

**Executive Committee Report
February 13, 2020**

Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee

Pittsburgh Presbytery's Executive Committee met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, in the Patrick Room at the Presbytery Center. Rev. Carol Divens Roth, 2019 co-chair, convened the meeting and the General Minister, Rev. Dr. Sheldon Sorge, opened it with prayer.

Items for Information

1. Election of Co-chairs

The Executive Committee elected Rev. Carol Divens Roth and Rev. Jeff Tindall as its co-chairs for 2020.

2. Election of Treasurer

The Executive Committee elected Ruling Elder Chris Martin (East Liberty) Treasurer of the Presbytery for a one-year term to last until the first Executive Committee meeting of 2021.

3. Election of Committee Chairs

The Executive Committee approved the following chairs for its subcommittees:

Ruling Elder Christine Blackwood and Rev. Jodi Flack as co-chairs of the Ecclesiastical Committee

Ruling Elder Chris Martin as chair of the Finance Committee

Ruling Elder Dan Beckstrom as chair of the Property Committee

4. Change in Employment Status for Director of Justice Ministries

The Executive Committee approved changing the employment terms of the Director of Justice Ministries, Ruling Elder Ralph Lowe, from 20 hours per week to 30 hours per week and the addition of "work with congregations going through pastoral transitions, as assigned" to his job description.

5. Minutes Reading Committee

The Presbytery Minutes Reading Committee for calendar year 2020 will consist of Ministers Eric Dennis, Charissa Howe, and Sheldon Sorge, and Ruling Elders Carla Campbell, Cathy Nelson, and Mark Roth.

6. Forgiveness of *Per Capita* Arrearage

The Executive Committee approved the request from Bethel United Presbyterian Church (Monroeville) for forgiveness of *per capita* arrearage in the amount of \$18,077.86.

7. Election of Member of Ecclesiastical Committee.

The Executive Committee elected Rev. Eric Dennis as a member of the Ecclesiastical Committee in the Class of 2022A.

8. Lord's Supper during Calendar Year 2020

The Executive Committee authorized all ministry teams, commissions, committees, task forces of Presbytery and related organizations, camps and conference centers affiliated with Presbytery, to celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at meetings and events during 2020.

9. Reformed Communion within Bounds at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary 2020

The Executive Committee again approved the following celebrations of the Lord's Supper by the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary within bounds of the Pittsburgh Presbytery:

Pittsburgh Presbytery confirms the permission granted by General Assembly to Pittsburgh Theological Seminary to celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and grants PTS permission to invite ordained clergy from other denominations to preside over the table, provided that the celebration does not contradict the Reformed understanding of the sacrament.

Items for Action

1. Consent Motions

The Executive Committee recommends that the following items be approved by consent: **#'s 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.**

***2. Election of Members of Committee on Nominations**

The Executive Committee approved the following individuals for election by the Presbytery to the Nominating Committee:

Ruling Elder Judith Jerry – Class of 2022A
Rev. Dr. Johnnie Monroe – Class of 2022B
Ruling Elder Ann Strong – Class of 2022A

***3. Waiver of Six-Year Limitation on Terms – Aspinwall Presbyterian Church**

The Executive Committee approved, and forwards to Presbytery for its approval, a waiver of the six-year limitation on terms of one elder of Aspinwall Presbyterian Church to serve an additional term beginning in 2020.

***4. Waiver of Six-Year Limitation on Terms – Forest Avenue United Presbyterian Church**

The Executive Committee approved, and forwards to Presbytery for its approval, a waiver of the six-year limitation on terms of two elders of Forest Avenue United Presbyterian Church to serve additional terms beginning in 2020.

***5. Waiver of Six-Year Limitation on Terms – Liberty Presbyterian Church**

The Executive Committee approved, and forwards to Presbytery for its approval, a waiver of the six-year limitation on terms of two elders of Liberty Presbyterian Church to serve additional terms beginning in 2020.

***6. Waiver of Six-Year Limitation on Terms – Swissvale Presbyterian Church**

The Executive Committee approve, and forwards to Presbytery for its approval, a waiver of the six-year limitation on terms of one elder of Swissvale Presbyterian Church to serve an additional term beginning in 2020.

***7. Finance Reports – October and November – 2019**

The Executive Committee recommends Presbytery receive and file for audit the Presbytery Financial Statements for the months of October and November 2019.