

**Minutes of the Called Meeting
Presbytery of Transylvania
October 7, 2024**

A called meeting of the Presbytery of Transylvania was held on Monday, October 7, 2024, via Zoom technology. Moderator John Leggett called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon and offered an opening prayer.

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

The purpose of the called meeting was to address issues related to leadership vacancies at Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Paris, KY. The moderator called on the chair of the Coordinating Commission, Philip Lotspeich, to report.

Philip moved that the Moderator of the Presbytery of Transylvania, in consultation with the General Presbyter and Stated Clerk, be authorized to appoint an Administrative Commission (Commission) with the full authority of the Presbytery in accordance with G-3.0109b(5) to “inquire into and settle difficulties” at Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Paris, KY. Furthermore, pursuant to G-3.0303e, that the Commission is authorized to assume original jurisdiction if “after a thorough investigation, and after full opportunity to be heard has been accorded to the session,” it concludes on the presbytery’s behalf that the session is “unable or unwilling to manage wisely [the church’s] affairs” (G-3.0303e).

Second and motion passed.

The presbytery having created a commission to inquire into and settle difficulties at Hopewell Presbyterian Church, the moderator appointed these members: teaching elders Lisa Culpeper and Mike Ward, and ruling elders Emily Carroll and Ginny Shanda.

The moderator invited a moment for prayer concerns. An event to pack disaster buckets for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance will be held on Sunday, October 20, 2024, at First Presbyterian Church, Lexington, and congregations are invited to assist with providing supplies, offering financial donations, or assembling the buckets.

There being no further business, and on motion, the presbytery adjourned at 12:15 PM. The moderator spoke a closing prayer.

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

Ministers

Baker, Darryl
Bean, Michael
Carver, Martin
Casal, Jose Luis
Culpepper, Lisa
Denney, Michael
Dermody, Roger
Garrett, Jim
Kupar, Greg
Kurtz, Linda
Leggett, John
Lotspeich, Philip
McIntyre, Hannah
Napier, Brad
Olive, Wanda
Pottorff, Frank
Powell, Jennifer
Robinson, Scot
Ryan, Griffin
Stanley, Donald
Utt, Jerry L.
Ward, Michael

Commissioned Pastors

Bradish, Susan
Dougans, Jim
Poe, Tommy
Schonblom, Eric
Wilson, Sarah

Non Presbyterian Supply

Pollack, William

Ruling Elders

Baker, Ginny	First Lexington
Barde, Rogers	First Paris
Carroll, Emily	First Georgetown
Gaines, Lois	Versailles, Coordinating Commission
Purdum, Candace	Danville, Congregational Issues
Shanda, Ginny	First Lexington, CPM
Thompson, Alison	Mt. Horeb, Lexington
Whiteman, David	First Winchester, Coordinating Commission
Wood, Andrew	First Maysville, Coordinating Commission

Visitors

Justus, Robyn
Presbytery Staff

Summary of Attendance

Ministers	22
Corresponding Members	0
Commissioned Pastors	5
Non-Presbyterian Supply	1
Ruling Elders Commissioners from Churches	9
Visitors	1
Total Attendance	38