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Letter from our Moderator

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Sisters and Brothers in Christ of the Presbytery of Philadelphia,

We recently concluded the Season of Christmastide with Epiphany. Epiphany is the day we remember the Magi as God revealed to them the Star in the East which led them to the Christ Child in Bethlehem. It was a rigorous twelve-day journey for the Magi but one in which their eyes were upward to the Star that led them to the Messiah. Eyes upward was what enabled them to be in the presence of Christ and to experience a life changing epiphany of Christ's love.

Epiphany happens at the beginning of year but it is also a time to see what epiphanies we might have had the previous year. As I look back on 2022, the Epiphany for me as Moderator of this Presbytery was community. Through moderating installation and ordination services and being present in gatherings throughout the year there was a sense of a new connectedness for me within this body of believers. Through new relationships, I now feel more connected to the Presbytery than I have ever felt before. I have established rapport with Presbytery leadership, pastors and congregants that have encouraged me to know that I am not alone but we are on this journey together as disciples of Jesus Christ proclaiming the gospel to all people. We are connected in this calling through our love of Christ. A love to receive and a love to share. Thank you for the ways that you care of one another in this presbytery.

Love is shared with words but also with deeds, as I reminded of the story of a little boy named Jimmy who was only five years old. He came home from school one day and decided to play outside in the backyard. His mother was watching him as she always did through the kitchen window. As she was watching him she noticed that he left the yard but she wasn't concerned as he went to the next door neighbor's house. He walked up the front steps of the house and then she noticed that he climbed into the lap of Mr. Thompson who had his hands over his face and seemed to be sobbing as just a few days prior his wife had died. She noticed then Jimmy rocking back and forth with Mr. Thompson on his rocking chair for about 20 minutes and then he came home for dinner. Jimmy's mother then asked, "What did you say to Mr. Thompson and Jimmy replied, "Nothing, just helped him cry."

The story of Jimmy reminds me that some of our most important moments of sharing God's love are just being there for those who are hurting and suffering. Sometimes nothing needs to

be said as it is the action of being there that matters most, as the first thing Jesus did at the home of Mary and Martha was to weep with them when they were mourning the loss of their brother Lazarus.

I believe as a Presbytery sharing God's Love is at the heart of who we are. We have been called by God to love each other within the Presbytery and to love those outside of our Presbytery. I have great hope of the love of Christ flowing from us in this New Year. A year in which God has an Epiphany of love for us and a year in which we will be Epiphany moments of God's love to others. Moments in which we will reach out to those close to us and moments in which we will reach out to those who are all alone.

As I close, my encouragement is to have our eyes upward and if we do, we will not miss God's love of us and the divine calling to love others in 2023.

In Christ's Love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ted Mingle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. Ted Mingle, Moderator of the Presbytery of Philadelphia

