

**Presbytery of Kiskiminetas
Stated Meeting – January 11, 2020
St Paul’s Presbyterian Church, Northern Cambria, PA**

10:00 A.M.	Worship with communion, led by Rev. Marty Cartmell and Elders Tamalyn Goble 2 and Preston Younkins. Includes Installation of Moderator/Vice Moderator, Commissioning, and Necrology	
11:30 A.M.	Constituting Prayer and Organization of Presbytery A. Recognition of Elders and Ministers attending for the first time B. Announcements C. Sharing of Joys and Concerns	
11:40 A.M.	Reports of: Stated Clerk A. Formation of the Roll B. Enrollment of Corresponding Members C. Approval of the Docket D. Action on Provisional Minutes of the November 9, 2019, stated meeting E. Approval of items on report 7	
11:50 A.M.	Resource Commission – Brian Hauser	
12:00 P.M.	Recess for Lunch	
1:00 A.M.	General Presbyter – Conversation Time, Topic: Matthew 25 Revitalization	
2:00 P.M.	Mission Commission – Emily Koehler 10	
2:05 P.M.	Admin Commission – Ron Alberta/Betsy DeGory Corporation Actions: Election of Trustees and Treasurer, Future Goheenville actions 11	
2:15 P.M.	Ministry Commission – Gary Lyon (COM), Christopher McCloskey (CPM) 11	
2:30 P.M.	Synod Updates	
2:35 P.M.	+New Business, Miscellaneous, Report of the Moderator, Adjournment with Prayer	

*Guiding Scripture for 2020: "Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you.
Keep straight the path of your feet, and all your ways will be sure." Proverbs 4:25-26*

*Indicates Order of the Day

+Unless previously docketed, no items of new business shall be introduced following the report of the Stated Clerk. Items of new business must be presented in writing to the Stated Clerk. Consideration of such items shall take place at the time docketed for new business. Suggested amendments and motions should be submitted in writing to the Stated Clerk.

Prelude

Welcome

Rev. Marty Cartmell

Opening declaration:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty who was and is and is to come!

Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power!

***Call to Worship Isaiah 58:11**

The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

***Hymn: pg.10**

O Worship the King All Glorious Above

***Call to Confession (1 Tim. 1:14–15)**

Elder Preston Younkens

The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save sinners. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

***Prayer of Confession**

Awesome and compassionate God, You have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. (Time for Silent Confession)

***Assurance of Pardon (Confession of 1967, 9.7, 9.10, 9.12)**

Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ God sought reconciliation with us. The risen Christ is the Savior of all.

All who are joined to Christ by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as Christ's reconciling community. Thanks be to God. Amen

