

Highlights 191st Stated Meeting of the
Shenandoah Presbytery

The presbytery met once again on Zoom which afforded us the opportunity to welcome the pastors Rev. Ashley Diaz Mejias and Rev. Lauren Ramseur, co-pastors of the Voices of Jubilee, new worshipping community of the PCUSA located in Richmond, and musicians to help lead worship. Please read more about them in the handbook for this meeting that can be found on our website. And for those of you who attended - remember what we heard sung, "Jehovah has the final say, I have no reason to fear"!

Carolyn Thalman, reported for the Committee on Mission and Outreach the work of Church World Service in Harrisonburg in resettling refugees, specifically Afghans. Carolyn is available to come to your church to talk about how your congregation can get involved or go to the website for Church World Service to learn more.

This was followed up by Clayton Rascoe, Director of Massanetta Springs, sharing that they are currently housing 50 Afghan refugees as part of their ongoing partnership with Church World Service in providing temporary housing and meals for refugees from around the world. If you would like to volunteer or donate there is information on their website.

The Committee on Education resources shared feedback from the highly successful Big Event this fall.

Committee on Church Vitality and Transformation reported that \$20,000 has been given out in Innovation Grants to twenty-six churches of the presbytery. Grants are still available.

Rachel and Casey Clark, co-pastors of New Monmouth Presbyterian Church, shared a video as the highlighted congregation for this meeting. They have just celebrated the 275th anniversary of the congregation. And to celebrate they built a new outdoor pavilion and playground for use by the church and community!

The presbytery voted on the slate of nominees presented by the Committee on Nominations including members of committees, the moderator elect for 2022, the Rev. April Cranford, Commissioners to General Assembly for 2022 and our commissioner to Synod, the Rev. Patrick Lanaghan.

We welcomed the Rev. Caitilin Hoy into membership as she has accepted the call to Second Presbyterian Church of Waynesboro.

We approved the retirement of the Rev. Ronald Potter as of December 31, 2021. Prayers were given by the moderator.

The Committee on Presbytery Administration presented for vote the 2022 budget. It passed, though we accidentally forgot to publish one it's pages in the handbook, so the budget is attached to this email. *(The totals were all correct – so there is no need to vote again)*

We adjourned to enter into the meeting of the Corporation. The slate of officers was approved as presented. The investments have done well this past year. The Board welcomes suggestions of names to be elected to the Board, especially women.

We returned to the presbytery meeting and with there being no further business we adjourned 35 minutes earlier than we had anticipated!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Rev. Bronwen Boswell, Stated Clerk