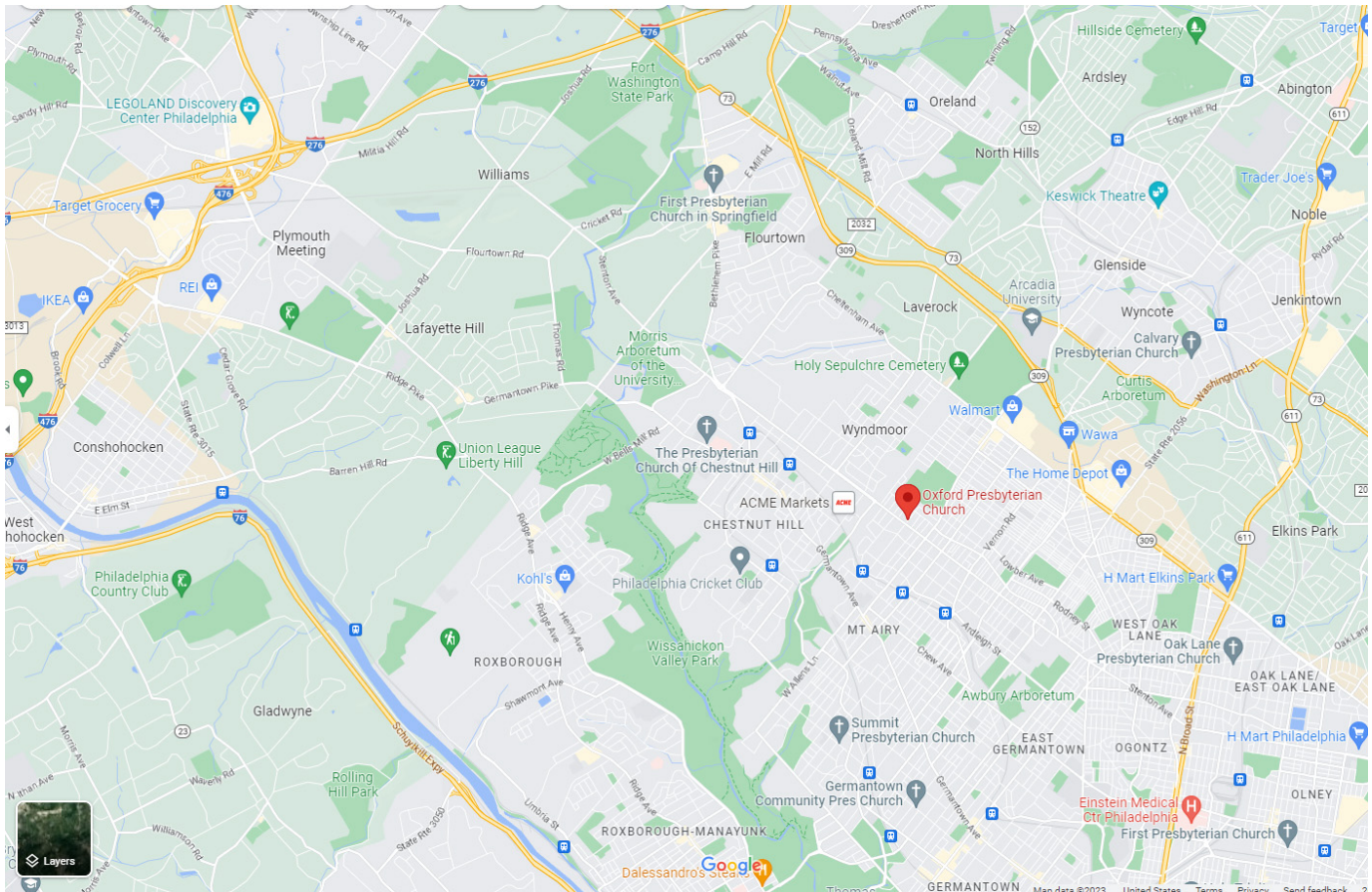
Lunch & Location



*** Lunch will be \$10.00 and will be prepared by the Oxford Church**

** Please let us know if you will be joining us for lunch by emailing cheintz@presbyphl.org so we can have a good idea how much to prepare!*

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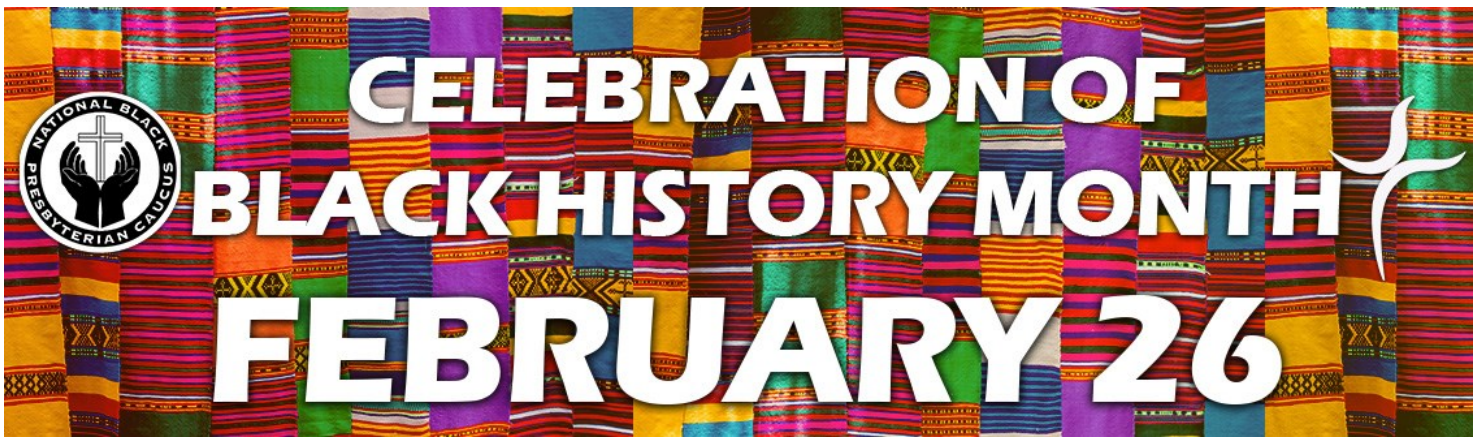
Presbytery Office Conference Room

10:30 A.M.