***Gloria Patri**

Remembering the Saints

Rev. Kathy Nice, Stated Clerk

Harvey "Ernie" Wilson, elder, Shelocta Community, February 18, 2019

Richard Beck, elder, Crooked Creek, February 24, 2019

Ron Mancabelli, elder, Trinity, March 2, 2019

Dona Crytzer, elder, Dayton Glade Run, March 15, 2019

Allen McCrea, elder, Freeport United, March 15, 2019

Nora Ann Valco Lamanna, elder, Apollo United, March 19, 2019

Laird Snyder, elder, Falls Creek First, March 22, 2019

Carolyn Blystone, elder, Boiling Springs, March 31, 2019

Bob Robinson, elder, Trinity, April 4, 2019

Terry Richards, elder, Boiling Springs, April 6, 2019

Earl Smeltzer, elder, Crooked Creek, April 14, 2019
Gloria Wynkoop, elder, Srader Grove, April 25, 2019
William "Bill" Sprankle, elder, Crete, May 6, 2019
Velma McMaster, elder, First Clarion, May 10, 2019
Emma Lou Goble, elder, First Clarion, May 12, 2019
Mary Klonowski, elder, Boiling Springs, May 17, 2019
Sara Elizabeth (Reed) Risinger, elder, Miola Shiloh, June 30, 2019
Thomas H. Mikesell Jr, elder, Bethel, July 3, 2019
Ronald George Hood, elder, Blairsville United, August 2, 2019
Barbara "Bobbie" Andrews, elder, New Bethlehem, August 9, 2019
Gerald Howard, elder, Elderton, August 20, 2019
Richard A. Kopnick, elder, Apollo United, August 21, 2019
Joyce Elaine Simchick, elder Brockway, August 23, 2019
Ellen Lawrence, elder, First Clarion, September 10, 2019
Imogene M. "Genie" Brubaker, elder, Allegheny, September 23, 2019
Linda Shoop, elder, NuValley, September 26, 2019
Esther Mae Campbell, elder, Blairsville United, October 7, 2019
Edgar Long Jr., elder, Clymer, October 14, 2019
William Creighton, elder, Elderton, October 14, 2019
Charles Foster, elder, Elderton, October 26, 2019
Ginny L. Norberg, elder, Blairsville United, November 27, 2019
Thelma Hyskell, elder, Dayton Glade Run, November 28, 2019
Ernest Aharrah, elder, First Clarion, November 29, 2019
Sally Evans, elder, Tidal, December 7, 2019
Naomi Carrick, elder, Trinity, December 9, 2019
George I. Marshall, elder, Lewisville Ebenezer, December 29, 2019
Linda Thompson, elder, Crooked Creek, December 30, 2019
Charles Wallace, elder, Marion Center, December 31, 2019

Scripture Readings

Elder Tamalyn Goble

Epistle Lesson: Philemon 1-7 (NRSV)

New Testament Lesson: Revelation 3:14-22 (NRSV)

Meditation

Never Lukewarm

Elder Tamalyn Goble

***Hymn pg.323**

Let Us Break Bread Together

Sacrament of Communion

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

This is the joyful feast of the people of God! People will come from north and south and from east and west to sit at table in the kingdom of God. According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. This is the

Lord's Table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast that he has prepared.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Praise to you, O God, for all your works. You created the world and called it good and made us in your image to live together in love. You made a covenant with us, and even when we turned from you, you remained ever faithful. Therefore, with all creation we sing your praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Thank you, O God, for sending us your Son. He lived among us and told your story. He healed the sick and welcomed sinners. He shared our pain and died our death, then rose to new life that we might live, and all creation be restored. We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way Jesus took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. Remembering your boundless love revealed to us in Jesus Christ, we break bread and share the cup, giving ourselves to you to live for him in joy and praise. Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ and that we may be his body for the world. By your Spirit unite us with Christ and one another until we feast with him and with all your saints in your eternal realm of justice and peace. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. Jesus said: I am the vine, you are the branches. Come to me and never be hungry; believe in me and never thirst. The gifts of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION

The bread of heaven. Amen.

The cup of salvation. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Installation of Moderator and Vice-Moderator

Elder Tamalyn Goble

As many of you were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of what God intends for all humankind.

The great ends of the church are the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

The call of Christ is to willing, dedicated discipleship. Our discipleship is a manifestation of the new life we enter through baptism. Discipleship is both a gift and a commitment, an offering and a responsibility. Martha “Marty” Cartmell is being installed as Presbytery Moderator, and Preston Younkens is being installed as Vice Moderator. Marty and Preston, the grace bestowed on you in baptism is sufficient for your calling because it is God’s grace. By God’s grace we are saved, and enabled to grow in the faith and to commit our lives in ways which serve Christ. God has called you to particular service. Show your purpose by answering these questions. Who is your Lord and Savior? (*Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.*) Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love? (*I will, with God’s help.*) Do you welcome the responsibility of this service because you are determined to follow the Lord Jesus, to love neighbors, and to work for the reconciling of the world? (*I do.*) Will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination and love, relying on God’s mercy and rejoicing in the power of

the Holy Spirit? (*I will, with God's help.*) Do you, the members of the Presbytery of Kiskiminetas, confirm the call of God to our sister and brother, Marty and Preston, as Moderator and Vice Moderator in the service of Jesus Christ? (**We do.**) Will you support and encourage them in this ministry? (**We will.**) Let us pray: Faithful God, in baptism you claimed us; and by your Holy Spirit you are working in our lives, empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling. We thank you for leading Marty and Preston to this time and place. Establish them in your truth, and guide them by your Holy Spirit, that in your service they may grow in faith, hope, and love, and be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever.

