

Minutes of the Called Meeting of the Presbytery of Transylvania October 8, 2020

Convening of Presbytery

The called meeting of the Presbytery of Transylvania met virtually on the Zoom platform on Thursday, October 8, 2020. A quorum was present. The roll of attendance for this meeting was formed. (see Appendix A) Vice-moderator Scott Cervas called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and presbytery executive Philip Lotspeich led an evening devotion.

Business Items

The Stated Clerk moved the docket, which was approved.

The only item of business came from the Pastoral Transitions Commission. Chair Lisa Eye presented Timothy S. (Scot) Robinson, a candidate for ministry under the presbytery's care, to be examined for ordination. The candidate offered introductory remarks and the presbytery commenced the examination. After a time of questions, Ms. Eye moved that the examination be sustained and that the presbytery approve the ordination of Timothy S. (Scot) Robinson to the office of Minister of Word and Sacrament. Motion passed.

Closing Business

The vice-moderator opened the floor for announcements. At 7:53 PM, and there being no further business, the stated clerk moved that the presbytery stand adjourned until its next stated meeting. Motion passed. The vice-moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

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

**Attendance Sheets
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Ministers	
*Honorably Retired Status	
Anderson, The Rev. Rachel	Excused
*Baker, The Rev. Darryl	
Benedetti, The Rev. Sara	Excused
Benze, The Rev. Keith	Present
Bowman, The Rev. Andrew	Present
Bradney, The Rev. Ryan	Excused
*Bright, The Rev. Peggy	
*Brooks, The Rev. Dr. Gary	
Brothers, The Rev. Michael	
*Bunger, The Rev. Ron	
*Butler, The Rev. Angie	
Casal, The Rev. Jose Luis	Excused
Cervas, The Rev. Scott	Present
*Chamberlain, The Rev. Pat	
Christian, The Rev. Curtis T.	Present
*Chumney, The Rev. David	
Clark, The Rev. Patterson	
*Crawford, The Rev. David	
Culpepper, The Rev. Dr. Lisa	Present
*Daniel, The Rev. Dr. E. Randolph	
Davis, The Rev. Mark	Excused

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Denney, The Rev. Michael	Present
Dermody Jr., The Rev. Roger	Present
*Deutsch, The Rev. William L	
*Divas, The Rev. Dr. L. Armando	
Ehlert, The Rev. Kristy	
*Ensminger, The Rev. Douglas	
*Erwin, The Rev. James	
Eye, The Rev. Lisa	Present
*Eyster, The Rev. Bert	
Falco, The Rev. Matt	Present
Fearing, The Rev. Stephen	Excused
Foehse, The Rev. Caitlin	
*Furrow, The Rev. F. Dewitt Jr	
*Gailey, The Rev. Carol	
Garrod-Logsdon, The Rev. Beth	Excused
*Gilbert, The Rev. James	
*Gnatuk, The Rev. Wayne A	
*Gordon, The Rev. Graham	
*Griffie, The Rev. Dr. L. Fred	
*Haga, The Rev. R. Jackson	
Hartsfield, The Rev. Karen	
*Henery, The Rev. Dr. James	
*Hibbard, The Rev. Maurice	

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Hofmeister, The Rev. Jake	
Hood, The Rev. Dr. Fred	
*Howard, The Rev. Scott	
Howie-Kippfut, The Rev. Lorilyn	
*Huffman, The Rev. Gary	
*Iversen, The Rev. Eric	
Johnson, The Rev. Jennifer	
*Jones, The Rev. Jon F.	
Kelly, The Rev. Caroline	Present
Kilpatrick, The Rev. Kara	
Kim, The Rev. Yongwha	
*Kupar, The Rev. Greg	Present
Kurtz, The Rev. Linda	Present
Lattimore, The Rev. John	
Lee, The Rev. Dr. Hyeon Gu	
Leggett, The Rev. John	Present
*Lindberg, The Rev. Jackie	
Lotspeich, The Rev. Philip	Present
*Malott, The Rev. Fred	
Mathews, The Rev. Rachel	
*Matthews, The Rev. Griffith	
*McAtee, The Rev. Dr. William M.	
*McGowan, The Rev. Bryce L.	

