

Minutes of the Annual Meeting Presbytery of Transylvania November 10-11, 2023

Convening of Presbytery : The annual meeting of the Presbytery of Transylvania met on Friday and Saturday, November 10-11, 2023, at Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church, Louisville, KY. Parts of the meeting were combined with the presbyteries of Mid-Kentucky and Western Kentucky. The Tri-Presbytery meeting schedule included workshops on various topics beginning at 10 AM on Friday, November 10, 2023. At 2 PM on Friday afternoon, the plenary speaker was the Rev. Mark Elsdon, whose remarks were followed by small group discussions and a question-and-answer period. Dinner followed in the church fellowship hall and an evening prayer service concluded the day's events.

Worship: At 10 AM on Saturday, November 11, 2023, a worship service with the Sacrament of Communion was held in the sanctuary. The preacher for the day was the Rev. Dr. Andrew Pomerville, President of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. The offering collected was designated for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and local disaster relief at the presbytery level.

Opening: Following lunch, the Presbytery of Transylvania was called to order at 12:20 PM by Moderator Susan Bradish. The presbytery met in the fellowship hall of the Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church. A quorum was present. The moderator opened the meeting with prayer.

Business Items: The roll of attendance (see Appendix A) for this meeting was formed.

The Stated Clerk moved the docket. Motion passed. First-time commissioners and other guests were recognized and welcomed. Presbytery Executive Philip Lotspeich shared "comings and goings," a time of recognizing pastoral leaders making transitions in ministry settings. Various concerns were shared and prayers spoken for the needs mentioned.

The Stated Clerk moved the consent agenda: a) Stated Clerk's report, with recommendations to approve requests for excused absences; approve the minutes of September 9, 2023, stated meeting; approve 2024 meeting dates of February 27, 2024, May 18, 2024, August 29, 2024, and December 3, 2024; dismiss the Rev. Schuyler Olt to the Presbytery of West Virginia; dismiss the Rev. Lisa Eye to the Presbytery of Scioto Valley; dismiss the Rev. Jeff Shaver to Coastal Carolina Presbytery; b) receive Congregational Issues Commission report; c) receive Flood Relief Team report; d) receive Pastoral Transitions Commission report; e) receive Kentucky Council of Churches delegate report; f) receive Leadership Development Ministry report. Motion passed.

Commission on Preparation for Ministry: ruling elder Ginny Shanda reported. Ms. Shanda invited Inquirer Marissa Carver to introduce herself briefly to the presbytery. The commission and presbytery examined Mrs. Carver on her preparation for ministry, sense of call, and desire to be moved to candidacy. Teaching elder Bill McAtee moved that the examination be sustained and that Mrs. Carver be moved to the candidacy phase of preparation. Second and motion

passed. The moderator led the body in liturgy and prayer, asking blessings for Mrs. Carver's continued preparation for ordained ministry.

Mission Ministry: Chair Brad Napier reported.

Mr. Napier shared a review of the recent mission fair held at Camp Burnamwood. He informed the body that Hunger Grant and Peacemaking Grant applications are available and being received for award funding. Mr. Napier reminded the body of the Christmas Joy Offering and other ways that churches and individuals can participate in funding the mission efforts of the presbytery and larger church.

Presbyterian Women: ruling elder Emily Carroll reported.

Ms. Carroll shared an annual report for the presbytery's Presbyterian Women efforts and informed the body of upcoming events. Scholarships are available for the churchwide gathering to be held in August, 2024, and she encouraged women to apply for these funds.

Urban Village New Worshiping Community Report: teaching elder Beth Garrod-Logsdon reported.

The Executive Director thanked the presbytery for the prayers and support. She informed the body of plans for new programs and offerings, like an after-school program. Ms. Garrod-Logsdon encouraged the presbytery to continue to support this new ministry.

Coordinating Commission Report: Philip Lotspeich reported.

The commission moved that the presbytery adopt the revised Sexual Misconduct and Prevention Policy. Motion passed.

Administration Commission: Philip Lotspeich reported.

The commission moved that the presbytery adopt the 2024 budget. Motion passed.

The commission moved that the presbytery purchase the Urban Village building located at 201 South First Street, Nicholasville, KY, 40356, pending an appraisal, for the price of \$315,000 (or a value not more than 10% less than \$315,000). Discussion and motion passed.

Commission on Representation: Chair Mary Reed reported.