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called disciples and, by the Holy Spirit, made them one church to serve you. Let your Spirit rule your church, so that we may be joined in love and service to Jesus Christ, who, having gone before us, is coming to meet us in the promise of your kingdom. Amen.

Marty and Preston, you are installed to service as Moderator and Vice Moderator in the Presbytery of Kiskiminetas. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him.

Recognition of Outgoing Moderator

Rev. Marty Cartmell

Commissioning of Commissioned Lay Pastors and Pulpit Supply

Rev. Marty Cartmell

We, who are many, are one body in Christ,
and individually we are members one of another.

We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

(Rev. Dr. Don Wilson:) The Presbytery of Kiskiminetas is satisfied that the following have met all requirements and completed all preparations prescribed in the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). We now commission these as lay pastor to serve in and for the congregations named: (they will come forward as named)

Sandy Atherton, Arcadia

Kathleen Davis, Faith

Jim Dixon, Elkton-Dagus Mines

Sheila Wadding, Dayton Glade Run

We also commission these as pulpit supply, who have met the presbytery's guidelines:

Tamalyn Goble, Matthew Gress, Donna Kanouff, Donna Kanyan, Sharon Nelmes,

Judi Paden, Kyle Rishell, Vivian Shaeffer, Randy Stear, Donna Yarnal, Jerry Young

(Moderator:) Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? (*I do.*) Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and

God's Word to you? (*I do.*) Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God? (*I do and I will.*) Will you fulfill your commission in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions? (*I will.*) Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit? (*I will.*) Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world? (*I will.*) Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church? (*I will.*) Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? (*I will.*)

(For those commissioned as lay pastors) Will you be a faithful lay pastor, watching over the people, providing for their worship? In your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? (*I will, with God's help.*)

(For those commissioned as pulpit supply) Will you be a faithful preacher, studying the Word and speaking God's truth? (*I will, with God's help.*)

Let us pray. Almighty God, in every age you have chosen servants to speak your Word and lead your loyal people. We thank you for Sandy, Kathleen, Jim, and Sheila, whom you have called to serve you as commissioned lay pastor in and for Arcadia, Faith, Elkton-Dagus Mines, and Dayton Glade Run. Give them the gifts to do their particular work. We thank you for NAMES, whom you have called to serve you as pulpit supplies throughout this presbytery. Fill them with your Holy Spirit, so that they may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and be a faithful disciples throughout life.

God of grace, in baptism you have called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation. Give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us, that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen.

On behalf of the Presbytery of Kiskiminetas, I welcome you to this ministry. May God's Holy Spirit empower you in the ministry of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

***Hymn pg.358**

I Am Thine, O Lord

***Blessing and Charge**

Rev. Marty Cartmell

Report of the Stated Clerk:

1. Request coming from Cabinet – 1st Read: **Modify Section 3.5.0 of the Manual of Administrative Operations – Meetings to read as “Presbytery Cabinet should meet during the months when Presbytery does not meet, with the exception of July, or as needed when determined by the Moderator of Cabinet in consultation with the General Presbyter and Stated Clerk. Meeting schedule will be made public in advance.”**
2. Request coming from Cabinet: **To elect Rev. Dave Caves Jr to serve a three-year term on the Representations/Nominations committee.**
3. **Receive Eleanor Winsheimer from the Bethel congregation, whose membership will be held by the presbytery while she determines into which congregation she wishes to transfer.**
4. **Request disbanding the Administrative Commission of the Bethel church dismissal with our thanks and gratitude for their work.**
5. For information: Remaining 2020 Meetings of Presbytery
 - a. March 14 Homer City United, 10 am
 - b. May 12 Saltsburg, 7 pm
 - c. September 18-19 Antiochian Village
 - d. November 14 Heilwood, 10 am
6. Invitations now being accepted for meetings of 2021: January 9 (TBD), March 13, May 11, September 17-18 (TBD), November 13.