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McIntyre, The Rev. Hannah	Present
*Mesta, The Rev. Edward Hugh	
Miller, The Rev. Emily	
*Moffett, The Rev. Howard W.	
*Mount, The Rev. Dr. C. Eric Jr	
*Murray, The Rev. Charles M.	
*Noel, The Rev. Dr. Tim	
Olive, The Rev. Wanda B.	Excused
Olt, The Rev. Julie	Present
Olt, The Rev. Schuyler	Present
Pace, The Rev. Steve	Present
Pachau, The Rev. Dr. Kima	
*Pettijohn, The Rev. Bonnie	
*Prewitt, The Rev. Janet	
*Redmond, The Rev. Katherine	
*Reed, The Rev. Mary	Excused
*Rhodes, The Rev. Dr. Steve	
Riley, The Rev. Kathy	Present
*Roberts, The Rev. F. Morgan	
*Robinson, The Rev. Dr. Jack H	
Rouse, The Rev. Erin	
Rucker Jr., The Rev. Dr. Jim	

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*Rucker Sr., The Rev. Dr. Jim	
Rucker, The Rev. Pamela C.	
Ryan, The Rev. Griffin Phillips	
Sanders, The Rev. Dr. Stephen A.	Present
*Scott, The Rev. Dr. Geary Neal	
*Sevier, The Rev. Dr. Melissa	
*Shaffer, The Rev. Robert	
Shrauner, The Rev. Ryan	
Silence, The Rev. Jay T.	Present
*Smith, The Rev. Joanne	
*Spickler, The Rev. Harry	
Stamper, The Rev. Janice	
*Stanley, The Rev. Donald	
*Steiner, The Rev. Betsy	
Stone, The Rev. Elizabeth	Present
*Stricklin, The Rev. Dr. Ernest	
Sutherland, The Rev. Alan	
*Tarter, The Rev. Dr. Rollin	
*Taul, The Rev. Rose	Excused
Thompson, The Rev. Gene	
Thro, The Rev. Julie Urback	
Utt, The Rev. Jerry L. II	Present
*Vanzant, The Rev. William	

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Ward, The Rev. Dr. Michael	Present
Warren, The Rev. Rob	
*Warren, The Rev. Susan	
Weese, The Rev. Mary Seeger	
*Weis, The Rev. Dr. Richard	
White, The Rev. John C.	Excused
*Wilhelm, The Rev. Jack	
Williams, The Rev. Susan	
*Woodring, The Rev. James	
Corresponding Member	
Mendenhall, The Rev. Ray; Coastal Carolina	
Commissioned Ruling Elders	
Bainum, Barry	
Burns, Gayle	Excused
Burns, Tom	Excused
Dougans, Jim	Present
Grooms, Leslie	
Lee, Arlie	
McIntyre, Pat	
Reed, Bill	Present
Non-Presbyterian Supply	
Goodman, Vernon	
Hampton, Mickle	
Holt, Jeremy James	
Mills, Tim	
Pollock, Bill	
Schneider, Stewart	
Steele, Brian	

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Ashland, First	
Ashland, Normal	
Augusta	
Augusta, Sharon	
Bellefonte, Community	
Beattyville, McGuire Memorial	
Berea, Whites Memorial	Candace Moberly
Blackey, Doermann Memorial	
Booneville, First	
Buckhorn, Buckhorn Lake	
Canada, Highland	
Carlisle	
Cawood	
Corbin	Tom Fish
Cow Creek	
Cynthiana	
Danville	Jean Harney
	Jim Moore
Darfork, Hull Memorial	
Dryhill, Anna C. Brush Memorial	
Ezel, United	
Flemingsburg, First	
Frenchburg, United	
Georgetown, First	
Grayson, Bayless Memorial	
Greenup	
Harlan, First	
Harrodsburg, United	
Hazard, First	Lawrence Monroe
Isom	
Jackson, Guerrant Memorial	
Lancaster, First	
Lawrenceburg, First	

