

Coordinating Commission Report
August 12, 2017

Since the March Presbytery meeting, the Coordinating Commission has met 5 times. In-person meetings on May 19-20, 2017, June 13, 2017, and July 11, 2017. Telephone conferences on July 21, 2017, and July 27, 2017.

Recommendations for Presbytery Action:

The Coordinating Commission recommends that the Manual of Operations be changed to add this description for the Closing Commission. “The Closing Commission shall counsel with congregations that have indicated their desire to end their relationship with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) or those that have reached the completion of their effective ministry. This commission shall receive referrals from the Presbytery, the Commission on Congregational Issues or the Coordinating Commission. This commission shall determine a course of action, either division, dismissal, or dissolution, negotiate the terms of such action, and recommend it to the Presbytery for final approval. Such negotiations include consultation with the Administration (Trustees) Commission.”

The Coordinating Commission recommends the formation of a new ministry, Church Revitalization and Development, and that the Manual of Operations be changed to include this description: “The Church Revitalization and Development Ministry exists to work with current churches engaging in revitalization and transformation efforts and to promote and encourage the development of new worshiping communities.”

Actions taken by the Coordinating Commission:

Elected ruling elder Peggy Tudor as Chair, Coordinating Commission for the remainder of 2017.

Accepted the resignation of the Rev. Frank Pottorff as Chair, CPM.

Upon the recommendation of COR, elected the Rev. Wanda Olive as Chair, CPM, for the remainder of 2017.

Upon the recommendation of Administration Commission, elected ruling elder Catesby Woodford as presbytery treasurer for the remainder of 2017.

1. That in accordance with G-3.0109b, formed an Administrative Commission of four members to negotiate the terms of dismissal of the First Presbyterian Church, Catlettsburg, to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and bring a recommendation (motion) to the Presbytery regarding such dismissal; and that the following persons be appointed to said commission: The Rev. Joel Kelly; Ruling Elders Linda Crawford, Jeb Pinney, and Katie Busroe.
2. That the Administrative Commission named be charged to:
 - a. Attempt to locate any official records of the church and turn them over to the Stated

- Clerk of the Presbytery for proper preservation;
- b. After consulting with the Trustees of Presbytery (Administration) recommend to Presbytery the disposition of any and all church property and carry out said disposition following approval by the Presbytery;
 - c. If dismissal is approved by the Presbytery, arrange for transfer of congregation and members to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church;
 - d. Prepare a service of recognition of the life and ministry of the First Presbyterian Church, Catlettsburg.

Appointed ruling elders David Hoskins, Katie Busroe, and the Rev. Jerry L. Utt, II as a task group to draft a Presbytery Child Protection Policy to comply with Book of Order mandates, with the expectation that the policy would be presented to the presbytery in November and approved in March 2018.

1. That in accordance with G-3.0109b of the Book of Order, and section 3.2A of the Bylaws of the Presbytery of Transylvania, and at the request of the Session of the Nicholasville Presbyterian Church, formed an Administrative Commission of four members to dissolve the Nicholasville Presbyterian Church; and that the following persons be appointed to said commission: ruling elder Catesby Woodford, ruling elder David Shaw, teaching elder Beth Garrod Logsdon (chair), and teaching elder Jackie Lindberg.
2. That the Administrative Commission created be charged to:
 - a. Attempt to locate any official records of the church and turn them over to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery for proper preservation;
 - b. After consulting with the Trustees of Presbytery (Administration), terminate the church's current lease (renewal date of Sep 30, 2017) and dispose of any church property, excluding funds from the sale of the Nicholasville Church property;
 - c. Arrange for transfer of members to other congregations;
 - d. Prepare a service of recognition of the life and ministry of the Nicholasville Presbyterian Church;
 - e. Recommend to the Presbytery at its November 11, 2017, meeting a plan for the best use of the remaining assets of the Nicholasville Presbyterian Church;
 - f. Dissolve the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Gregory Kubar and the Nicholasville Presbyterian Church and negotiate a severance agreement.