PRESBYTERY CABINET MEETING

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

The Cabinet of the Presbytery of Kiskiminetas of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) met in its stated meeting at the Presbytery Office. The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. and opened in prayer by Moderator Tamalyn Goble. The agenda was updated with a request for a budget change, which was added to New Business.

MEMBERS: *Ministers*: Marty Cartmell, Emily Koehler, Dana Wilmot. ***Elders*:** Syd Atherton, Kay Deasey, Mel Dunlap, Tamalyn Goble, Kathy Larimer. ***Guests*:** Ron Alberta, Betsy DeGory (incoming Admin chairs)

Ex-Officio Members: Rev. Dr. Donald Wilson, General Presbyter; Rev. Kathy Nice, Stated Clerk

Members Excused: Brian Hauser, Jim Dietrich. Members Absent: Kay John, Bill John

Moderator Goble called for prayer requests. Introductions were made around the table. Moderator Goble offered prayer. Moderator Goble led a devotional time based on Amos 5:18-27. Moderator Goble left us with a question for consideration, “Where is the relationship missing in all our “good works”?”

Stated Clerk’s report:

- An e-vote to approve the nomination of Esther Shane for Representations/Nominations Committee was acknowledged and recorded with 9 yes votes and 2 failures to respond.
- A request to set aside Section 3.5.0 of the Manual of Administrative Operations for a one time event, moving the February meeting of Cabinet from the first Thursday to the first Tuesday was made. Motion by Larimer, seconded, approved.

- A request to change the wording of Section 3.5.0 of the Manual of Administrative Operations by removing the language “on the first Thursday” was made by Atherton and seconded. An amendment was offered by Koehler, seconded and approved to add “Meeting schedule will be made public in advance.” **The motion as amended was approved to be forwarded to presbytery for a 1st and 2nd read and vote as follows: Modify Section 3.5.0 of the Manual of Administrative Operations – Meetings to read as “Presbytery Cabinet should meet during the months when Presbytery does not meet, with the exception of July, or as needed when determined by the Moderator of Cabinet in consultation with the General Presbyter and Stated Clerk. Meeting schedule will be made public in advance.”**

Moderator report: Moderator Goble has visited 9 of 10 churches that haven’t had pastors in a long time, plus some that do have ministers. She has been bringing greetings and conversation from the presbytery. She anticipates that the underlying spiritual theme of devotions for 2020 will focus on Matthew 25 and revitalization.

Admin Commission:

- Groups that meet at the presbytery office and need meals provided will be responsible for ordering the food and clean up.
- The presbytery is currently looking for a communications person to add to the part-time staff.
- Per Capita mailing will be going out soon.
- Head Start has inquired about renting the basement, but nothing definitive yet.
- Goheenville AC is looking at realtors for input. There has been interest by two neighbors for taking part of the property. The closing service is set for January 19 at 3 p.m.

Resource Commission: no report

Mission Commission:

- The A. R. Hibbs Fund and its accumulated interest is being awarded.
- Presbytery mission award recipients will be asked for feedback on how money has been used.
- Change in leadership for the Rwanda partnership. Currently Mission Commission will be meeting with the partnership and including them in the whole of Mission.
- Project 2020 may have some changes to the way the program will run. So far 2 pastors have expressed an interest in the openings. Grants from the Synod will be coming.

