

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Moderator Hornbeck.

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Upcoming Events

(Details at www.wvpresbytery.org or call 304-744-7634)

Expanding Your Ministry Toolbox Event

Preaching Beyond the Lectionary – Led by Angela Dienhart Hancock
Saturday, January 18, 2020 – Presbytery Office

Festival of Faith

March 28, 2020 – First Presbyterian Church, Charleston

Montreat Youth Conference

Theme: We Are – Keynote Speaker, Roger Nishioka
July 11 – July 18, 2020 – Register now!

Bluestone Summer Camp

Summer Staff Positions Available
Four Weeks of Camp beginning June 14, 2020

Additional 2020 Expanding Your Ministry Toolbox Events

March 12 – Start Something New, Michael Gehrling
October 17 – Deep Calls to Deep, Tom Long
November 7 – Intergenerational Ministry, Jason Brian Santos

2020 Presbytery Meetings

Saturday, February 15, at Riverlawn Presbyterian Church, St. Albans
Thursday, May 21, at Ronceverte Presbyterian Church, Ronceverte
Saturday, August 15, at Fayetteville Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville
Thursday, November 19, at Davis & Elkins College, Elkins

Highlights Prepared by Maureen Wright, Stated Clerk

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Presbytery Highlights

Meeting of the Presbytery of West Virginia

November 21, 2019

The Presbytery met at Teays Valley Presbyterian Church, Scott Depot, with **Moderator** Stephen Hornbeck presiding. The Moderator opened the meeting with prayer. The Presbytery was welcomed by **Kyle Key**, pastor of the church. The highlights of the meeting are shared below.

Introduced new Minister of Word and Sacrament **Maggie Rust**, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Bluefield.

Approved the **Consent Agenda**, which included the requests for excused absences and the designation for the offering.

Participated in a **Rise Against Hunger** event, packaging 15,120 dry rice/soy meals under the direction of Troy Hanson, Community Engagement Manager. The mission of **Rise Against Hunger** is to end hunger by 2030, providing food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable. The meals from the event will feed 70 Haitian children for a school year, 220 days, encouraging children to continue in school.

Heard an announcement from Nellie Howard, **Resource Center Director**, who highlighted new resources, encouraged commissioners to visit the Resource Center Display, and to come by the center at the Presbytery office. Kari Preslar (ruling elder, First, Charleston), Chair of the **Nurture Committee**, shared upcoming events sponsored by the committee including Ministry Toolbox Events, Intergenerational Day of Service, and Festival of Faith.

Worshipped with Sue Ellen Hollandsworth (ruling elder, Oak Grove, Hillsboro), who shared a story and Jim Musgrave (ruling elder, Highlawn, Huntington) as liturgist. Ministers of Word and Sacrament Jean Sutton (Validated Minister) and Chris Kilbert (Riverlawn, St. Albans) presided at the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Frances Arthur provided music.

Received an offering of \$1,029 for the **Rise Against Hunger** event at the meeting.

Heard the report of the **Stated Clerk**, Maureen Wright. The report highlighted the opening date for the 2019 Statistical Report season, December 6. The report also included the receipt of the minutes to install Dawn Adamy and to ordain and install Maggie Rust; these minutes will be included in the minutes of today's meeting. The Rolls and Registers of Presbytery were shared.

Listened to the report of the **General Presbyter**, Ed Thompson. Dr. Thompson

thanked those in attendance for coming. He invited minister member, Todd Wright of Village Chapel Presbyterian Church, to share his experience with the Board of Pensions program **Healthy Pastors Healthy Congregations**. Dr. Thompson shared a video, "Freezer Burn", from InLighten, a subscription service that offers weekly, short original films based on the Common Lectionary. He announced the dates of the Session Record Reviews, Treasurer Talks, and Listening Events for 2020.

Received the report of the **Leadership Team** presented by chair, Amy Wallace Parker (minister, Village Chapel, Charleston). Dr. Parker presented nominations for the newly restructured Committee on Representation with Pam Johnson (ruling elder, Riverlawn) as the 2020 chair. The nominees were approved. She made a motion that the Presbytery create a program of **New Life Congregational Grants** using 80% of the monies from the Presbytery's sale of vacated church properties. The remaining 20% of the monies will be set aside for expenses of vacated properties. The motion was approved.

