

**REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK
May 3, 2018**

Items for Information

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

The Ecclesiastical Committee has announced that all requests for docket time at the September presbytery meeting must be made to the Ecclesiastical Committee via the Stated Clerk's office no later than noon on Wednesday, August 22, 2018. **If action by the Presbytery will be requested, the full text of the motion and any accompanying documents (reports, rationale, etc.) must be submitted by this time as well.** Requests for waivers of the six-year limitation on terms for elders and deacons are due on this date also.

2. 2017 Minutes Reading Dates and Locations

Clerks of Session are reminded that the Ecclesiastical Committee has scheduled Minutes Readings from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on the follow dates and locations:

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.

Items for Action

1. Consent Motions

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

***2. Ratification of Overture Advocates**

The Stated Clerk recommends that the following individuals be ratified as Pittsburgh Presbytery's overture advocates to the 223rd General Assembly for its concurrences to the overtures listed:

Rev. John Creasy, nominated by the Peacemaking Ministry Team to be the overture advocate for the concurrence to Overture 6: *On Directing the Board of Pensions and the Foundation to Divest from Fossil Fuel and Actively Invest in Securities that Focus in Renewable Energy.*

Rev. Dr. Sheldon Sorge, nominated by the Executive Committee to be the overture advocate for the concurrence to Overture 18: *On Appointing a Team to Review the Current Per Capita Based System of Funding the Ministry of Councils Higher Than the Session*

Rev. Dave Carver, nominated by the International Partnership Ministry Team to be the overture advocate for the concurrence to Overture 22: *On Support and Prayer for the Church and People of South Sudan*

***3. Ecclesiastical Administrative Commissions 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 Install Elisabeth Shelton Hartwell

HARTWELL The Administrative Commission elected by the Presbytery on February 8, 2018 to install Elisabeth Shelton Hartwell as Pastor for Hiland Presbyterian Church, comprising Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Trent Hancock, the Rev. Dr. Beverly James, and the Rev. Benjamin Robbins, together with Ruling Elder Susan Herrle of Wexford Community Presbyterian Church, and Ruling Elder Curt Fleming of Hiland Presbyterian Church, met by appointment on April 8, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. at Hiland 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 Installation and voted to proceed to the installation of Elisabeth Shelton Hartwell according to the direction of Presbytery and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Commission moved to the Sanctuary at 4:00 p.m. and installed the Rev. Elisabeth Shelton Hartwell as Pastor for Hiland Presbyterian Church.

Moderator Hancock asked the constitutional questions which the candidate answered in the affirmative. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Beverly James. The Rev. Benjamin Robbins offered the charge to the pastor and congregation.

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 Rev. Elisabeth Shelton Hartwell.

Administrative Commission to Ordain Maggie Smith

SMITH The Administrative Commission elected by the Presbytery on December 14, 2017 to ordain Maggie Smith as a Minister of Word and Sacrament, comprising Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Trent Hancock, the Rev. Jeff Eddings, and the Rev. Mike Holohan, together with Ruling Elder Laura Markowitz of Concord Presbyterian Church, and Ruling Elder Kenette Baum of the Presbyterian Church of Mt. Washington, met by appointment on February 3, 2018 at 1:30 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 Maggie Smith 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. Maggie Smith 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. Jeff Eddings. The Rev. Karen Rohrer offered the prayer of installation. The Rev. Greg Klimovitz (Presbytery of

Philadelphia) and the Rev. Jon Frost (Donegal Presbytery) 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. Maggie Smith.

Administrative Commission to Install Gavin Walton

WALTON The Administrative Commission elected by the Presbytery on February 8, 2018 to install Gavin Walton as Pastor for Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church, comprising Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Trent Hancock, the Rev. Ryan Pixton, and the Rev. Ayana Teter, together with Ruling Elder Hill Jordan of Valley View Presbyterian Church, and Ruling Elder Joyce Matthews of Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church, met by appointment on February 11 at 3:45 p.m. at Grace Memorial 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 Installation and voted to proceed to the installation of Gavin Walton according to the direction of Presbytery and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Commission moved to the Sanctuary at 4:00 p.m. and installed the Rev. Gavin Walton as Pastor for Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church

Moderator Hancock asked the constitutional questions which the candidate answered in the affirmative. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Ronald E. Peters. The Rev. Dr. Johnnie Monroe offered the charge to the pastor. The Rev. Dr. Deirdre Hainsworth offered the charge to the congregation.

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 Rev. Gavin Walton.

Administrative Commission to Ordain Ashley Birt

BIRT The Ecclesiastical Administrative Commission elected by the Commission on Preparation for Ministry on January 24, 2018 to ordain Ashley Birt consisting of the Moderator's Designee Rev. Heather Schoenewolf, to moderate, the Rev. Shanea Leonard and the Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy, together with Ruling Elder Charlotte Bush of the East Liberty Presbyterian Church and Ruling Elder Kaye Wentling of the Hillcrest United Presbyterian Church met by appointment on Sunday, February 18, 2018 at 2:30 PM at East Liberty Presbyterian Church.

There being a quorum present, the Commission was convened with prayer by Ashley Birt. The Commission Voted to seat the Rev Annanda Barclay of the Presbytery of San Jose as a corresponding member. 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 Ashley Birt 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. Ashley Birt as Teaching Elder.

Former 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. Dr. Janet Edwards. The Charge to the Pastor was delivered by the Rev. Annanda Barclay. Rev. Shanea Leonard 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 Installation with the pronouncement of the Benediction by the newly ordained Rev Ashley Birt.