second Opequon Session and TE Ernie Poland from January 1-June 30, 2021.
- J. Approved renewing the temporary supply contract between the Augusta Stone Session and TE Bill Reinhold through June 30, 2021.
- K. Approved the temporary supply contract between the Millboro Session and TE Scott Conrad from March 1, 2021-March 1, 2022.

COMMITTEE ON RELATIONAL MINISTRY (CRM)

ACTIONS TAKEN:

- A. Renewed the supply pastor contract between the Bunker Hill Session and TE Ron Potter from January 1-December 31, 2021.
- B. Renewed the commissioned ruling elder contract between the Glen Kirk Session and CRE Isca Mitchell from January 1-December 31, 2021.
- C. Renewed the commissioned ruling elder contract between the Slanesville Session and CRE Michele Elliott from January 1-December 31, 2021.
- D. Renewed the supply pastor contract between the Zetta Session and TE Stan Farthing from January 1-December 31, 2021.
- E. Renewed the supply pastor contract between the Bethesda Session and TE Fred Noll from February 9, 2021-February 9, 2022.
- F. Renewed the commissioned ruling elder contract between the Halltown Session and CRE Alvin Russell from January 1-December 31, 2021.
- G. Renewed the supply pastor contract between the Hot Springs Session and TE Scott Conrad from March 1, 2021-March 1, 2022.
- H. Renewed the supply pastor contract between the Williamsville Session and TE Punker Robertson from January 1-December 31, 2021.
- I. Granted a waiver for the rotation of elders for 2021 for the following sessions: Elkton, Keyser, Little Falls, Mt. Storm, Ruddle, Second Opequon, and Zetta.
- J. Sustained the examination of Honorably Retired Teaching Elder James Johns (Peaks Presbytery) and received TE Johns as a member of Shenandoah Presbytery effective February 11, 2021.
- K. Received the summary of the annual reports of those serving as parish associates, validated ministries, and at-large.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS

Committee on Presbytery Administration

At the end of 2020, Heidi Rutz and Wray Sherman completed their terms on C.P.A. We are grateful for their work. Wray has served as Chairperson for a number of years and has provided excellent leadership. In 2021, Hannah Bush (Vice Chairperson) and Clayton Rascoe have begun new, consecutive terms, and Betsy Hay has started her work as a new committee member. We are blessed by their involvement, as well as that of all our members and the presbytery staff members.

At our November 19th meeting, Heather Carter, Funds Administrator for the presbytery, reported that congregations are doing well in paying their per capita pledges, compared to this same time in past years. The C.P.A. shared and received annual evaluations for our five, full-time presbytery staff members. We approved bonuses for all the presbytery staff members, given in the form of gift cards.

We next met on January 21st. Heather Carter reported that all congregations that had sent in their 2020 per capita pledge forms have paid at least a portion of what they pledged. Heather has submitted the reports on the 2020 receipts and expenditures to the presbytery's treasurer for his review. At its February meeting, the committee plans to take any action needed on contacting congregations that have not sent in per capita pledge forms for 2021. The C.P.A. approved having Heather apply, on behalf of the presbytery, for the Paycheck Protection Program assistance, if we qualify. We also approved the request of the Committee on Church Vitality and Transformation (C.C.V.T.) for an additional \$10,000 for Innovation in Worship grants to our congregations. This will be allocated from the 2018 Fund. Jeff Robb, the realtor handling the sale of the presbytery's office, reported that businesses and individuals are looking at the property, but have not made offers to us. The C.P.A. approved for us to lower our asking price from \$845,000 to \$829,000.

Fletcher Hutcheson, Jr., Chairperson

Coordinating and Planning Commission

CPC met on Tuesday, January 26 via Zoom, and heard reports from all Presbytery committees.

ACTIONS TAKEN:

- A. Requested the Committee on Presbytery Administration to explore online giving options for the Presbytery.
- B. Designated the offering taken at the February Presbytery Meeting to the 4 Cents A Meal Program.
- C. Approved moving the fall Presbytery meeting to November 16.
- D. Approved housing the Bills and Overtures Committee with the Stated Clerk with the membership being drawn as much as possible from former General Assembly Commissioners.

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