

192nd Meeting of the Shenandoah Presbytery Highlights

February 26, 2022

Our new moderator was installed, Teaching Elder David Howard, during worship. Welcome David!

We thanked outgoing moderator Ruling Elder Judy Hensley, but she continues in service to the presbytery as the new chair of the Coordinating and Planning Commission.

During worship we remembered those who died during 2021 that served as Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders in our Presbytery.

We were introduced to our new Church consultant, Keenan Rodgers of the Board of Pensions. He gave an informative update.

The Committee on Relational Ministry brought for first reading the revised Sexual Misconduct Policy and the revised Background Check policy. They will be voted on in May.

The Halltown Church has asked that they have help in closing as the congregation has dwindled to the point, they are unable to meet anymore. The Presbytery elected an AC to help them with the task.

The Committee on Church Vitality and Transformation shared the ongoing work of the Craigsville Congregation and heard from those who have taken mission trips there to help.

New Congregational Development shared the ongoing work of setting up the new worshipping start up in Martinsburg, West Virginia, a coffee shop and worship center.

The Committee introduced the Rev. Carl Pattison, the new Interim pastor for the Collierstown congregation.

The Youth Triennium for 2022 has been cancelled for this year with ongoing concerns about Covid.

We welcomed Ashley Robinson, Director and Graham Witt, Board Moderator, of Open Doors, the homeless shelter in Harrisonburg who presented the education time.

The committee on Presbytery Administration brought forward a motion to sell the current presbytery offices and land to the city of Harrisonburg for the purpose of using it for a year-round low barrier homeless shelter. The presbytery voted unanimously to approve! Now we just wait for all the rest of the puzzle pieces to fall into place. When that happens, the staff will be moving to a site at Massanetta Springs.

And those are the highlights!

Respectfully submitted,

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