

Minutes of the Stated Meeting Presbytery of Transylvania February 27, 2024

Opening Business

The stated meeting of the Presbytery of Transylvania was held on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, via Zoom technology. Moderator Susan Bradish called the meeting to order at 10 AM and spoke an opening prayer.

A quorum was present. The roll of attendance (see Appendix A) for this meeting was formed.

The first item of business was the installation of the 2024 moderator, teaching elder John Leggett. Moderator Bradish led the liturgy and prayers installing the new moderator.

The stated clerk moved the docket. Motion passed. Moderator Leggett invited introductions of guests and first-time commissioners. Presbytery Executive Philip Lotspeich recognized and welcomed pastoral leaders who had accepted new calls and temporary positions.

Board of Pensions Report

The moderator called on Keenan Rodgers, Board of Pensions Church Consultant, for his report. Mr. Rodgers spoke of the new Benefits Connect web site for members and employing organizations. The Season of Rebuilding Initiative has proposed new tier coverage for medical benefits. The board has planned a significant emphasis and effort on communicating these changes both to plan members and employers. The changes will become effective on January 1, 2025. Mr. Rodgers reported an experience apportionment to the pension plan for both active and retired members effective July 1, 2024. The board's assistance program awarded \$8.5 million dollars in assistance to plan members in 2023. Mr. Rodgers informed the presbytery of relief grants, clergy well-being grants, sabbatical grants, and income and housing supplements for retired members. Mr. Rodgers encouraged plan members and churches to contact him for assistance or with questions.

Living Waters for the World Report

The moderator called on Steve Young, Executive Director of Living Waters for the World (LWW), for his report. Ruling elder commissioner Joanie Lukins, LWW board member, shared in the reporting. Mr. Young indicated that this year is the 30th anniversary of LWW. Clean Water U, the mission's training program, has trained over 2,600 volunteers since inception. Over 1,100 water installations in 28 countries have been completed in its thirty years of existence. Most mission partners are churches in local communities across the world. Transylvania Presbytery has been a mission partner and leader in the LWW effort for 21 years. The presbytery has partnered with 29 communities in the Yucatan (Mexico) and is the longest continuing serving mission team in the LWW network. Mr. Young thanked the presbytery for its faithful and continuing support. Mr. Young announced the establishment of an endowment fund to support installations and maintenance for water systems into the future.

Ms. Lukins shared information on a new church-wide curriculum called “Water All Around the World.” The curriculum is a multi-generational curriculum and can be used in various settings and educational offerings. Ms. Lukins recounted stories from the recent Transylvania trip to the Yucatan.

Consent Agenda

The Stated Clerk moved the consent agenda: a) Stated Clerk's report, with recommendations to approve requests for excused absences; approve the minutes of the November 10-11, 2023, annual meeting; approve an extension for ruling elders Robin Downing and Mike Owens to serve beyond six years on the session of the Mt. Horeb Church; Coordinating Commission report; Commission on Preparation for Ministry report; Synod of Living Waters (annual meeting) commissioner report; Church Revitalization and Development report; Commission on Representation report nominating ruling elder Jim Dougans to Commission on Preparation for Ministry, class of 2025, ruling elder Penny Lamb to Commission on Preparation for Ministry, class of 2026, teaching elder Kathy Riley to Church Closings and Dismissal commission, class of 2025, ruling elder Joanie Lukins as commissioner to Synod of Living Waters, class of 2024, and ruling elder Bill Reed as alternate commissioner to Synod of Living Waters, class of 2024; Leadership Development Ministry report. Motion passed.

Pastoral Transitions Commission Report

Chair Juanita Spangler was unavailable for the meeting and ruling elder Ginny Shanda (from Commission on Preparation for Ministry) reported. Ms. Shanda invited candidate for ministry Sarah Smith to share briefly her biographical information and sense of call. The moderator invited Ms. Shanda to begin the examination for ordination for Ms. Smith. After a period of questioning, teaching elder Griffin Ryan moved that the examination cease and that Ms. Smith be approved for ordination. Motion passed. The moderator congratulated Ms. Smith and called on General Presbyter Philip Lotspeich to speak prayers.

Administration Commission/Treasurer's Report

Chair Bill Reed reported. The Administration Commission moved that the Presbytery offer a three-year call to Rev. Jim Garrett as Mid Council Presbytery Staff to serve as Host Site Coordinator and Stated Supply in Eastern Kentucky, pending receiving into membership by the Pastoral Transitions Commission. Motion passed. Mr. Reed reported on various actions and in-process items before the commission.