A Pre-presbytery Conversation:

The Bills & Overtures Committee of the Presbytery and our Stated Clerk will discuss recommended amendments from the 225th General Assembly that was held in July of 2022.



Resilient and Reborn Anew!

John 3:7

On Sunday, February 26, 2023, the Philadelphia Chapter of the National Presbyterian Black Caucus (NBPC), the Presbytery of Philadelphia and their guests will gather at Oxford Presbyterian Church to celebrate Black History Month and our African American Presbyterian Heritage.

Join us for celebrations and events hosted by the NBPC for the weekend of February 24-26:

- ◇ Leaders Lunch with Rev. Michael Moore on Friday, February 24 from Noon-2:00 p.m. at Oxford
- ◇ Leadership Breakfast with Rev. Dr. Carrie Mitchell (Regional Representative, Board of Pensions) on Saturday, February 25 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon.
- ◇ **African American Presbyterian Heritage Worship Service will be held on Sunday, February 26 beginning at 3:00 p.m. Our guest preacher will be Rev. Dr. Jerry Cannon**

For any questions or additional information, please contact the NBPC Philadelphia co-moderators; Rev. Dr. Janel Dixon at cpcrevdr@live.com or Rev. Anna Grant Borden at livinglife738@gmail.com



Rev. Dr. Jonathan Lee Walton
President, Princeton Theological Seminary



Dr. Walton comes to Princeton Seminary from Wake Forest University's School of Divinity in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where he has served as the dean since 2019 and holds the Presidential Chair in Religion and Society. Prior to joining Wake Forest University, he served on the faculty at Harvard Divinity School and was the Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and the Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church of Harvard University.

"Theological education is at an inflection point," says Dr. Walton. "The church is changing. Society is changing. So we need clear-minded, faith-informed professionals who can speak hope, equity, and healing in all fields of human endeavor."

Dr. Walton is trained as a social ethicist whose scholarship focuses on the intersection of evangelical Christianity, mass media, and political culture. He is the author of two books: *Watch This! The Ethics and Aesthetics of Black Televangelism* (NYU Press, 2009) and *A Lens of Love: Reading the Bible in Its World for Our World* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2018). He has published widely across various academic journals, books, magazines, and newspapers. His insights have been featured in the New York Times, CNN, Time Magazine, and PBS.

Dr. Walton earned his PhD in 2006 and his MDiv in 2002 from Princeton Seminary, and his bachelor's degree in political science from Morehouse College in 1996. He is an ordained Baptist minister and a gifted preacher who has continued to serve both his alma maters. He is a member of the Humanities Advancement Council at Morehouse College and has served on the Board of Trustees at Princeton Seminary.



NEW MINISTER MEMBERS OF THE PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA

January 31, 2023



Rev. John Diller was received from the St. Augustine Presbytery and is serving as the Head of Staff at the Carmel Presbyterian Church.



Rev. Dr. David Cagle was received from the Salem Presbytery and is serving as the Transitional Pastor of the Media Presbyterian Church.

Our 2023 Moderator and Vice-Moderator

Elder Zandra Maffett, Moderator of the Presbytery of Philadelphia



Elder Zandra Maffett has been a member of Valley Forge Presbyterian Church, King of Prussia, PA, since 1978. In that time she has served as a member of the Long -Term Vision Committee, as well as Chair of the Mission Committee. In addition to serving as a Sunday School teacher, she has participated on church mission trips to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance host sites in Pearlinton, MS and Towanda, PA. She grew up in Philadelphia as a member of Bethel Presbyterian Church where she was active in many youth activities and has fond memories of the Presbyterian Camp, Pennington Island. Elder Maffett has been active at the presbytery level, serving on the Committee on Nominations and on several administrative commissions. Her commitment to the national church has included serving as a General Assembly commissioner

and participating in international delegations to Zambia and Israel. Currently she serves as co-chair of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Advisory Committee and is a National Disaster Response Volunteer. In her community she is a Board Member of Theatre Horizon, a non- profit actors equity theatre in Norristown. Elder Maffett has also volunteered in Mozambique and Haiti.