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Lexington, Beaumont	
Lexington, Bethel	
Lexington, Eastminster	
Lexington, First	
Lexington, Hunter	Carol Hulse
Lexington, Lex. Korean	
Lexington, Maxwell Street	
Lexington, Meadowthorpe	
Lexington, Mt. Horeb	
Lexington, Second	
	Lowell Bush, Excused
	Karen May
Lexington, Walnut Hill	
London, First	
Manchester	
Mayslick	
Maysville, First	
McAfee, New Providence	
Middlesboro, First	Excused
Midway	
Millersburg, First	
Morehead, Faith	
Mt. Sterling, First	
Paint Lick, Old Paint Lick	
Paris, First	Rogers Barde
Paris, Hopewell	

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Perryville	
Pikeville, First	
Prestonsburg, First	Claire Sanders
Richmond, First	Bruce Bonar
Somerset, First	
Somerset, Pisgah	
Stanford	
Versailles	Ann Mendenhall
Versailles, Pisgah	
Versailles, Troy	
Whitesburg, Graham Memorial	
Wilmore	
Winchester, First	
Winchester, Salem	
Ruling Elders Serving Commissions and Ministries of the Presbytery	
Ackerman, Diehl	
Busroe, Katie	
Crawford, Linda	
Fegenbush, Nik	
Hoskins, David	
Kuster, Ted	
Lamb, Penelope	
Line, Nell	
Miller, Helen	Present
Olive, Jim	
Owens, Bill	
Pennington, Cynthia	

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Pinney, Jeb	
Purdom, Candace	
Schonblom, Eric	
Shanda, Ginny	Excused
Snyder, Larry	
Spanger, Juanita	
Thomas, Cathy	
Turner, Bill	
Turner, Connie	Present
Whiteman, David	Present
Woodford, Catesby	
Woods, Missie	
Visitors	
Robyn Justus, Presbytery Staff	Present
Scot Robinson, Candidate	Present
Summary of Attendance	
Ministers	24
Corresponding Members	0
Commissioned Ruling Elders	2
Non-Presbyterian Supply	0
Ruling Elders Commissioners from Churches	11
Ruling Elders Serving Commissions/Ministries of Presbytery	3
Visitors	2
Total Attendance	42

**Presbytery of Transylvania
Docket
October 8, 2020
Zoom Called Virtual Meeting**

6:30 PM	Registration and Gathering	
7:00 PM	Meeting Called to Order Opening Prayer	Moderator
	Declaration of Quorum Adoption of Docket	Stated Clerk
7:05 PM	Evening Devotional	
7:15 PM	Pastoral Transitions Commission Examination of Candidate for Ministry	Lisa Eye, Chair
7:55 PM	Announcements	Presbytery Executive
8:00 PM	Motion to Adjourn Closing Prayer	Stated Clerk Moderator

**Pastoral Transitions Commission Report
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The Pastoral Transitions Commission presents Timothy S. (Scot) Robinson, candidate under care of the Presbytery of Transylvania, to be examined for ordination to the office of Teaching Elder/Minister of Word and Sacrament.

Scot has been certified ready for examination by the Commission on Preparation for Ministry, having completed all other requirements for ordination (G-2.06), and has been called as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Pikeville, KY. The Pastoral Transitions Commission approved the call and terms at its meeting on September 30, 2020.

Scot's Statement of Faith, Spiritual Autobiography, and sermon link are attached.

