

**REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK
February 8, 2018**

Items for Information

1. Deadline for Docket Time and Waiver Requests for May Presbytery Meeting

The Ecclesiastical Committee has announced that all requests for docket time at the May presbytery meeting must be made to the Ecclesiastical Committee via the Stated Clerk's office no later than noon on Wednesday, April 4, 2018. Requests for waivers of the six-year limitation on terms for elders and deacons are due at the same time.

2. Deadline for Entry of Statistical Information

Clerks of Session are reminded that the deadline for entry of 2017 statistical information is Tuesday, February 13, 2018.

3. New Clerk of Session Training

The Ecclesiastical Committee has scheduled New Clerk of Session Training for **Saturday, February 17, 2018**. While primarily designed for clerks within their first two years of service, seasoned clerks are invited to come and to share their experience with new clerks. Please register by Tuesday, February 13 by emailing Cathy Nelson at cnelson@pghpresbytery.org or calling her at 412-697-9210. When registering, please leave contact information in case of inclement weather. The snow date for this event is Saturday, February 24, 2018.

4. 2017 Minutes Reading Dates and Locations

The Ecclesiastical Committee has scheduled Minutes Readings from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on the follow dates and locations:

April 7, 2018 – Forest Hills Presbyterian Church

April 21, 2018 – Unity Presbyterian Church (formerly Wallace Memorial)

May 5, 2018 – Elfinwild Presbyterian Church

May 19, 2018 – Bethel Presbyterian Church (Bethel Park)

June 9, 2018 – Presbytery Center

September 22, 2018 – Presbytery Center

Please note that the June Minutes Reading has been changed to June 9, 2018 due to a scheduling conflict.

5. Invitations for Hosting the Presbytery during Calendar Year 2019

The Ecclesiastical Committee would welcome your invitation for the Pittsburgh Presbytery to meet at your church/facility for its February, May, or December 2019 stated meeting.

6. Transfer of Former First Presbyterian Church of Braddock Property

The transfer of the former First Presbyterian Church of Braddock building to the Mon-Valley initiative for nominal consideration closed on January 25, 2018. The building will be used for loft-style housing.

7. 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 minister and 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
Rev. Dr. Don Ewing	2016
Rev. Dr. John Welch	2016
Elder Ann Baker, Esq.	2017
Elder William Cadwell	2017

8. Ruling Elder Parity - 2018

Presbytery Plan for Addressing Minister and Elder Parity. As required by 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 elder commissioners which participating congregations by size are permitted to send to presbytery meetings, (3) enrolling elders actively serving on commissions and committees of the presbytery, (4) enrolling presbytery elder officers, staff, commissioned pastors, and past moderators, and (5) inviting congregations on the basis of an annual rotation to send an additional elder to presbytery meetings. Based on the membership of Pittsburgh Presbytery and its congregations as reported to the Stated Clerk as of December 31, 2016, this calculation is as follows:

Ministers

Total Minister Members:	302
Less non-commuters	<u>-36</u>
Minister Members for Parity:	266

Elders

Elders by Congregation Membership Size	149
Plus Elder Officers, Etc.	70
Plus Serving Commissioned Pastors	4
Plus Additional Ruling Elders by Rotation	<u>43</u>
	266

Items for Action

1. Consent Motions

The Stated Clerk recommends items # 2, 3, 4, and 5 be approved by consent.

***2. Dismissal of Committee of Counsel**

As previously reported, the Permanent Judicial Commission of the Synod of the Trinity dismissed the action of Lewis v. Pittsburgh Presbytery. The time to appeal this dismissal has elapsed. Accordingly, the Stated Clerk requests that that following Committee of Counsel in that matter be dismissed with thanks:

Rev. Aaron Gordon
 Rev. Jay Lewis
 Elder Charlesetta McKinney

***3. Ruling Elder Parity**

The Stated Clerk recommends that the following elder officers, former moderators, committee/commission members, and staff of Pittsburgh Presbytery be commissioned as elder presbyters for the calendar year 2018 to redress an imbalance of minister and elder presbyters (See, Book of Order, G-3.0301):

EQUALIZED RULING ELDERS 2018

Elected Officers of Presbytery:

Vice Moderator (East)	Hill Jordan	Valley View
Vice Moderator (South)	Lauren Wolcott	Hot Metal
Treasurer	Christopher Martin	East Liberty
Stated Clerk	Carla Campbell	Southminster
Assistant Stated Clerk	Rebecca Price	Bethany UP

