

**REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK
February 16, 2017**

IN MEMORY OF THIS FAITHFUL SERVANT

**Lana Dumrauf
Former Senior Assistant Stated Clerk
January 2, 1956 - December 20, 2016**

Items for Information

1. Appointment of Investigative Committee

The Stated Clerk's office received a complaint in a disciplinary action against two teaching elder members of Pittsburgh Presbytery in late December 2016, necessitating the formation of an Investigative Committee. In accordance with the procedures set forth in the Manual of Pittsburgh Presbytery, the Moderator appointed the following individuals to serve on the Investigative Committee:

Rev. Jane Esterline (Northmont)
Ruling Elder Barbara Griffin (East Liberty)
Rev. Dr. Carolyn Jones (Honorably Retired)
Rev. Dr. Dan Merry (Southminster)
Ruling Elder John Wray (Waverly)

2. Receipt of Complaint and Request for Stay in Remedial Action

The Stated Clerk's office received a complaint and request for stay in a remedial action against a session of a congregation of Pittsburgh Presbytery in January 2017. The Permanent Judicial Commission is considering the matter.

3. Braddock Administrative Commission Request

The Administrative Commission formed to conclude the legal and ecclesiastical affairs of the former First United Presbyterian Church of Braddock has begun its work and is seeking proposals from churches or other non-profit entities interested in obtaining ownership of the building.

4. Permanent Judicial Commission Expired Terms Roster

In accordance with D-5.0206b of the Rules of Discipline, the Stated Clerk is required to maintain a current roster of the members of the Permanent Judicial Commission whose terms have expired within the last six years and to report those names annually to the Presbytery. The following are the Teaching Elder and Ruling Elder members of the Permanent Judicial Commission of the Presbytery whose terms have expired within the last six years and who, therefore, would be available to fill a quorum in the event that current members of the Permanent Judicial Commission are unable to attend hearings in a particular case:

Name	Term Expired
Don Ewing (TE)	2016
John Welch (TE)	2016
Dwight Howes (RE)	2011
Jean Kennedy (RE)	2011

5. 2016 Minutes Reading

The Ecclesiastical Committee has scheduled Minutes Readings as follows:

- April 8 – Minute Reading, Linway United Presbyterian Church
- April 22 – Minute Reading, Hampton United Presbyterian Church
- May 6 – Minute Reading, Bethel Presbyterian Church, Bethel Park
- May 20 – Minute Reading, Wallace Memorial Presbyterian Church
- June 3 – Minute Reading, Presbytery Center
- September 9 – Overall Makeup Minute Reading, Presbytery Center

NOTE: Clerks of Session will remember that congregations are not required to attend the minutes reading scheduled in their district and may take minutes, rolls and registers to be read at any scheduled time and place.

6. Invitations for Hosting the Presbytery during Calendar Year 2018

We would welcome your invitation for the Pittsburgh Presbytery to meet at your church/facility for its February, May, or December 2018 stated meeting.

7. Ruling Elder Parity - 2017

Presbytery Plan for Addressing Teaching and Ruling Elder Parity. Under provisions of article G-3.0301 of the Book of Order, the Presbytery annually redresses an imbalance of ministers and elders in accordance with a plan set out in the Presbytery Manual. The imbalance is addressed by (1) subtracting ministers who do not live within a reasonable meeting-commuting range, (2) calculating the number of ruling elder commissioners which participating congregations by size are permitted to send to presbytery meetings (as set forth in the Manual of the Presbytery), (3) enrolling ruling elders actively serving on commissions and committees of the presbytery, (4) enrolling presbytery ruling elder officers, staff, commissioned ruling elders and past moderators, and (5) inviting congregations on the basis of an annual rotation to send an additional ruling elder to presbytery meetings. The structure of this presbytery teaching and ruling elder parity plan has been in place for a number of years.

