

**REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK
May 23, 2019**

Items for Information

1. Appointment of Investigating Committee

On February 7, 2019, the Stated Clerk received a written accusation against a minister member of Pittsburgh Presbytery. In accordance with the procedures set forth in the Manual of Pittsburgh Presbytery, on February 26, 2019, the Moderator appointed the following individuals to serve on the Investigating Committee:

Ruling Elder Mary Jo Buffo

Rev. Jane Esterline

Rev. Trent Hancock

Ruling Elder Mark Roth

Rev. Jeff Tindall

2. Deadline for Docket Time and Waiver Requests for September Meeting

The Ecclesiastical Committee has announced that all requests for docket time at the September 19, 2019 presbytery meeting must be made to the Ecclesiastical Committee via the Stated Clerk's office no later than **noon on Wednesday, August 21, 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 deadline for docket time and waiver requests is October 30, 2019 for the December 5, 2019 presbytery meeting.

3. Final 2018 Minutes Reading Opportunity

The final 2018 Minutes Reading will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 14, 2019 at Presbytery Center. Clerks of Session for congregations who have not yet had their 2018 minutes read and who are unable to attend this reading should contact the Stated Clerk's office as soon as possible to make alternative arrangements.

4. Status of Proposed Constitutional Amendments

All of the amendments to the Book of Order proposed by the 223rd General Assembly (2018) have received sufficient affirmative votes from the presbyteries to be approved with the exception of Amendment 18-C Officers (Prohibiting Endorsement of or Opposition to Candidates for Elected Office), amending G-3.0104. This proposed amendment has received enough negative votes to preclude approval. The newly-revised Book of Order incorporating the approved changes will be published this summer. The office of the Stated Clerk will offer congregations and individuals the opportunity to order copies at a discounted price at that time. If interested, please watch for the announcement in the P-News.

5. 2018 Statistics

As of December 31, 2018, Pittsburgh Presbytery had 129 chartered congregations and 315 minister members. Of our 129 congregations, 125 timely submitted membership information. The 2018 statistical report is attached hereto.

6. 2018 Presbytery Minutes Review

The 2018 Minutes of Pittsburgh Presbytery were examined at the Synod of the Trinity Records Review Conference in State College on May 2, 2019 where they were approved with two exceptions: (1) the absence of a report from the Committee on Representation; (2) the absence in the minutes of minimum terms of call for Ministers of Word and Sacrament; and Certified Christian Educators. Minimum Terms of Call were communicated to congregations and publicized on the presbytery website, but mistakenly were omitted from the Commission on Ministry Report.

Items for Action

1. Consent Motions

The Stated Clerk recommends item **#2** be approved by consent.

***2. 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 Rev. Dr. Henry Knapp

KNAPP The Administrative Commission elected by the Presbytery on February 21, 2019 to install Rev. Dr. Henry Knapp as co-pastor at Hebron United Presbyterian Church, comprising Moderator Rev. Steven Werth, Rev. Dr. Ted Martin, Rev. Dr. Larry Ruby; Ruling Elder Frank Hancock of Oakmont Presbyterian Church and Ruling Elder Janie Mason of Hebron United Presbyterian Church, met by appointment on March 10, 2019 at 2:45 PM at Hebron United Presbyterian Church.

There being a quorum present, the Commission was convened with prayer by the Moderator. 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 Rev. Dr. Henry Knapp 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 Rev. Dr. Henry Knapp as co-pastor of Hebron United Presbyterian Church.

Moderator Werth asked the constitutional questions which the candidate answered in the affirmative. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Ken Wagoner. Ruling Elder Rodney Herrmann offered the charge to the pastor and Rev. Dr. Douglas Rehberg 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 Rev. Dr. Henry Knapp.