She is the proud mother of three adult sons; and enjoys reading, attending live ballet and theatre, international travel and collecting African American Art.

Elder Jim Ballengee, Vice-Moderator of the Presbytery of Philadelphia



Elder Jim Ballengee grew up as a member of Ardmore Presbyterian Church and joined Arch Street Presbyterian Church in the first class of Elders in 2009 as the church began to revitalize. He has served on Session for 8 years at Arch Street Presbyterian Church in addition to roles on Personnel, Nominating, and Mission and Outreach. He is completing his sixth year on the Presbytery's Commission on Ministry – the last 2 ½ years as Moderator of the group.

Elder Ballengee also serves on the Administrative Commission for New River Presbyterian Church and on the Community Advisory Council. He was a Commissioner to General Assembly in St. Louis in 2018.

In the city of Philadelphia, Elder Ballengee is a Board member of The Christopher Ludwick Foundation, serves on the Board of Historic Rittenhouse Town and was one of the founding Board members of St. James School. He also was instrumental in the establishment of The Center of Public Purpose at William Penn Charter School – enabling students to go deeper into issues of education, food insecurity and poverty.

He is married to Elaine, has three grown daughters and two grandchildren. In any spare time remaining, he enjoys reading and hiking and is obsessed with crossing the Grand Canyon on foot.

REDRESS OF IMBALANCE

The *Book of Order* (G-3.0301) requires the Presbytery to “adopt and communicate to the sessions a plan for determining how many ruling elders each session should elect as commissioners to Presbytery.”

An examination of the total number of members of the congregations of the Presbytery and the total number of minister members reveals a ratio of 76 congregants for every minister member. Using each congregation’s reported 2021 membership and assigning 1 ruling elder commissioner for every 76 members would lead to the following number of ruling elder commissioners for each Presbytery meeting. (*Please note: This allocation caps the maximum number of ruling elder commissioners for all congregations of 2,000 or more at 20.*)

Total Minister Members: 316 ♦ Total Congregation Membership: 24,154

The following redress of imbalance has been approved for implementation beginning on December 1, 2022 and continues through November 30, 2023.

Abington	10
Ambler, First	7
Anchor	1
Arch Street	2
Ardmore, First	4
Aston	1
Beacon	1
Bensalem	1
Berean	1
Bethel	1
Bethesda	1
Beverly Hills	1
Bryn Mawr	20
Calvary - Wyncote	1
Carmel	6
Cedar Park	1
Central Iglesia Norristown	1
Chambers Memorial	1
Chestnut Hill	7
Christ's	1
Christ's Community Church- Drexel Hill	1
Church on the Mall	1
Collenbrook United	1
Concord Liberty	2

Crossroads-Limerick	2
Darby, First	1
Deep Run	2
Doylestown	19
Eddington	2
Elkins Park	1
Falls of Schuylkill	1
Forest Grove	2
Fox Chase Memorial	1
Frankford	1
Germantown Community	1
Germantown First	2
Gladwyne, Lower Merion	1
Glenolden, First	1
Grace Jenkintown	6
Gwynedd Square	3
Holmes	1
Holy Trinity Bethlehem	1
Ivyland	1
Japanese Christian	1
Jeffersonville	1
Kensington First	1

Lansdowne, First	2
Lawndale Holy Grace	1
Lenape Valley	5
Leverington	2
Levittown, First	3
Llanerch	3
Lombard Central	1
Lower Providence	10
Marple	2
Mayfair	1
Media	7
Memorial Boothwyn	1
Middletown	4
Morrisville	5
Mount Airy	1
Neshaminy Warwick	7
New River Presbyterian Church	1
Newtown	11
Newtown Square	4
Norristown, First	1
Norriton	1
Northampton	2
Northminster	1
Oak Lane	1
Old Pine, Third Scots & Mariners	3
Olivet Covenant	1
Olney First	1
Overbrook	5
Oxford	2
Parkland	1
PC of Pakistan	1
Penn Wynne	1
Philadelphia, First	3
Podowon	1
Port Kennedy, First	1
Pottstown, First	8
Rhawnhurst	1
Ridley Park	7
Roxborough	1
Salt & Light (formerly New Spirit)	1
Southwestern	1
Springfield -Flourtown	2
Springfield, First	2
Suh Kwang	1
Summit	2
Supplee Memorial	4
Swarthmore	8