The commission moved that the presbytery elect the following: John Leggett, moderator; David Whiteman, vice-moderator; Nik Fegenbush, treasurer, class of 2026; Jennifer Johnson, Coordinating Commission, class of 2026; Martin Carver, Coordinating Commission, class of 2026; Anne Bolton, Administration Commission, class of 2026; Michael Denney, Administration Commission, class of 2026; Scott Cervas, Church Closing Commission, class of 2025; Catesby Woodford, Church Closing Commission, class of 2026; Curtis Christian, Chair, Church Closing Commission, class of 2026; Katherine Redmond, Congregational Issues

Commission, class of 2026; Jennifer Powell, Commission on Preparation for Ministry, class of 2026; Barbara Rogers, Pastoral Transitions Commission, class of 2026; Wanda Olive, Pastoral Transitions Commission, class of 2026; Matt Falco, Pastoral Transitions Commission, class of 2026; Susan Warren, Permanent Judicial Commission, class of 2026; Sarah Wilson, chair, Leadership Development Ministry, class of 2026; Hannah McIntyre, vice-chair, Leadership Development Ministry, class of 2024; Steve Pace, commissioner to Synod of Living Waters, class of 2024; Catesby Woodford, ruling elder commissioner to 226th General Assembly; Beth Alexander, ruling elder alternate, 226th General Assembly; Curtis Christian, teaching elder commissioner to 226th General Assembly; Beth Garrod-Logsdon, teaching elder alternate, 226th General Assembly; Brooks Pinney, young adult advisory delegate to 226th General Assembly. There were no other nominations for open positions and those listed were elected to service.

Presbytery Executive Report: Philip Lotspeich reported.

Mr. Lotspeich spoke words of gratitude for those who had gathered in Louisville for a couple good days of meetings, workshops, fellowship, and worship. The presbytery's Business Manager, Robyn Justus, will soon return from sabbatical break and everyone looks forward to her return. Mr. Lotspeich reported activities across the presbytery: Faith, Morehead, working with the Phila Group and discerning a new ministry vision for the Morehead area; Beaumont and Woven Churches partnering to share ministry efforts in the Lexington area; Burnamwood Camp pursuing funding and new ministry opportunities. Mr. Lotspeich reported that many churches are accomplishing vital ministries in their communities. He complimented the presbytery's churches and leaders on their resilience and transformation as the presbytery moves from the COVID pandemic into a new era. Mr. Lotspeich shared that he's looking forward to what's ahead in the new year.



Closing Business: There being no further business, and on motion, the presbytery adjourned at 1:55 PM. The moderator spoke prayers to end the meeting. The next stated meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, via Zoom technology.

Submitted:
The Rev. Jerry L. Utt, II
Stated Clerk

**Attendance Sheets
Stated Presbytery Meeting
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Ministers	
*Honorably Retired Status	
Anderson, The Rev. Rachel	
*Baker, The Rev. Darryl	<i>Darryl Baker</i>
Benze, The Rev. Dr. Keith	
*Bright, The Rev. Peggy	
*Brooks, The Rev. Dr. Gary	
Brothers, The Rev. Michael	
*Bunger, The Rev. Ron	
*Butler, The Rev. Angie	
Carver, The Rev. Martin	<i>Martin Carver</i>
Casal, The Rev. Jose Luis	<i>José Luis Casal</i>
Cervas, The Rev. Scott	<i>excused</i>
*Chamberlian, The Rev. Mike	<i>excused</i>
*Chamberlain, The Rev. Pat	
Christian, The Rev. Curtis T.	<i>Curtis T. Christian</i>
*Chumney, The Rev. David	
Clark, The Rev. Patterson	
*Crawford, The Rev. David	
Culpepper, The Rev. Dr. Lisa	<i>excused</i>
*Daniel, The Rev. Dr. E. Randolph	
Davis, The Rev. Mark	
Denney, The Rev. Michael	<i>excused</i>

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Dermody Jr., The Rev. Roger	
*Deutsch, The Rev. William L	
Ehlert, The Rev. Kristy	
*Ensminger, The Rev. Douglas	
*Erwin, The Rev. James	
Eye, The Rev. Lisa	<i>excusal</i>
*Eyster, The Rev. Bert	
Falco, The Rev. Matt	
Foehse, The Rev. Caitlin	
*Gailey, The Rev. Carol	
Garrod-Logsdon, The Rev. Beth	
*Gilbert, The Rev. James	
*Gnatuk, The Rev. Wayne A	
*Griffie, The Rev. Dr. L. Fred	
*Haga, The Rev. R. Jackson	
Hallberg, The Rev. Jennifer	
*Henery, The Rev. Dr. James	
Hofmeister, The Rev. Jake	
Hood, The Rev. Dr. Fred	
*Howard, The Rev. Scott	
Howie-Kipphut, The Rev. Lorilyn	
Johnson, The Rev. Jennifer	
*Jones, The Rev. Jon F.	
Kelly, The Rev. Caroline	<i>excusal</i>

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Kilpatrick, The Rev. Kara	
Kim, The Rev. Yongwha	
*Kupar, The Rev. Greg	<i>Greg Kupar</i>
Kurtz, The Rev. Linda	<i>excused</i>
Lattimore, The Rev. John	
Lee, The Rev. Dr. Hyeon Gu	
Leggett, The Rev. John	<i>excused</i>
*Lindberg, The Rev. Jackie	
Lotspeich, The Rev. Philip	<i>PL</i>
*Matthews, The Rev. Griffith	
*McAtee, The Rev. Dr. William M.	<i>Beth McAtee</i>
McCrary, The Rev. Beth	
*McGowan, The Rev. Bryce L.	
McIntyre, The Rev. Hannah	<i>excused</i>
*Mesta, The Rev. Edward Hugh	
Miller, The Rev. Emily	
*Moffett, The Rev. Howard W.	
*Mount, The Rev. Dr. C. Eric Jr	
Napier, The Rev. Bradley	<i>Brad Napier</i>
*Noel, The Rev. Dr. Tim	
Olive, The Rev. Wanda B.	<i>excused</i>
Pace, The Rev. Steve	<i>excused</i>
Pachau, The Rev. Dr. Kima	