The membership of Pittsburgh Presbytery as reported to the Stated Clerk as of December 31, 2015 was:

Teaching Elders/Minister Members:	314
Less non-commuters	<u>-40</u>
Teaching Elder/Minister Members:	274

Ruling Elders	
Ruling Elders by Congregation Membership Size	148
Plus Ruling Elder Officers/Committee Service	72
Plus Serving Commissioned Ruling Elders	3
Plus Additional Ruling Elders by Rotation	<u>51</u>
	274

8. Correspondence

During the reported period since the last regularly stated Presbytery meeting, all correspondence that was received was responded to and/or appropriately routed for review and response in due course.

Items for Action

1. Consent Motions

The Stated Clerk recommends the following items be approved by consent: # 2 and 3.

*2. Ruling Elder Parity

The Stated Clerk recommends that the following ruling elder officers and committee/commission members of Pittsburgh Presbytery be commissioned as Ruling Elder Presbyters for the calendar year 2017 to redress an imbalance of teaching elders and ruling elders Presbyters (See, Book of Order, G-3.0301):

EQUALIZED RULING ELDERS 2017

Elected Officers of Presbytery:

Assistant Stated Clerk
Vice Moderator (East)

Rebecca Price
Hill Jordan

Bethany UP
Valley View

Former Moderators:

Frank Hancock
Kears Pollock
David Green
Justin M. Johnson
William Pohlmann
Ronald Curry
Mark J. Krauland
Jean C. Kennedy
Lenore Williams

Oakmont PC
Parkwood UP
Bower Hill
East Liberty
Southminster
Grace Memorial
East Liberty
East Liberty
East Liberty

Presbytery Executive Committee:

Joyce Matthews
Fred Shields
Bob Crynack
Clifford Huff
Linda Williams

Grace Memorial
Oakmont
Glenshaw
Glenshaw Valley
Hiland

Dan Beckstrom	Bethel Park
Robert Dressing	Pleasant Hills
Lauren Wolcott	Hot Metal
Barb Prevost	Crafton Heights
Larry Shoup	Hebron, Clinton
Ann Strong	Sewickley

Treasurer:

Christopher Martin	East Liberty
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Presbytery Staff:

Roy Burford	Bethel Presbyterian
Cathy Nelson	Crafton UP
Carla Campbell	Southminster

***Chairs/Vice Chairs/Ruling Elders of...
...Commission on Ministry***

Susan Cramer	Shadyside
Leslie Kaplan	Sixth
Ann Turnock	Beulah
Mary Jo Buffo	Hiland
Susan Herrle	Wexford
David Lavender	Ross Community
Ann Ritter	Elfinwild
Brad Pietryga	Homestead
Vera Purcell	Southminster
Earle Wooding	Pleasant Hills
Renee Bair	Covenant Community
Tom Chidlow	Rennerdale
Glenn Mack	Crafton Heights
Bucky Savatt	Ken Mawr

...Commission on Preparation for Ministry

Donald Barnes	Open Door
Peter Gilmore	Sixth PC
Harriette McCray	Grace Memorial
Kaye Wentling	Hillcrest
Andrew Wilson	Forest Hills
Peggy Bonfiglio	First Tarentum
Judith Jerry	Bidwell
Bob Lindemann	Elfinwild
Jack Smith, Jr.	Bidwell
Marilyn Beckstrom	Bethel Park
Suzanne Good	Southminster
Dan Frayer Griggs	Hot Metal
Tami Licht	Pleasant Hills

Kenneth Ference Bellevue
Toby Graham Sewickley
Jim Morrisey Sewickley

...Nominations

Simone S. Cephas Bethesda (Pgh)

...Permanent Judicial Commission

Ann Baker Hampton
William Cadwell Bower Hill
Susan Dobbins Sewickley
Bonnie Leitsch New Life Community

...Response Team

Derwin Rushing Hot Metal
Michelle Snyder Bower Hill
Karen Timko John McMillan

Commissioned Ruling Elders:

Dale Craig (Elder, Ross Community) Ross Community
Paul Nigra (Elder, Hawthorne) Hawthorne
Nancy Kay Stanny (Elder, Valley) Concord