Administrative Commission to Install Rev. Elizabeth Michael Ross

MICHAEL ROSS The Administrative Commission elected by the Presbytery on February 21, 2019 to install Rev. Elizabeth Michael Ross as Pastor for Community of Reconciliation Church, comprising Vice-Moderator Ruling Elder Alan Perry, Rev. Dr. Beverly James, and Rev. Mike Holohan, together with Ruling Elder Rozalia Jordan of Grace

Memorial Presbyterian Church, and Ruling Elder Ceinwen King-Smith of Community of Reconciliation Church, met by appointment on March 17th at 10:30am at Community of Reconciliation Church. Guests of the commission included Rev. David Ackerman and Rev. Linda Miller-Pretz of the United Church of Christ, Penn West Conference.

There being a quorum present, the Commission was convened with prayer by Elder Perry. 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 Rev. Elizabeth Michael Ross according to the direction of Presbytery and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Commission moved to the Sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. and installed Rev. Elizabeth Michael Ross as Pastor for Community of Reconciliation Church.

Vice-Moderator Perry did the Welcome and Introduction. Rev. James read the Litany of Gifts. Vice-Moderator Perry asked the constitutional questions which the candidate answered in the affirmative. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Mike Holohan. Elder King-Smith asked the constitutional questions of the congregation, which were answered in the affirmative. Elder Jordan provided the prayer of Installation. Vice-Moderator Perry read the Declaration of Installation, then pronounced Rev. Elizabeth Michael Ross Installed.

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 Rev. Elizabeth Michael Ross.

Administrative Commission to Ordain Benjamin Rumbaugh

RUMBAUGH The Administrative Commission elected by the Presbytery of Pittsburgh on February 21, 2019 to ordain Benjamin Rumbaugh as a Minister of Word and Sacrament, comprising Moderator, Rev. Dr. John C. Welch, Rev. Dr. Vincent Kolb, together with Ruling Elders Peter Gilmore of Sixth Presbyterian Church, and Daniel Emerick of Liberty Presbyterian Church, met by appointment on March 16, 2019 at 1:45 p.m. at Sixth Presbyterian Church

There being a quorum present, the Commission was convened with prayer by Rev. Kolb. 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 Benjamin Rumbaugh according to the direction of Presbytery and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Commission moved to the Sanctuary at 1:50 p.m. and ordained Benjamin Rumbaugh as a Minister of Word and Sacrament.

Moderator Welch asked the constitutional questions which the candidate answered in the affirmative. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Maggie Smith. Moderator Welch offered the prayer of ordination. Rev. Kolb 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 Rev. Benjamin Rumbaugh.

2018 Presbytery Statistical Report

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Membership			
Prior Active Members	26303	Adjusted membership	26460
Gains		Losses	
Certificate	232	Certificate	416
Youth Professions	207	Deaths	536
Professions & Reaffirmations	474	Deleted for any Other Reason	1577
Total Gains	913	Total Losses	2529
Total Ending Active Members	24844		

Baptisms		Average Weekly Worship Attendance	10967
Presented by Others	322	Female Members	14663
At Confirmation	36	Friends of the Congregation	3023
All Other	36	Ruling Elders on Session	1149
		Do you have Deacons? Yes / No	94 / 24

Age Distribution of Active Members		People with Disabilities	
25 & Under	2936	Hearing impairment	647
26 - 40	4488	Sight impairment	237
41 - 55	4022	Mobility impairment	779
56 - 70	5170	Other impairment	793
Over 70	5674		
Total Age Distribution	22290		

Christian Education			
Birth - 3	720	Grade 7	290
Age 4	365	Grade 8	270
Kindergarten	307	Grade 9	252
Grade 1	297	Grade 10	237
Grade 2	300	Grade 11	238
Grade 3	322	Grade 12	235
Grade 4	291	Young Adults	454
Grade 5	314	Over 25	3076
Grade 6	307	Teachers/Officers	1111
		Total Christian Education	9386

Racial Ethnic			
Asian/Pacific Islander/South Asian	220	Native American/Alaska Native/Indigenous	8
Black/African American/African	838	White	20004
Middle Eastern/North African	15	Multiracial	148
Hispanic/Latino-a	61		
		Total Racial Ethnic	21294

Financial Data			
Annual Income	41,546,579	Mission Expenses	3,752,385
Annual Expenses	40,881,941	Personnel Expenses	22,192,567
		Facilities Expenses	8,194,483