Former Moderators:

Ronald Curry	Grace Memorial
David Green	Bower Hill
Frank Hancock	Oakmont PC
Justin Johnson	East Liberty
Jean Kennedy	East Liberty
Mark Krauland	East Liberty
William Pohlmann	Southminster
Kears Pollock	Parkwood UP
Lenore Williams	East Liberty

Presbytery Executive Committee:

Dan Beckstrom	Bethel (Bethel Park)
Chris Blackwood	Southminster
Bob Crynack	Glenshaw
Clifford Huff	Glenshaw Valley
Joyce Matthews	Grace Memorial
Barb Prevost	Crafton Heights
Darlene Rushing	Hot Metal Bridge
Fred Shields	Oakmont
Larry Shoup	Hebron, Clinton
Ann Strong	Sewickley
Linda Williams	Ben Avon

Presbytery Staff:

Roy Burford	Bethel (Bethel Park)
Cathy Nelson	Crafton UP

Commission on Ministry:

Renee Bair	Covenant Community
Tom Chidlow	Rennerdale
Susan Herrle	Wexford
David Lavender	Ross Community
Sissy Molnar	Hampton
Glenn Mack	Crafton Heights
Brad Pietryga	Homestead
Vera Purcell	Southminster
Ann Ritter	Elfinwild
Bucky Savatt	Ken Mawr
Ann Turnock	Beulah
Earle Wooding	Pleasant Hills

Commission on Preparation for Ministry:	Donald Barnes Peggy Bonfiglio Kenneth Ference Peter Gilmore Suzanne Good Toby Graham Judith Jerry Bob Lindemann Jim Morrisey Kaye Wentling	Open Door First Tarentum Bellevue Sixth PC Southminster Sewickley Bidwell Elfinwild Sewickley Hillcrest
Nominating Committee:	Simone S. Cephas	Bethesda (Pgh)
Permanent Judicial Commission:	Jeanne Bingman Eugene Harris Barbara Jay	Sewickley East Liberty Bethel (Bethel Park)
Response Team:	Jane Fox Derwin Rushing Michelle Snyder Karen Timko	Sixth Hot Metal Bower Hill John McMillan
<i>Administrative Commissions:</i>		
Braddock:	Edison Click	Braddock
Calvert	John Pickett Ronald Salisbury Shirley Voller	Fox Chapel Parkwood Calvert
Clairton:	Betty Jane Berich Madeline DiNardo	Bethesda Eliz. Clairton
Forest Grove:	Scott Davis Peter Pross	Union Mosaic
Natrona Heights:	Mary Jo Buffo Mark Nootbaar Bob Shoop	Hiland Northmont Oakmont
Plum Creek:	Eugene Feather Sally Huber-Lewis	Hampton Oakmont
<i>Commissioned Ruling Elders:</i>		
Ross Community Hawthorne Oakdale Forest Ave.	Dale Craig Paul Nigra Nancy Kay Stanny C. Louise Schoppe	Ross Community Hawthorne Valley Ken Mawr

***4. Election of Theological Student Advisory Delegate**

The Office of the General Assembly has informed the Stated Clerk that Karl Louis Shaley, a student at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary under care of Pittsburgh Presbytery, has been nominated by Committee on the Office of the General Assembly to be a Theological Student Advisory Delegate to the 223rd General Assembly. This nomination must be confirmed by election by the presbytery. Nominations from the floor are not in order.

***5. 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 Annamarie Groenenboom

GROENENBOOM The Administrative Commission elected by the Presbytery on December 14, 2017 to ordain Annamarie Groenenboom as a Minister of Word and Sacrament, comprising Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Trent Hancock, the Rev. Dr. John Burgess, and the Rev. Carolyn Cranston, together with Ruling Elder Carl Grande of Glenshaw Presbyterian Church, and Ruling Elder Debbie Smith of Bethel Presbyterian Church, met by appointment on January 21, 2018 at 1:15 p.m. at Glenshaw 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 Annamarie Groenenboom 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 ordained the Rev. Annamarie Groenenboom as a Minister of Word and Sacrament.

Moderator Hancock asked the constitutional questions which the candidate answered in the affirmative. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Dr. John Burgess. The Rev. Dr. Trent Hancock offered the prayer of installation. The Rev. Carolyn Cranston 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. Annamarie Groenenboom.