Braddock Administrative Commission:

Edison Click (Braddock)
Jane Fox (Sixth)

Clairton Administrative Commission:

Betty Jane Berich (Bethesda Eliz.)
Madeline DiNardo (Clairton)

Forest Grove Administrative Commission:

Scott Davis (Union)
Peter Pross (Mosaic)
Louise Schoppe (Ken Mawr)

Knoxville Administrative Commission:

Tim Bailey (Carnegie)

***3. Ecclesiastical Administrative Commission to Ordain or Install**

The Stated Clerk recommends that the Minutes of the following Ecclesiastical Administrative Commissions be approved and the Commissions be dismissed with thanks:

to Ordain Jason Freyer

FREYER

The following Administrative Commission was elected by Pittsburgh Presbytery on December 8, 2016 to ordain Jason Freyer as a Teaching Elder: The Moderator, Rev. Jay W. Lewis to moderate, the Rev. Jake Clawson, the Rev. Rebecca DePoe, Elder Tim Bosse (Beulah United Presbyterian Church), and Elder Amy Winzgarden (Westminster Presbyterian Church).

The Commission met by appointment on January 8, 2017 at approximately 2:40 p.m., at Westminster Presbyterian Church. There being a quorum present, the Commission was convened with prayer by Jason Freyer. All things being prepared in advance, decently and in order, the Commission approved the Service of Ordination and voted to proceed to ordain Jason Freyer as a Teaching Elder according to the direction of Presbytery and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

The Commission moved to the Sanctuary at approximately 3 p.m. and ordained Jason Freyer as a Teaching Elder. The Moderator, Rev. Jay Lewis, asked the constitutional questions which were answered in the affirmative. The Sermon was delivered by Rev. J. Taylor Haley, member of the John Knox Presbytery, and the prayer of ordination was offered by the Rev. Rebecca DePoe. Communion was celebrated. The Minutes of the Commission were delegated to the Moderator to read and approve. Upon motion duly made, the Commission moved to adjourn at the conclusion of the Service of Ordination with the pronouncement of benediction by the Rev. Jason Freyer.

to Ordain Matthew Fricker

FRICKER

The Administrative Commission elected by the Presbytery on December 8, 2016 to ordain Matthew Fricker as a Teaching Elder, consisting of Senior Vice-Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Trent Hancock, the Rev. Dr. John Hamilton, and the Rev. Jeff Tindall, together with Ruling Elder Cheryl Smith of Bethany Presbyterian Church, and Ruling Elder Toni Sulkowski of John McMillan Presbyterian Church, met by appointment on January 8, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. at Bethany Presbyterian Church.

There being a quorum present, the Commission was convened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Trent Hancock. All things being prepared in advance, decently and in order, the Commission approved the Service of Ordination and voted to proceed to the ordination of the Matthew Fricker according to the direction of Presbytery and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Commission moved to the Sanctuary at 3:00 p.m. and ordained the Rev. Matthew Fricker as Teaching Elder.

Senior Vice-Moderator Hancock asked the constitutional questions which the candidate answered in the affirmative. The Sermon was delivered by Deacon Emily Cowser. The Rev. Dr. John Hamilton offered the prayer of installation. The Rev. Jeff Tindall offered the charge to the pastor.

The Minutes of the Commission were read and approved. Upon motion duly made, the Commission moved to adjourn at the conclusion of the Service of Ordination with the pronouncement of the Benediction by the Rev. Matthew Fricker.

to Install Rev. Scott Hill

HILL

The Ecclesiastical Administrative Commission elected by Pittsburgh Presbytery on December 8, 2016 to install Rev. Scott Hill as Pastor of Aspinwall Presbyterian Church, consisting of the Moderator Rev. Heather Schoenewolf, to moderate, Teaching Elders: Rev. Dr. Sheldon Sorge, Rev. Erin Davenport, and Rev. Carolyn Jones, Ruling Elder Andy Bennett (Aspinwall Presbyterian Church) and Ruling Elder Linda Williams (Highland Presbyterian Church), met by appointment on Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. at the Aspinwall Presbyterian Church.