Nancy Kissinger (ruling elder, Beckley), Leadership Team member and Moderator Elect in 2020, presented a report of the **Ad Hoc Committee on Overtures to the General Assembly** regarding an Overture to the 224th General Assembly from Village Chapel Presbyterian Church. The overture focuses on The Laying on of Hands at an Installation. A motion was made and seconded to approve the overture. The motion was approved.

Acted on the report of the **Nominating Committee** given by Pam Johnson (ruling elder, Riverlawn, St. Albans), chair. The Presbytery approved Maggie Rust (minister, First Bluefield) to serve on the Nurture Committee in the class of 2022 and Dawn Adamy (minister, Bream Memorial, Charleston) to serve on the Vocations Committee in the class of 2022. Ruling Elder Jim Wilson (First, Clarksburg) was approved to serve as Synod Commissioner, class of 2022. The Presbytery elected commissioners to the 224th General Assembly: Claire Butler (minister, Ravenswood United and Ripley), George Lilley (ruling elder, First, Morgantown), and to serve as Young Adult Advisory Delegate Rachel McNeel (ruling elder, Beckley). Andy Rice (minister, Oak Grove, Hillsboro) and Barbara Smith (ruling elder, Village Chapel, Charleston) were elected as alternate commissioners.

Learned about the work of the **Relations Committee** from chair, Elizabeth Campbell-Maleke (minister First, Williamstown and Waverly-Bethel, Waverly), who highlighted Cluster Support Grants available to churches working together in ministry and mission. The committee has \$1000 remaining in its budget for 2019. Contact Rev. Campbell-Maleke for details.

Heard the report of the **Mission Committee** given by Chris Kilbert (minister, Riverlawn, St. Albans) who participated in the mission trip to Kenya, Africa, visiting our partners in Nyeri Presbytery. He shared his life-changing experiences engaging in ministry and mission with our brothers and sisters in Christ, and encouraged

members of Presbytery to get involved in Presbytery's partnership.

Approved three recommendation from the **Trustees** as presented by Jim Rowe (ruling elder, Old Stone, Lewisburg) to approve the sale of the Waverly property by the Waverly-Bethel Presbyterian Church, and the sale of the properties of the dissolved Brush Creek Presbyterian Church, Ridgeview, and the Richwood Presbyterian Church.

Listened to the report of the **Administrative Commission** to dissolve the Richwood Presbyterian Church presented by the chair of the commission, Nancy Didway (minister, Highlawn, St. Albans). The Presbytery approved the recommendation to dissolve the church effective November 21, 2019. She shared highlights of the commission's work including a final service of worship and the bequests made by the church prior to its dissolution for continued mission in its name. The commission was dismissed with thanks.

Heard the report of the **Ministry Committee** presented by committee chair, Kyle Key (minister, Teays Valley, Scott Depot). He presented a recommendation from the committee for 2020 minimum pastor compensation to be \$47,470. The motion was approved. A motion was made from the floor and seconded to set the 2020 minimum compensation for Certified Christian Educators at \$47,470. The motion was approved. The Presbytery approved a revised policy on Temporary Membership for non-Presbyterian clergy. The Moderator and Rev. Key led the Presbytery in the commissioning of Commissioned Pastors: Bill Brown, Bill Dunfee, Roger Eskins, Tom Hastie, and Cherrie Sizemore. The Honorable Retirement of Larryetta Ellis (minister, Edgewood, Lewisburg) was celebrated.

Received the report of the **Stewardship Committee** presented by **Financial Administrator/Treasurer**, Rocky Poole. He stated that Stewardship Committee members Becky Ceperley (ruling elder, First, Charleston) and Roy Holstein (ruling elder, Elk Hills, Charleston) completed a general review of the Presbytery's finances for 2018. No issues were found, and a complete report will be shared at the committee's next meeting. Mr. Poole presented the financial reports.

Listened to the report of the **Vocations Committee** from chair, Jim Musgrave. The Presbytery approved the committee's recommendation to approve 12 Authorized Lay Preachers to preside at communion in 2020. Forty-three ruling elders were also re-authorized to preside at communion in their churches of membership for 2020. The body approved 11 newly trained ruling elders to preside at communion in their churches of membership for 2020.

Joined in the installation of **Moderator Elect**, Nancy Kissinger, and the 2020 committee chairs. **Moderator**, Andy Rice, was participating in moderator training provided by the Presbyterian Church (USA), and will be installed at the February 15, 2020 meeting of Presbytery.