Faith Presbyterian Church, Morehead

General Presbyter Philip Lotspeich reported. Philip shared the mission study from the Phila Group and gave an overview of the emerging vision of the Faith Presbyterian Church and how it intends to engage its community context.

The Pastoral Transitions Commission moved that the Presbytery establish an Administrative Commission for a three-year term, composed of no less than 5 elders and no more than 9 elders,

to oversee the implementation of a new vision in downtown Morehead and to serve as the Session for Faith Presbyterian Church. This commission will annually report to the presbytery an evaluation of the emerging leadership of the new mission and their capacity to resume decision-making. The Pastoral Transitions Commission further moves that the Presbytery Moderator be authorized to appoint the members of this commission. Motion passed.

Congregational Issues Report

Chair Mike Ward reported. Mr. Ward announced a fall workshop for congregations and pastoral leaders, Healthy Congregations, led by the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center. The commission is available as a resource for congregations and pastors that might need assistance. Mr. Ward also encouraged churches to conduct annual reviews with staff and pastoral leaders so that any potential issues might be addressed earlier rather than later. The commission can help craft review policies.

Presbyterian Women Report

Ruling elder Karen May reported. Ms. May shared information about the upcoming Spring Gathering in Richmond and the National Gathering later this summer. Scholarships for travel costs are available for those traveling to the National Gathering.

Urban Village Report

Executive Director Beth Garrod-Logsdon prepared a printed report of activities and information for the meeting packet.

Mission Ministry Report

Chair Brad Napier reported. Mr. Napier informed the body that this year is the 75th year of the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, which is traditionally collected on Easter Sunday or during the Easter season. Mr. Napier encouraged churches to support this offering. Mr. Napier spoke briefly on flood relief efforts in Eastern Kentucky and announced a mission trip to Guatemala, planned by the Stanford Church. There are openings for those who might wish to travel, and interested persons should contact Mr. Napier.

Burnamwood Report

Joel Stanley reported. Mr. Stanley shared a brief video announcing camp plans for this summer. Information and registration forms can be found on the camp's website and in the presbytery newsletter. The pool requires repairs and will be completed before the summer camping/rental season.

General Presbyter Report

Philip Lotspeich reported. Mr. Lotspeich thanked the Second Presbyterian Church for hosting the Zoom meeting and noted the challenges with technology and inclement weather. Mr.

Lotspeich reported that interesting and novel things are happening across the presbytery, with new missions in Nicholasville (Urban Village) and Morehead (Faith Presbyterian) and the calling of Jim Garrett to lead the flood relief effort in Eastern Kentucky and to serve as pastoral support for the area churches. Transitions are increasing as pastoral leaders take new calls and churches seek pastoral leadership. The presbytery's website is being updated and improved and will be completed soon. Mr. Lotspeich shared about his recent trip to Pakistan and the relationship between the presbytery and the Forman Christian College. The founder of the college was Charles Forman, a minister member of the presbytery from Mason County, KY. Mr. Lotpseich offered to speak of his experiences with any church in the presbytery and hopes to further the relationship by leading future trips to Pakistan.

Closing Business

There being no further business, and on motion, the presbytery adjourned at 12:22 PM. The moderator spoke prayers to end the meeting, using a blessing from John O'Donoghue, "For the Interim Time." The presbytery will next meet on Saturday, May 18, 2024, at the McGuire Memorial Presbyterian Church, Beattyville, KY.

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	Present
Barkley, The Rev. Shawn	Present
*Bean, The Rev. Michael	Present
Benze, The Rev. Dr. Keith	Present
*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	Present
Casal, The Rev. Jose Luis	Present
Cervas, The Rev. Scott	
*Chamberlian, The Rev. Mike	
*Chamberlain, The Rev. Pat	
Christian, The Rev. Curtis T.	
*Chumney, The Rev. David	
Clark, The Rev. Patterson	
*Crawford, The Rev. David	
Culpepper, The Rev. Dr. Lisa	Present
Davis, The Rev. Mark	Present

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Denney, The Rev. Michael	Present
Dermody Jr., The Rev. Roger	Present
*Deutsch, The Rev. William L	
Ehlert, The Rev. Kristy	Present
*Ensminger, The Rev. Douglas	
*Erwin, The Rev. James	
*Eyster, The Rev. Bert	
Falco, The Rev. Matt	
Foehse, The Rev. Caitlin	
*Gailey, The Rev. Carol	
Garrett, The Rev. Jim	Present
Garrod-Logsdon, The Rev. Beth	Present
*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	Present
Hood, The Rev. Dr. Fred	
*Howard, The Rev. Scott	
Howie-Kipphut, The Rev. Lorilyn	
Johnson, The Rev. Jennifer	
*Jones, The Rev. Jon F.	

