

**REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK
May 4 2016**

Items for Information

1. Charges Filed Against a Minister Member of the Presbytery

The Stated Clerk reports that formal charges have been filed against a teaching elder member of Presbytery and were transmitted to the Moderator and Clerk of the Presbytery's Permanent Judicial Commission.

2. Appointment of Administrative Commission

In late 2016, the session of Natrona Heights Presbyterian Church unilaterally took action to disaffiliate with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and to affiliate with the Presbytery of the Alleghenies of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. The Session informed Pittsburgh Presbytery of this action by letter dated February 7, 2017. In so doing, the session of Natrona Heights Presbyterian Church declined to participate in the dismissal process set forth in the Policy and Procedures for Dismissal of Churches.

Accordingly, in the interim between presbytery meetings, it was necessary for the moderator to appoint an Administrative Commission pursuant to section G-3.0109 of the Book of Order to engage in discussions and negotiations as a representative of Pittsburgh Presbytery with the congregation. On March 28, 2016, the moderator appointed the following individuals to serve on the Natrona Heights Administrative Commission:

Ruling Elder Mary Jo Buffo (Hiland)
Rev. Dr. Carolyn Jones (HR)
Ruling Elder Mark Nootbaar (Northmont)
Rev. Bruce Schlenke (HR)
Ruling Elder Bob Schoop (Oakmont)

The Natrona Heights Administrative Commission has the following powers:

1. To consult with the members of the congregation concerning the dismissal of the congregation, and to convene gatherings of the members of the congregation for consultation;
2. To examine minutes, papers, and records of the session and congregation;
3. To conduct hearings and to determine whether a disagreement among the members concerning dismissal constitutes schism;
4. If there is schism, to conduct hearings and to determine whether reconciliation of a schism is possible;
5. If there is irreconcilable schism, to conduct hearings and to determine whether a faction within the congregation should be identified as the true church within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); and to determine, upon recommendation, the disposition of all church property held in trust for the PCUSA (G-4.0203).
6. To represent the Presbytery in settlement negotiations with the session or its representatives;
7. To present its findings and recommendations to the Presbytery.

3. Congregation Name Change

To reflect the completion of the merger of the former Wallace Memorial Presbyterian Church and Dormont Presbyterian Church, the combined church has changed its name to Unity Presbyterian Church. The congregation continues to worship at the former Wallace Memorial Presbyterian Church location.

4. Knoxville United Presbyterian Church Dissolution

After consulting with the congregation, the session of Knoxville United Presbyterian Church voted to dissolve on March 19, 2017 and the Knoxville Administrative Commission concurred. A final report by the Knoxville Administrative Commission will be presented at the presbytery meeting.

5. 2016 Presbytery Minutes Review

The 2016 Minutes of Pittsburgh Presbytery were examined at the Synod of the Trinity Records Review Conference in State College on April 26, 2017 where they were approved with three exceptions: (1) the absence of a report from the Committee on Representation; (2) the absence of minimum terms of call for Certified Christian Educators; and (3) the absence of review of session compliance with the requirement of having a child protection and sexual misconduct policy.

6. 2016 Minutes Reading Reminder

The remaining scheduled 2016 Minutes Readings are as follows:

May 6 – Bethel Presbyterian Church, Bethel Park

May 20 – Unity Presbyterian Church (former Wallace Memorial Pres. Church)

June 3 – Presbytery Center

September 9 – Overall Makeup Minute Reading, Presbytery Center

Clerks of Session please note that the Examination of Session Minutes form has changed. The updated form is available at:

http://www.pghpresbytery.org/forms/pdfs/stated_clerk_resources/exam_session_minutes.pdf

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.

7. 2016 Statistics

As of December 31, 2016, Pittsburgh Presbytery had 135 chartered congregations and 301 Teaching Elder members. Of our 135 congregations, 115 timely completed the General Assembly statistical information request and the 2016 statistical report is attached hereto.

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: # 3 and 4.

2. Voting on Proposed Constitutional Amendments

At the May 4, 2017 meeting, the presbytery will vote on the following of the proposed amendments to the constitution arising out of the 222nd General Assembly:

Amendment 16-G Access to the Lord's Table

Amendment 16-H Replacing the Current Directory for Worship

The Office of the General Assembly did not print and distribute copies of the proposed amendments. Instead, they may be downloaded at:

<http://www.pcusa.org/resource/ga222-proposed-amendments-constitution/>

*3. Dissolution of Hazelwood Presbyterian Church.

The remaining members of Hazelwood Presbyterian Church have voted to dissolve the congregation. Since considerable time has elapsed since the congregation sold its building, the Stated Clerk has determined that an administrative commission to conclude the congregation's ecclesiastical and legal affairs is not necessary and asks that the congregation be dissolved as of May 4, 2017.