Ministry Commission:

- Leadership team meets Thursday; discussing reorganization of the commission.
- January presbytery meeting will include commissioning of pulpit supply elders.
- An ordained candidate is being examined Saturday and may be joining the presbytery, pending the examination and vote of the congregation.

Presbyterian Women: No report.

Camping Association report: Meeting Thursday. Last section of the Westminster Highlands property (the piece with the buildings and deed requirement to be used for a camp) was to be sold; the person who intended to buy it has died. The son still wants to go through with the deal, but issues need sorted out with the deceased’s estate.

Synod report: The synod wants to be supportive of presbyteries, but they need us to reach out with descriptions of what we need. They will be determining the future of their building or considering out posts for their staff.

General Presbyter report: We need to be very clear with the distinction of those who are being commissioned in January. There were some in the preaching class that are not elders in our churches, so they cannot be commissioned – they can be authorized to pulpit supply. Those who are elders in our presbytery churches can be commissioned to

particular service – that of pulpit supply. Naming them commissioned pulpit supply is confusing with those who are commissioned pastors. If we can come up with more clear terminology, that would be helpful.

Old Business: none.

New Business: Emergency pastor aid fund budget is \$1300; so far this year, we have used \$800. Another need has come up and if the need for funds comes before the end of the year, we would need another \$500. There are funds available under “Workshop for Clergy” where \$800 exists. Motion made by Cartmell, seconded and approved to move \$500 from “Workshop for Clergy” to “Emergency Pastor Aid.”

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was closed in prayer by Rev. Wilmot (Motion by Atherton, seconded, and approved).

Rev. Kathy Nice, Stated Clerk

Next Meeting of Presbytery – Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 10 a.m. at St. Paul’s PC, Northern Cambria.

Next Meeting of Cabinet – Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 10 a.m.

Report of the Mission Commission:

Rev. Emily Koehler, Chair

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. We recently received November 2019 and December 2019 newsletters from our partners in the Gitarama presbytery. These will be available soon online and limited print copies will be available at this meeting. The former communications officer has been replaced by Samuel Habarurema who is also the president of the partnership committee of the EPR Gitarama presbytery.
2. Project 2020 – Don Wilson has been applying for grant monies to support this project which will send 2 or 3 pastors to Rwanda next summer to learn more about how the churches in Gitarama presbytery carry out evangelism ministries. These pastors would bring information back to share with our presbytery. Approved using presbytery share of Peacemaking Offering for Project 2020.
3. The trucking company that used to take clean-up buckets no longer has a route in that area. \$122.12 was approved from disaster response clean up bucket designated money for van for van rental and fuel to transport the clean up buckets collected at the November presbytery meeting. Approved Dave Larimer using his own vehicle to make the delivery. Approved sending the residual funds for clean up buckets to Church World Service who ships these.
4. If your church is making a trip to New Windsor, MD where clean-up buckets, health kits, school kits, and layette kits are collected, and you would be able to transport buckets or kits from our presbytery, please contact the Mission Commission or the presbytery office. In an effort to be good stewards, we are hoping to encourage networking to help transport buckets and kits. Also, we are thankful for Plum Creek Presbyterian Church who is a “Kit Depot” for drop off of buckets and kits (see the Church World Service website cwskits.org).

5. Approved continuing to use unused Hibbs Fund interest to award grants through churches in our presbytery. Approved changing the guidelines to allow for awards up to all the unused interest. Reminder, that the guidelines for use of the Hibbs Fund and the application a session may use to request funds is located online kiskipby.org under the Mission Commission, see lower right corner.
6. In 2020, the partnership committee will meet with the Mission Commission. If you would like to join with the Mission Commission or help with our presbytery partnership with Rwanda, please contact the Mission chair as a schedule is being developed in the next few weeks.

Report of the Admin Commission:

Ron Alberta and Betsy DeGory, Co-chairs

We bring you three items that require corporate action.

(Moderator: please stand as the presbytery)

(President: Now, please be seated as the corporation. Prayer is offered.)