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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
*Matthews, The Rev. Griffith	
*McAtee, The Rev. Dr. William M.	
McCrary, The Rev. Beth	Presents
*McGowan, The Rev. Bryce L.	
McIntyre, The Rev. Hannah	Present
*Mesta, The Rev. Edward Hugh	
Miller, The Rev. Emily	Present
*Moffett, The Rev. Howard W.	
*Mount, The Rev. Dr. C. Eric Jr	
Napier, The Rev. Bradley	Present
*Noel, The Rev. Dr. Tim	
Olive, The Rev. Wanda B.	Present
Pace, The Rev. Steve	Present
Pachauu, The Rev. Dr. Kima	Present

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

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*Tarter, The Rev. Dr. Rollin	Present
Thompson, The Rev. Gene	
Thro, The Rev. Julie Urback	
Utt, The Rev. Jerry L. II	Present
*Vanzant, The Rev. William	
*Ward, The Rev. Dr. Michael	Present
*Warren, The Rev. Susan	Present
Weese, The Rev. Mary Seeger	Present
White, The Rev. John C.	Excused
*Wilhelm, The Rev. Jack	
Williams, The Rev. Susan	
*Woodring, The Rev. James	

Corresponding Members

Keenan Rodgers, Corresponding Member, Board of Pensions

Steve Young, Corresponding Member, Living Waters for the World

Commissioned Pastors

Akers, Josh	
Bradish, Susan	Present
Carter, Sylvia	
Dougans, Jim	Present
Ladick, Heather	Present
McIntyre, Pat	
Poe, Tommy	Present
Reed, Bill	Present
Schonblom, Eric	Present
Wilson, Sarah	Present

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Ruling Elder Commissioners	
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	Peggy Tudor
	Joanie Lukins
	Eric Smith
Ezel, United	
Flemingsburg, First	
Georgetown, First	Emily Carroll
	Ronald Knight
Grayson, Bayless Memorial	
Greenup	
Harlan, First	
Harrodsburg, United	
Hazard, First	
Isom	
Jackson, Guerrant Memorial	
Lancaster, First	
Lawrenceburg, First	
Lexington, Beaumont	Beth Alexander

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Lexington, Bethel	
Lexington, Eastminster	
Lexington, First	Ginny Baker
	Carol Raitz
Lexington, Hunter	Kent Brouwer
Lexington, Lex. Korean	
Lexington, Maxwell Street	
Lexington, Meadowthorpe	
Lexington, Mt. Horeb	
Lexington, Second	Karen May
Lexington, Walnut Hill	
London, First	
Maysville, First	
McAfee, New Providence	
Middlesboro, First	Amy Drittler
Midway	
Millersburg, First	
Morehead, Faith	
Mt. Sterling, First	
Paint Lick, Old Paint Lick	
Paris, First	Rogers Barde'
Paris, Hopewell	
Perryville	
Pikeville, First	James Browning
Prestonsburg, First	
Richmond, First	

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Somerset, First	Sharon Mandt
Somerset, Pisgah	
Stanford	
Versailles	Kathy Fallon
Versailles, Pisgah	
Versailles, Troy	
Whitesburg, Graham Memorial	
Wilmore	
Winchester, First	Ada Rash
Winchester, Salem	
Ruling Elders Serving Commissions and Ministries of the Presbytery	
Ackerman, Diehl	Present
Auvenshine, Steve	
Bolton, Anne	
Burnside, Mike	
Erwin, John	
Fegenbush, Nik	Present
Fish, Kathy	
Flannery, Madeline	
Gaines, Lois	Present
Harney, Jean	
Hatton, Angie	
Hoskins, David	Present
Jaeckels, Linder	Present
Marsh, Jennifer	
Olive, Jim	Present
Pratt, Mike	
Purdom, Candance	

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Rogers, Barbara	Present
Shanda, Ginny	Present
Snyder, Larry	
Spangler, Juanita	
Thomas, Cathy	
Turner, Bill	
Whiteman, David	Present
Woodford, Catesby	
Wood, Missie	
Visitors	
Joel Stanley, First Richmond	
Sarah Smith, Candidate for Ministry	
Robyn Justus, Staff	
Summary of Attendance	
Ministers	36
Corresponding Members	2
Commissioned Pastors	7
Non-Presbyterian Supply	1
Ruling Elders Commissioners from Churches	16
Ruling Elders Serving Commissions/Ministries of Presbytery	9
Visitors	3
Total Attendance	74