

**REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK
February 21, 2019**

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 23, 2019 presbytery meeting must be made to the Ecclesiastical Committee via the Stated Clerk's office no later than **noon on Wednesday, April 17, 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
September 19, 2019	August 21, 2019
December 5, 2019	October 30, 2019

2. 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

3. Invitations for Hosting the Presbytery during Calendar Year 2020

The Ecclesiastical Committee would welcome your invitation for the Pittsburgh Presbytery to meet at your church/facility for its February, May, or December 2020 stated meeting. Invitations to host a dinner meeting in May are of interest. Please notify the Ecclesiastical Committee of your congregation's interest via the Stated Clerk's office. If your congregation is unable to host a meeting but is interested in partnering with a host congregation to provide volunteers and other support, please let the Ecclesiastical Committee know via the Stated Clerk's office as well.

4. Appointment of Associate and Assistant Stated Clerks

The Stated Clerk has appointed Rev. Eric Dennis as Associate Stated Clerk and Adrien Domske and Dorothy Winter as Assistant Stated Clerks.

5. Appointment of Additional Members of Boston Administrative Commission

Due to unforeseen circumstances, in the interim between presbytery meetings, it became necessary to add additional members to the Administrative Commission created to conclude the legal and ecclesiastical affairs of the former First United Presbyterian Church of Boston. On January 9, 2019, the Moderator appointed the following individuals to serve:

Rev. Eric Dennis (Linway)
Ruling Elder Becky McHolme (Bethesda—Elizabeth)

6. 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
Rev. Ann Morris	2018

7. Ruling Elder Parity – 2019

Presbytery Plan for Addressing Teaching and Ruling Elder Parity. Under provisions of article 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 or whose frail health prevents their attendance, (2) calculating the number of ruling elder commissioners which participating congregations by size are permitted to send to presbytery meetings (as set forth in the Manual of the Presbytery), (3) enrolling ruling elders actively serving on commissions and committees of the presbytery, (4) enrolling presbytery ruling elder officers, staff, commissioned ruling elders and past moderators, and (5) inviting congregations on the basis of an annual rotation to send an additional ruling elder to presbytery meetings. The structure of this presbytery teaching and ruling elder parity plan has been in place for a number of years.

The membership of Pittsburgh Presbytery as reported to the Stated Clerk as of December 31, 2017 was:

Minister Members:	316
Less non-commuters	<u>-40</u>
	276
 Ruling Elders	
Ruling Elders by Congregation Membership Size	144
Plus Ruling Elder Officers/Committee Service	67
Plus Serving Commissioned Pastors	5
Plus Additional Ruling Elders by Rotation	<u>60</u>
	276

Items for Action

1. Consent Motions

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

2. Vote on Proposed Constitutional Amendments 18 D, E, G, H.1 and H.2

At the February 21, 2019 meeting, the presbytery will vote on the following of the proposed amendments to the constitution arising out of the 223rd General Assembly:

Amendment 18-D Membership of Presbyter, amending G.30306

Amendment 18-E Pastor, Counselor, and Advisor to Its Pastors and Congregations, amending G-3.0307

Amendment 18-G Disciplinary Offense, amending D.2.0203b

Amendment 18-H.1 and 18-H.2 Time Limit, amending D-10.0401b and D-10.0401c(1)

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/>

In addition, the Association of Stated Clerks has compiled an analysis of the proposed amendments which is available here:

<http://statedclerks.org/resources/>

*3. Dismissal of Plum Creek Administrative Commission

The Plum Creek Administrative Commission reports that a new temporary pastor, Rev. Jane Esterline, is capably leading the congregation and that a functioning session has been elected and installed. As a result, the Administrative Commission unanimously has requested that it be dismissed. The Stated Clerk, therefore, hereby requests that the Plum Creek Administrative Commission be dismissed with thanks. Members of the Administrative Commission are:

Ruling Elder Eugene Feather (Hampton)
Ruling Elder Sally Huber-Lewis (Oakmont)
Rev. Dr. Vincent Kolb (Sixth)
Rev. Sarah Robbins (Hillcrest)
Rev. Dr. Larry Ruby (HR)

*4. 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 2019

Elected Officers of Presbytery:

Vice Moderator (East)	Alan Perry	Bidwell St.
Vice Moderator (South)	Lauren Wolcott	Hot Metal
Treasurer	Christopher Martin	East Liberty
Stated Clerk	Carla Campbell	Southminster

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
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
Mike Mizer	Sharon Comm.
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:
Community**

Renee Bair	Covenant
Lora Bethea	East Liberty
Robert Dressing	Pleasant Hills
Susan Herrle	Wexford
Hill Jordan	Valley View
Sissy Molnar	Hampton
Glenn Mack	Crafton Heights
Brad Pietryga	Homestead
Ann Ritter	Elfinwild
Bucky Savatt	Ken Mawr
Ann Turnock	Beulah
Earle Wooding	Pleasant Hills

Commission on Preparation for Ministry:	Rebecca Abbot Peggy Bonfiglio Judith Jerry Terrance Kohlmyer Bob Lindemann Gary Molinaro Jim Morrisey Kaye Wentling Drew Wilson Janice Wolff	Unity Tarentum, First UP Bidwell Bethany Elfinwild Pleasant Hills Sewickley Hillcrest Forest Hills Hampton
Nominating Committee:	Simone S. Cephas Mary Cullison Arthur McAra Barb Prevost	Bethesda (Pgh) Southminster Wexford Crafton Heights
Permanent Judicial Commission:	Jeanne Bingman Eugene Harris Barbara Jay Laura Vassamillet	Sewickley East Liberty Bethel (Bethel Park) Sewickley
Response Team:	Jane Fox Derwin Rushing Michelle Snyder Karen Timko	Sixth Hot Metal Bower Hill John McMillan
<i>Administrative Commissions:</i> Boston, First	Tim Biggs Ronald W. Howell Jean Jenkins Becky McHolme	Boston, First Boston, First Boston, First Bethesda, Elizabeth
Calvert	John Picket Ronald Salisbury Shirley Voller	Fox Chapel Parkwood Calvert
Forest Grove:	Scott Davis Peter Pross	Union Mosaic
<i>Commissioned Pastors:</i> Ross Community Bull Creek Hawthorne Forest Ave. Oakdale	Dale Craig Robert Henry Paul Nigra C. Louise Schoppe Nancy Kay Stanny	Ross Community Tarentum, First UP Hawthorne Ken Mawr Valley

***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 Install the Rev. Rebecca DePoe

DePoe The Administrative Commission elected by the Presbytery on December 6, 2018 to install the Rev. Rebecca DePoe as pastor at Glenshaw Valley Presbyterian Church, comprising Senior Vice Moderator the Rev. Charissa Howe, Rev. Laura Bentley of Sanctuary Faith Community, Rev. Tyler Domske of Wexford Community Presbyterian Church, Elder Paul McComb of Glenshaw Valley Presbyterian Church, Elder Donna Frazier of Mt. Nebo United Presbyterian Church , met by appointment on January 27, 2019 at 2:30PM at Glenshaw Valley Presbyterian Church.

There being a quorum present, the Commission was convened with prayer by the Rev. Charissa Howe. 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 the Rev. Rebecca DePoe according to the direction of Presbytery and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Commission moved to the Sanctuary at 3:00PM and installed the Rev. Rebecca DePoe as pastor for Glenshaw Valley Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. Charissa Howe asked the constitutional questions which the candidate answered in the affirmative. The sermon was delivered by The Rev. Karen Rohrer. The Rev. Laura Bentley offered the prayer of installation. The Rev. Tyler Domske offered the charge to the pastor and the Rev. Brian Wallace 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. Rebecca DePoe.