

**REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK
September 20, 2018**

Items for Information

1. Reminder Regarding Child Protection

In light of the recent publicity regarding sexual abuse in the Catholic Church, the Stated Clerk reminds congregations of the importance of complying with the Book of Order requirement that each council have a Child and Youth Protection Policy. For those who already have a policy, the start of a new program year is an excellent time to review the appropriateness and adequacy of their policy considering new programs, etc.

Because of the length of the statute of limitations related to claims of abuse of minors, **the Stated Clerk recommends that churches permanently maintain copies of clearances and background checks obtained for employees and volunteers.**

2. Appointment of Investigating Committee

The Stated Clerk's office received two accusations against teaching elder members of Pittsburgh Presbytery. Because the two accusations arise out of inter-related underlying facts, the Moderator determined that they would be referred to the same Investigating Committee. In accordance with the procedures set forth in the Manual of Pittsburgh Presbytery, on September 4, 2018, the Moderator appointed the following individuals to serve on the Investigating Committee:

Rev. Dr. Randall Bush
Ruling Elder Susan Dobbins
Rev. Charissa Howe
Rev. Louise Rogers
Ruling Elder Derwin Rushing

3. October 31 Deadline for Docket Time and Waiver Requests for December Presbytery Meeting

The Ecclesiastical Committee has announced that all requests for docket time at the December presbytery meeting must be made to the Ecclesiastical Committee via the Stated Clerk's office no later than noon on Wednesday, October 31, 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.

4. Final 2017 Minutes Reading Opportunity

The final 2017 Minutes Reading will take place on Saturday, September 22, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Presbytery Center.

5. 2017 Statistics

As of December 31, 2017, Pittsburgh Presbytery had 132 chartered congregations and 316 minister members. Of our 132 congregations, 128 timely submitted membership information. The 2017 statistical report is attached hereto.

6. 2019 Deadlines for Docket Time and Waiver Requests

Based on the schedule of presbytery meetings approved by the Executive Committee, the Ecclesiastical Committee has established deadlines for docket time and waiver requests for 2019 as follows:

Presbytery Meeting	Deadline
February 21, 2019	January 23, 2019
May 23, 2019	April 17, 2019
September 19, 2019	August 21, 2019
December 5, 2019	October 20, 2019

7. 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 items # 3 and 4 be approved by consent.

2. Approval of Natrona Heights Presbyterian Church Dismissal Agreement

The proposed Dismissal Agreement for the Natrona Heights Presbyterian Church is expected to be ready for approval at the September meeting. Copies of the proposed agreement will be available at the Stated Clerk's table.

*3. Dissolution of Brookline Boulevard Presbyterian Church

After consulting with the congregation, the session of Brookline Boulevard Presbyterian Church has voted to dissolve. The final worship service will be held Sunday, September 23, 2018. As the church building already has been sold, 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 by presbytery as of September 30, 2018.

*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 Install Rev. Dr. Colleen Molinaro

MOLINARO The following Administrative Commission was elected by Pittsburgh Presbytery on May 3, 2018 to install Colleen Molinaro as Pastor of Carnegie Presbyterian Church: Moderator Rev. Dr. Trent Hancock or his designee to moderate. Ministers Rev. Dr. Sheldon Sorge, Rev. Diane Flynn and Rev. Dennis Molnar; Elder Bob Sorchilla, Carnegie Presbyterian Church, Elder Brenda Withers, Crafton United Presbyterian Church and Elder Debbie Smith, Bethel Presbyterian Church, Bethel Park. The Commission met by appointment on June 10, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. at the Carnegie Presbyterian Church.

There being a quorum present, the Commission was convened with prayer by Rev. Sorge. All things being prepared in advance, decently and in order, the Commission approved the Service of Installation and voted to proceed to install Rev. Dr. Colleen Molinaro as Pastor at Carnegie 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 4:00 p.m. and installed Rev. Dr. Colleen Molinaro as Pastor. The Moderator, Rev. Trent Hancock, asked the constitutional questions which Rev. Molinaro answered in the affirmative. The Sermon was delivered by Rev. Diane Flynn and Rev. Trent Hancock 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 Rev. Molinaro.