

**REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK
December 6, 2018**

Items for Information

1. Appointment of Administrative Commission – First United Presbyterian Church of Boston

After consulting with the congregation and the presbytery, the session of the First United Presbyterian Church of Boston voted to dissolve and held their final worship service on Sunday, October 28, 2018. Pursuant to the Manual of Pittsburgh Presbytery, on October 17, 2018, the Moderator appointed an administrative commission to conclude the legal and ecclesiastical affairs of the congregation, including disposition of the property. The members of the commission are:

Ruling Elder Tim Biggs (First, Boston)
Ruling Elder Ron Howell (First, Boston)
Ruling Elder Jean Jenkins (First, Boston)
Rev. William Little (First, Belle Vernon)
Rev. Jessica McClure Archer (Sampson's Mills)

The Administrative Commission welcomes proposals to acquire the property, especially from within the church or from other faith-based or not for profit organizations.

2. Deadline for Docket Time and Waiver Requests for February Presbytery Meeting

The Ecclesiastical Committee has announced that all requests for docket time at the February 21, 2019 presbytery meeting must be made to the Ecclesiastical Committee via the Stated Clerk's office no later than **noon on Wednesday, January 23, 2019**. 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.

The remaining deadlines for docket time and waiver requests for 2019 are as follows:

Presbytery Meeting	Deadline
May 23, 2019	April 17, 2019
August 14, 2019	August 21, 2019
December 5, 2019	October 30, 2019

3. 2018 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:

March 16, 2019 – Elfinwild Presbyterian Church
March 30, 2019 – Bethel Presbyterian Church, Bethel Park
April 13, 2019 – United Presbyterian Church of Universal
April 27, 2019 – Unity Presbyterian Church (Greentree)
May 18, 2019 – Presbytery Center
September 14, 2019 – Presbytery Center

4. New Clerk of Session Training

The Ecclesiastical Committee has scheduled New Clerk of Session training for Saturday, February 16, 2019 with a snow date of Saturday, February 23, 2019.

5. Presbytery Review of 2017 Session Minutes

The Administrative Review of Session Minutes for calendar year 2017 has been completed. The results of the review are as follows:

The following churches had their minutes and rolls and registers approved with commendation:

Baldwin UPC	First UPC (Tarentum)	Oakmont
Bethel PC	Greenfield	Parkwood UPC
Bethel UPC(Monroeville)	Hamilton	Sampson's Mills
Bower Hill Comm.	Hebron (Clinton)	Second UP(Wilkinsburg)
Carnegie	Hiland	Sewickley
Clinton UPC	Homestead UPC	Shadyside
East Union	Jefferson UPC	Sunset Hills UPC
Elfinwild	John McMillan	Swissvale
First (Castle Shannon)	Ken Mawr UPC	Union (Robinson)
First (Duquesne)	Montours	Unity (Greentree)
First (Edgewood)	Mt. Hope	Waverly UPC
First UPC (Crafton Hts.)	Mt. Vernon	Westminster
First UPC (Rennerdale)	Northmont UPC	

The following churches had their minutes and/or rolls & registers approved with exceptions:

Amity	Hawthorne Ave.	Ross Community
Bellevue UPC	Hillcrest UPC	Saint Andrews UPC
Beulah	Korean	Sixth
Comm. PC (Ben Avon)	Linway UPC	Southminster
Concord	Logan's Ferry	UPC of Universal
Covenant Comm.	Mt. Pisgah	Unity United
East Liberty PC	Mt. Pleasant	Valley
First (Pittsburgh)	Olivet	Wexford
Glenshaw	Pleasant Hill Comm.	Whitehall UPC

The following churches failed to have their minutes/rolls and registers read or were only partially (P) this read this year:

Aspinwall	Brentwood	Cheswick
Beechview UPC	Buena Vista,UPC of	Christ Comm.
Bethany	Bull Creek	Community House
Bethesda (Elizabeth)	Calvert Mem.	Comm. of Reconciliation
Bethesda (Pittsburgh)	Central (Tarentum)	Coraopolis,The PC of (P)
Bidwell Street UPC	Chartiers Valley UPC	Crafton UPC

Cross Roads (M'ville)	Hebron (Penn Hills)	North Hills UPC
Cross Roads (Wexford)	Heritage UPC	Oakdale UPC
Deer Creek UPC	Hoboken	Open Door
Emsworth UPC	Hot Metal Bridge	Pine Creek
Eastminster (P)	Indianola UPC	Pleasant Unity UPC
First (Gibsonia)	Ingram, UPC in	Plum Creek, the PC of
First (Elizabeth)	Kerr	Riverdale UPC
Forest Ave. UPC	Liberty	Riverview UPC
Forest Hills	Lincoln Place	Sharon Comm.
Fox Chapel	McKeesport	South Side
Friendship Comm.	Mosaic Comm.	Springdale UPC
Gladden UPC	Mt. Nebo UPC (P)	Upper Room
Glenshaw Valley	Mt. Washington, PC of	Third
Grace Memorial	Neville Island	Valley View
Grand View UPC	New Life Comm.	Verona UPC
Hampton UPC	Noblestown UPC	

6. 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.

2. Vote on Proposed Constitutional Amendments 18 A, B.1, B.2, C, and F

At the December 6, 2018 meeting, the presbytery will vote on the following of the proposed amendments to the constitution arising out of the 223rd General Assembly:

Amendment 18-A Election of Ruling Elders and Deacons, amending G-2.0401

Amendment 18-B Renunciation of Jurisdiction

18-B.1, amending G-2.0509

18-B.2, amending D-10.0401d

Amendment 18-C Officers (Prohibiting Endorsement of or Opposition to Candidates for Elected Office), amending G-3.0104

Amendment 18-F Welcoming to the Table, amending W-4.0202

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

<http://oga.pcusa.org/section/ga/ga223-proposed-amendments-book-order/>

Voting on the remaining proposed amendments will take place at the February 21, 2019 Stated Meeting of Pittsburgh Presbytery.

***3. 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 Deborah Smith

SMITH The Administrative Commission elected by the Presbytery on September 20, 2018 to ordain Deborah Smith as a Minister of Word and Sacrament, comprising Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Trent Hancock, the Rev. Ben Robbins, and the Rev. Cathie Smith, together with Ruling Elder Barbara Jay of Bethel Presbyterian Church, and Ruling Elder Carla Schubert of Liberty Presbyterian Church, met by appointment on October 21, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. at Bethel 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 Deborah Smith 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. Deborah 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 Dr. Scott Hagley. The Rev. Ben Robbins offered the prayer of installation. The Rev. Cathie Smith 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. Deborah Smith

Administrative Commission to Install Steven Werth

WERTH The Administrative Commission elected by the Presbytery on September 20 to install Steven Werth as Pastor for Community House Presbyterian Church, comprising Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Trent Hancock, the Rev. Dr. Don Dawson, and the Rev. Caitlin Werth, together with Ruling Elder Cindy Berkowitz of Community House Presbyterian Church, and Ruling Elder Bill Meissinger of Riverview Presbyterian Church, met by appointment on September, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. at Community House 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 Steven Werth 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 installed the Rev. Steven Werth as Pastor for Community House Presbyterian Church.

Moderator Hancock asked the constitutional questions which the candidate answered in the affirmative. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Caitlin Werth. The Rev. Gavin

Walton offered the charge to the pastor. The Rev. Dr. Don Dawson 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. Steven Werth.