Spiritual Autobiography

Scot Robinson

9/22/2020

I was born in Pikeville, KY to a small family as the youngest of three siblings (two older sisters). I was blessed to grow up in the beautiful mountains of Pikeville where I have made many amazing friendships and experienced so many formative moments that have led me to the path I'm currently on. I grew up in a Southern Baptist church where my Nanny, who I always refer to as a self-made Appalachian theologian, taught Sunday school weekly and who made the church a big part of her life. It was in this church where I gained my spiritual formations and first encountered the person of Jesus. However, I didn't fully embrace my faith and my identity in Christ as my primary identity and guiding vocational compass until I found the Presbyterian church where I became an official member while I was attending college years later. I attended the University of Pikeville, an historic Presbyterian college, where I majored in Religious Studies. This was a result of my enthusiasm in studying ethics, philosophy, theology, and anthropology and I found the religious studies program combined many of these disciplines while also giving me an opportunity to learn about other religions in order to better understand my neighbors while also studying my own religious tradition in an academic setting. While my initial aspirations were to continue on a more strictly academic path, my new-found church home and opportunity through my studies to assess my own theology helped awaken a desire to become an inquirer and pursue an MDiv. I followed this nudge from the Spirit and was accepted to Vanderbilt Divinity School in 2016 and graduated in May of 2019. During my studies for my MDiv I have found that my academic and research interests include theology-based bioethics, the intersections of health care and theology, pastoral care in rural contexts, and practical programs for health ministries that respond to poverty in regions like Appalachia. Upon graduating in 2019 I have served at First Presbyterian Church Pikeville in a non-ordained pastoral role and during that time have had much discernment with the church wherein we have both found that this would be a suitable first call. At this time, I define my call as one to serve Christ to the best of my ability in a rural congregation. In doing so, my call is to teach the gospel that the church may live the gospel by fully committing to earnest efforts at exhibiting the Kingdom of heaven to the world through humble service which meets the unique needs of Appalachia. I, of course, could not achieve any of this without strong familial support and unwavering support from my caring and gracious wife, Kelli, who I met during my time at the University of Pikeville and married in 2017. Kelli has an unlimited amount of love for Appalachia and finds strength and her own calling in the opportunity to serve and work for Christ reflected renewal in the area.

Scot Robinson
Statement of Faith

Central to the Christian faith is the belief in a living God whose mystery is preserved in the doctrine of the Triune God. God, who is personal, works in three different ways simultaneously both in unity and distinction. This is achieved through the Creator/Father, the Son, and the Spirit who all make up the totality of work of the *one* God.

Humanity is in a state of brokenness and sin. This *sin* can manifest individually or through the harmful systems in which we construct and live under. Salvation and redemption for humanity is/was needed. The cross is symbolic of the subjecting of the incarnate Christ to the consequences of sin. The suffering of Christ *was* the suffering of God. On the cross, God takes on the sufferings of the world in order to redeem them. God suffers to overcome suffering. Christ is not our substitute but acts as God's first move in reconciling us to God. Through the victory of the resurrection, and through our faith by grace, we have the opportunity to become new creations. Realizing we are forgiven frees us for a new beginning with ourselves, others, and with God. We then heed the Spirit's direction in our journey of sanctification.

The foremost source of revelation in the Christian tradition is the Bible. Here we encounter God's work through history, in the lives of the inspired writers working through their own faith, and in the picture we get of God's relationship with humanity. It is a mark of the true church that the "word be rightly preached". Doing this "*rightly*" involves prayerful discernment of the text, seeking the Spirit's wisdom and illumination, and faithful exegesis that acknowledges the text's reflection of history, time, and place. The Bible's authority is in its capacity to be a vehicle for God's fresh address to the church today. We acknowledge historical context, but also bring new questions to texts and see them in light of new experiences guided by the Spirit. While scripture is the foremost source of revelation, we can also know about God through *reason, experience, and tradition*.

There is one God and one Spirit but a variety of vibrant communities with different gifts. Though our individual churches are earthly centers of worship and praise, as Jonathan Edwards notes, God's kingdom is one that has plenty of rooms for large numbers of people. As the church, we all take part in the mission that aims to make visible or active in history God's grace in the world. Or, as one of the great ends of the church states, "to exhibit the kingdom of heaven to the world".

As the church, we celebrate the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper as signs of the real presence and power of Christ and as symbols of God's activity. Through their observance God seals us in redemption as people of God marked for service. Though earthly unassuming mediums are used, we are yet spiritually nourished, renewed and encountered by the true presence of Christ who is in and around our observance of the sacraments.

Below is a YouTube link for one of my sermons from this summer. The video is of the whole service but the sermon takes place from 10:27-26:05.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2eDdb7wbA1s&t=4s>

Grace and Peace,
Scot Robinson