There being a quorum present, the Commission was convened with prayer by Rev. Hill. All things being prepared in advance, decently and in order, the Commission moved to seat Rev. Susan McGhee, Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley as a corresponding member. The Commission then moved to proceed to the Installation of Rev. Scott Hill according to the direction of Presbytery and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Commission moved to the Sanctuary at 2:00 p.m. and installed Rev. Scott Hill as Pastor of Aspinwall Presbyterian Church.

Moderator Rev. Heather Schoenewolf asked the constitutional questions (W-4.4003) which the candidate answered in the affirmative. The Sermon was delivered by the Rev. Susan McGhee, Executive Presbyter, Presbytery of Ohio Valley (IN). The Charge to the Pastor was delivered by Ruling Elder Linda Williams, Jonnett Maurer, Dave Nury and the children and youth of Aspinwall Presbyterian Church; Moderator, Rev. Schoenewolf offered the prayer of installation.

The Minutes of the Commission were read and approved. Upon motion duly made, the commission moved to adjourn at the conclusion of the Service of Installation with the pronouncement of the Benediction by the newly installed Rev. Scott Hill.

to Ordain Benjamin Schneider

SCHNEIDER

The following Administrative Commission was elected by Pittsburgh Presbytery on December 8, 2016 to ordain Benjamin Schneider as a Teaching Elder: The Moderator, Rev. Jay W. Lewis to moderate, the Rev. Dr. Beverly James, the Rev. Deborah Warren, Ruling Elder Mrs. Toby Graham, and Ruling Elder Mrs. Bonnie Hubauer. The Commission met by appointment on December 21, 2016 shortly before 7 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church of Elizabeth, PA.

There being a quorum present, the Commission was convened with prayer by Benjamin Schneider. All things being prepared in advance, decently and in order, the Commission approved the Service of Ordination and Installation and voted to proceed to ordain Benjamin Schneider as a Teaching Elder according to the direction of Presbytery and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

The Commission moved to the Sanctuary at 7 p.m. and ordained Benjamin Schneider as a Teaching Elder. The Moderator, Rev. Jay Lewis, asked the constitutional questions which he answered in the affirmative. The Sermon was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Beverly James, and the prayer of ordination was offered by the full Commission. The Minutes of the Commission were delegated to the Moderator to read and approve. Upon motion duly made, the Commission moved to adjourn at the conclusion of the Service of Ordination with the pronouncement of benediction by the Rev. Benjamin Schneider.

to Ordain Gavin Walton

WALTON

The following Administrative Commission was elected by Pittsburgh Presbytery on December 8, 2016 to ordain Gavin Walton as a Teaching Elder: The Moderator, Rev. Jay W. Lewis to moderate, the Rev. Jake Clawson, the Rev. John Magnuson., Elder Harriet McCray (Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church), and Elder John Van Cleve (Westminster Presbyterian Church).

The Commission met by appointment on January 22, 2017 at approximately 3:00 p.m., at Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church. There being a quorum present, the Commission was convened with prayer by Gavin Walton. All things being prepared in advance, decently and in order, the Commission approved the Service of Ordination and voted to proceed to ordain Gavin Walton as a Teaching Elder according to the direction of Presbytery and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

The Commission moved to the Sanctuary at approximately 4 p.m. and ordained Gavin Walton as a Teaching Elder. The Moderator, Rev. Jay Lewis, asked the constitutional questions which were answered in the affirmative. The Sermon was delivered by Rev. Jeffrey A. Schooley, and the prayer of ordination was offered by Rev. Jake Clawson. Communion was celebrated. The Minutes of the Commission were delegated to the Moderator to read and approve. Upon motion duly made, the Commission moved to adjourn at the conclusion of the Service of Ordination with the pronouncement of benediction by the Rev. Gavin Walton.