- 1. We request that the members of the Admin Commission be elected as Trustees of this corporation, serving concurrently. Those members are: Ron Alberta as Co-President, Betsy DeGory as Co-President, and Lea Austin, David Hanna, Tom Smith, Cheryl Thomas, Racquel Tomacruz, Sheila Wadding.**
- 2. We request that Sandy Gandolfi be re-elected as Treasurer for the year 2020.**
- 3. We request that the Trustees be given the permission of this corporation to handle the dispensing of the real property of the Goheenville church, whose service of closure is scheduled for January 19, 2020.**

(President: Now, please stand as the corporation.)

(Moderator: please be seated as the presbytery. Prayer is offered.)

Report of the Ministry Commission:

Rev. Gary Lyon, Chair

For information:

1. Approved the dissolving of the pastoral relationship between NuValley and Rev. Brenda Barnes, at their mutual request, effective December 31, 2019.
2. Approved the following moderator appointments: Dana Wilmot – NuValley, Adam Clever – Slate Lick, Kathy Nice – Elderton.

From Mark Davis:

Thanks for... Thank-you So Much!

I have been trying to say goodbye for the better part of the year. I know that for some this is an easy process, they shake hands, maybe hug and off they go. But I have invested just a few years short of a third of my life here and I can't get the words right.

Last month I ended my pastor's letter to the church using the words of Ms. Carol Burnett. Each week she would walk onto the center stage and sing;

I'm so glad we had this time together just to have a laugh or sing a song. Seems we just got started and before you know it, comes the time we have to say, 'So Long.'

The song would continue for a few seconds as she alluded to the fact that there were ups and downs, then she concluded her song by singing;

That's why I'm so glad we had this time together, 'Cause it makes me feel like I belong. Seems we just got started and before you know it comes the time we have to say, 'So Long'"

I have thoroughly enjoyed my calling as a minister in Kiski Presbytery. I have worked with a few committees and one twice. I have attended many Presbytery meetings, and was a representative at GA. Sure there were times when I was tempted to "zone out" but the dedication, the Koininia kept me going. The Presbytery supported Kathleen and I in times of sickness and when we gave our parents back to God.

This past November when the Presbytery and the Synod Transitional Executive, Susan Wonderland met at the Slate Lick Church for our Presbytery meeting, I was speechless and near tears as Don called me up, and with the moderator helped me consecrate my retirement.

This dedication and commitment, these powerful acts of love and friendship remind me of God's wondrous presence in our lives over my past almost 23 years with you.

But I want you to remember and be assured that these glimmering traces, these examples of God's presence and your friendship have made me a better person and has made us a stronger Presbytery.

Now, you all know by now that there is no guarantee that I will see any of you again, however, I do believe the traces of God's presence will forever connect us and illuminate the path that God has asked us to walk.

Thank you for letting me be your pastor and your friend. I will always remember you!

Mark



In a class that covers church-specific scenarios!

This 3-hour workshop will provide you with the required training in a format that will make sense to your situation as a church **Elder, Deacon, VBS volunteer, Sunday School teacher/helper, or Pastor**. You will receive a certificate upon completion of the workshop. Provided FREE by the Presbytery of Kiskiminetas, with local pastors as workshop leaders, we encourage you to sign up soon to complete your once-every-5-year training. This training is eligible for Act 31, Act 48 (Act 126) credits.

Location: **Presbytery Office, 71 W Main St, Yatesboro**

Date/Time: **Thursday, January 23 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

Register: **724-783-7196 or email MindyS@kiskipby.org**



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Location: **Saltsburg Presbyterian Church**

Date/Time: **Wednesday, February 5 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

Register: **Jeanie Anderson, 724-468-8134, andersonb@troycorp.com**



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Location: **Dayton Glade Run Presbyterian Church**

Date/Time: **Saturday, February 8 10:00 am – 1:00 pm**

Register: **Sheila Wadding, 724-525-7470,
sdwadding@windstream.net**