

Executive Committee Report
April 17, 2018

Pittsburgh Presbytery's Executive Committee met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at the Presbytery Center. Co-chair Rev. Lance Chapman opened the meeting with prayer.

Items for Information

1. Special Executive Committee Called for June 7, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

The Executive Committee has called a Special Meeting for Thursday, June 7, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in the Patrick Room of the Presbytery Center. The meeting is open to all presbyters. The purpose of this meeting is "to promote a full discussion regarding Pittsburgh Presbytery's subsidies of *per capita* payments to Synod and General Assembly" as required by the action of the presbytery at the February 8, 2018 Stated Meeting. As further required by that action, presbytery staff will "provide clear information on *per capita* expenses, income, and endowment designations no less than two weeks prior to such a meeting,"

2. Great Ends of the Church Fund Grants

The Executive Committee approved the grants proposed by the Great Ends of the Church Fund Subcommittee for 2018. The list of grants awarded will be announced at the presbytery meeting.

3. Election of Sub-Committee Members and Chair

The Executive Committee elected the following individuals to be members of its sub-committees:

Ruling Elder Bob Crynak	Personnel
Rev. Walt Pietschmann	Personnel
Ruling Elder Fred Shields	Property
Ruling Elder Nancy Wright	Property

The Executive Committee also elected Elder Shields as the Chair of the Property Sub-Committee.

4. Provisional Changes in Presbytery Staff Assignments

The General Minister, Rev. Dr. Sheldon Sorge, presented a provisional plan to the Executive Committee to restructure staff assignments in response to the departure of Associate Minister Rev. Ayana Teter. Rev. Sorge announced that the position will not be filled immediately due to financial pressures and the uncertainty caused by the proposed dramatic increase in General Assembly *per capita*.

Under the provisional plan, Rev. Dr. Beverly James would be doing oversight for the East and South branches and Rev. Brian Wallace would oversee the North and West branches. Staff oversight of standing committees, commission, and ministry teams would be divided among the leadership staff. Elder Carla Campbell would take primary responsibilities for congregational transitions except for pastoral needs in addition to continuing all Stated Clerk functions.

5. Change in Employment Terms and Title for Ruling Elder Carla Campbell

Because Elder Campbell has added responsibilities for oversight of congregational transitions, in addition to continuing all Stated Clerk functions, under the provisional staffing plan her title will be changed to Stated Clerk and Congregational Transition Specialist. Her employment will be increased from 30 hours per week to full-time employment with a salary increase of \$21,029 and full benefits

Items for Action

1. Consent Motions

The Executive Committee recommends that the following items be approved by consent:
2, 3 and 4.

***2. Waiver of Six-Year Limitation on Terms – Deer Creek United Presbyterian Church**

The Executive Committee approved and forwards to presbytery for its approval, a waiver of the six-year limitation on terms of one elder of Deer Creek United Presbyterian Church for election in 2018.

***3. Permission for Sale of Property –**

The Executive Committee approved and forwards to presbytery for its approval the request of the Presbyterian Church of Coroapolis to sell a portion of its parking lot for \$25,000. Because the Congregation was scheduled to vote on this matter after the Executive Committee Meeting, the Executive Committee's approval was conditional on congregational approval at its April 29, 2018 meeting. Should such approval not be granted, this item will be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

***4. Finance Reports – December 2017 and January 2018**

The Executive Committee recommends presbytery receive and file for audit the Presbytery Financial Statements for the months of December 2017 and January 2018.