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*Pettijohn, The Rev. Bonnie	
Powell, The Rev. Jennifer Jones	<i>Jennifer Jones Powell</i>
*Prewitt, The Rev. Janet	
*Redmond, The Rev. Katherine	
*Reed, The Rev. Mary	<i>Mary Reed</i>
*Rhodes, The Rev. Dr. Steve	
Riley, The Rev. Kathy	<i>excused</i>
*Roberts, The Rev. F. Morgan	
*Robinson, The Rev. Dr. Jack H	
Robinson, The Rev. Scot	
*Rouse, The Rev. Erin	
Rucker Jr., The Rev. Dr. Jim	
Rucker, The Rev. Pamela C.	
Ryan, The Rev. Griffin Phillips	<i>excused</i>
*Scott, The Rev. Dr. Geary Neal	
*Sevier, The Rev. Dr. Melissa	
Shaver, The Rev. Jeff	<i>excused</i>
*Smith, The Rev. Joanne	
*Spickler, The Rev. Harry	
Stamper, The Rev. Janice	<i>excused</i>
*Stanley, The Rev. Donald	
*Steiner, The Rev. Betsy	
Stone, The Rev. Elizabeth	

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Ashland, First	
Augusta	
Augusta, Sharon	
Bellefonte, Community	
Beattyville, McGuire Memorial	
Berea, Whites Memorial	
Blackey, Doermann Memorial	
Booneville, First	
Buckhorn, Buckhorn Lake	
Canada, Highland	
Carlisle	
Cawood	
Corbin	
Cow Creek	
Cynthiana	
Danville	<i>Candace Purdom</i>
Ezel, United	
Flemingsburg, First	
Georgetown, First	<i>Emily Carroll</i>
Grayson, Bayless Memorial	
Greenup	
Harlan, First	
Harrodsburg, United	
Hazard, First	
Isom	
Jackson, Guerrant Memorial	
Lancaster, First	
Lawrenceburg, First	
Lexington, Beaumont	<i>Beth Alexander</i>
Lexington, Bethel	
Lexington, Eastminster	
Lexington, First	<i>Benny Baker</i>

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Lexington, Hunter	
Lexington, Lex. Korean	
Lexington, Maxwell Street	
Lexington, Meadowthorpe	
Lexington, Mt. Horeb	<i>Alison Hays</i> <i>Nancy Kelley</i>
Lexington, Second	
Lexington, Walnut Hill	
London, First	
Maysville, First	
McAfee, New Providence	
Middlesboro, First	<i>excused</i> <i>John S. Dool</i>
Midway	
Millersburg, First	
Morehead, Faith	
Mt. Sterling, First	
Paint Lick, Old Paint Lick	
Paris, First	
Paris, Hopewell	
Perryville	
Pikeville, First	
Prestonsburg, First	
Richmond, First	
Somerset, First	<i>Sharon Mandt</i> 2

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Somerset, Pisgah	
Stanford	
Versailles	
Versailles, Pisgah	
Versailles, Troy	
Whitesburg, Graham Memorial	
Wilmore	
Winchester, First	<i>David Whitman</i>
Winchester, Salem	
Ruling Elders Serving Commissions and Ministries of the Presbytery	
Ackerman, Diehl	<i>[Signature]</i>
Auvenshine, Steve	
Bolton, Anne	
Burnside, Mike	
Erwin, John	
Fish, Kathy	
Flannery, Madeline	
Gaines, Lois	<i>Lois Gaines</i>
Harney, Jean	
Hatton, Angie	
Hoskins, David	
Jaeckels, Linder	
Marsh, Jennifer	
Olive, Jim	<i>excused</i>
Pratt, Mike	
Purdom, Candace <i>Candace</i>	<i>Candace Purdom</i>
Rogers, Barbara	
Shanda, Ginny	<i>Ginny Shanda</i>
Snyder, Larry	
Spangler, Juanita	<i>Juanita Collier Spangler</i>

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Thomas, Cathy	
Turner, Bill	
Whiteman, David	<i>David Whiteman</i>
Woodford, Catesby	
Wood, Missie	

Visitors

Marissa Ann
King Napier
[Signature]

Summary of Attendance

Ministers	
Corresponding Members	
Commissioned Pastors	
Non-Presbyterian Supply	
Ruling Elders Commissioners from Churches	
Ruling Elders Serving Commissions/Ministries of Presbytery	
Visitors	
Total Attendance	