*4. 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:

Administrative Commission to Ordain Darlene Figgs

FIGGS

The Ecclesiastical Administrative Commission elected by Pittsburgh Presbytery on December 8, 2016 to ordain Darlene M. Figgs, consisting of the Moderator Rev. Heather Schoenewolf, to moderate, the Rev. B. DeNeice Welch, Rev. Sharon Stewart, Ruling Elder Jack Smith of Bidwell Street United Presbyterian Church met by appointment on Sunday, January 8, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at the Bidwell Street United Presbyterian Church. (Ruling Elder Harriet McCray was excused.).

There being a quorum present, the Commission was convened with prayer by Darlene Figgs. 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 Rev. Darlene Figgs according to the direction of Presbytery and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Commission moved to the Sanctuary at 3:30 p.m. and ordained the Rev. Darlene Figgs as Teaching Elder/Minister of Word and Sacrament.

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. B. DeNeice Welch. The Charge to the Pastor was delivered by the Rev. John C. Welch. Rev. Sharon Stewart offered the prayer of ordination.

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 ordained Rev. Darlene M. Figgs.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rev. Heather Schoenewolf, Moderator

Administrative Commission to Install Tara R. Thompson

THOMPSON The following Administrative Commission was elected by Pittsburgh Presbytery on February 16, 2017, to install Tara R. Thompson as Associate Pastor of Southminster Presbyterian Church: Moderator Daniel Beckstrom. Teaching Elders Daniel B. Merry and Ayana Teter; Ruling Elder Marie Bowen, Elfinwild Presbyterian Church and Ruling Elder Karen Rossi, Southminster Presbyterian Church. The Commission met by appointment on Sunday, March 26, 2017, at 10:30 a.m. at the Southminster Presbyterian Church.

There being a quorum present, the Commission was convened with prayer by Ayana Teter. All things being prepared in advance, decently and in order, the Commission approved the Service of Installation and voted to proceed to install Tara R. Thompson as Associate Pastor at Southminster Presbyterian Church according to the direction of Presbytery and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

The Commission moved to the Sanctuary at 10:45 a.m. and installed Tara R. Thompson as Associate Pastor. The Moderator, Daniel Beckstrom, asked the constitutional questions which Tara R. Thompson answered in the affirmative. The Sermon was delivered by Dan Merry and Marie Bowen 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 Benediction by Tara R. Thompson.



Presbytery Report 2016

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Membership

Prior Active Members 28518

Gains		Losses	
17 & Under	256	Certified	351
18 & Over	497	Deaths	530
Certified	167	Other	1020
Other	136		
Total Gains	1056	Total Losses	1901

Total Active Members 27673
 Baptized 2419
 Other Participants 670
 Total Adherents 30762
 Female Members 16249

Average Attendance 11116

Affiliate Members 133

Baptisms		Officers	
Child Baptisms	331	Male Session	548
Adult Baptisms	50	Female Session	640
		Male Deacons	301
		Female Deacons	733

Age Distribution of Active Members	Male	Femaie
25 & Under	3285	1471
26 - 45	5755	2311
46 - 55	3718	1549
56 - 65	4417	1651
Over 65	7023	2391

Total Distribution	24198	9373	13437
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People with Disabilities

Hearing	812
Sight	271
Mobility	758
Other	328

Christian Education

Birth 3	734	Grade 7	274
Age 4	379	Grade 8	278
Kindergarten	343	Grade 9	307
Grade 1	306	Grade 10	294
Grade 2	297	Grade 11	296
Grade 3	316	Grade 12	243
Grade 4	297	Young Adults	474
Grade 5	301	Over 25	2569
Grade 6	269	Teachers/Officers	1000
Total	8977		

Racial Ethnic Breakdown	Membership	Elders	Deacons	Male	Female
Asian	199	10	17	73	116
Black	335	19	6	47	84
African American	446	25	18	146	294
African	17			5	12
Middle Eastern	19	1	1	12	7
Hispanic	58	2	7	23	29
Native American	3			1	1
White	23718	1025	882	8689	11968
Other	40	1		126	170
Totals	24835	1083	931	9122	12681

Potential Giving Units	13,671
Budgeted Income	34,145,192
Budgeted Expense	36,159,909

Receipts

Regular Contributions	27,951,338	Bequests	2,254,747
Capital Building Fund	2,561,681	Other Income	3,742,614
Investment Income	7,347,410	Subsidy or Aid	294,029

Expenditures

Local Program	27,782,048	Per Capital Apprt	942,891
Local Mission	1,998,842	Validated Mission	972,358
Capital Expenditures	3,805,998	Theological Fund	8,552
Investment Expenditures	1,679,205	Other Mission	1,164,013