Tabernacle United	1
Temple	1
Thompson Memorial	4
Thomas M Thomas Memorial	1
Tree of Life	1
Trinity - Clifton Heights	1
Trinity, Philadelphia	1
Tully Memorial	1
United Ghanaian Community	3
Valley Forge	1
Wallingford	5
Warminster	3
Wayne	20
Westminster Mayfair	1
Wissahickon	1
Wissinoming	1
Woodside	10
Wynnefield	1
New River Presbyterian Church	1
Yeadon	1

**PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA
STATED MEETING
OXFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
31 JANUARY 2023**

**10:30 AM Pre-presbytery Conversation:
Recommended General Assembly Amendments in
the Presbytery office**

11:30AM Lunch and Fellowship (with reservations)

12:30PM Business Begins

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*and the young will fall exhausted,
but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.
(Isaiah 40:30-31)*
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11:00 AM Registration Begins

12:30 PM Call to Meeting and Opening Prayer Moderator, Rev. Ted Mingle

Opening Worship

Preaching – Rev. Dr. Jonathan Lee Walton

President, Princeton Theological Seminary

The Lord's Supper

Installation of Moderator and Vice Moderator, and Stated Clerk

Joining the Church Triumphant (Necrology Report 2022)

Offering: New Arrivals in Philadelphia Seeking Asylum

1:40 PM Stated Clerk Report Rev. Kevin Porter
Approval of the Docket
Approval of Consent Agenda
Seating of Corresponding Members

Introduction of New Elder and Minister Commissioners Elder Zandra Maffett
Newly Installed Moderator

2 PM	Voting on Recommended GA Amendments	Rev. Alex Evangelista
2:30 PM	Leadership Collegium Report	Rev. Ted Mingle
2:45 PM	Executive Presbyter Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leaning into 2023	Rev. Ruth F Santana-Grace Leadership Team
3:05 PM	Administrative Commission Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tully Presbyterian Church• Trinity Presbyterian Church, Kensington	Elder Julia Hill Rev. Laura Colee
3:35 PM	Committee on Representation Report	Elder Megan D. Acedo
3:50 PM	New Business	
3:55 PM	Adjournment and Closing Prayer	Vice-Moderator, Elder Jim Ballengee



The next stated meeting of
the Presbytery of Philadelphia
will be on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at Wallingford Presbyterian Church
(Time To Be Determined)

**Please note: Any new business is to be in the hands of the Stated Clerk by 1:30pm*

CONSENT AGENDA A-1

Action Items

The Stated Clerk moves the following action items for approval by the Presbytery.

1. With gratitude for their faithful witness to the Gospel of Jesus Chris, that the death of the following Elders and Ministers of Word and Sacrament be recorded in the minutes of this stated meeting:

Elders

- George Howard Martin, Gwynedd Square, January 22, 2022
- Evelyn Tregaskis, Deep Run, January 27, 2022
- Lois Deardorff, Lansdowne, First, October 12, 2022
- Walter H. Jamison, Newtown, December 16, 2022
- Kathy Shaifer, Summit, January 19, 2023

Minsters of Word and Sacrament

- Rev. Anne Clark Duncan, Honorably Retired, December 4, 2022

“For I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth; And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, That in my flesh I shall see God,” Job 19:25-26

The Committee on Nominations presents the following to be elected as Synod

Commissioners: Teaching Elder Rev. Barbara Chaapel (HR), class of 2025 and Ruling Elder Elaine McCray (Holy Trinity-Bethlehem) Class of 2024

Committee on Bills & Overtures Report B-1

Action Item: The Committee on Bills and Overtures recommends the Presbytery of Philadelphia approves the proposed amendments listed in Appendix A (see below). *All Proposed amendments in Appendix A are being presented as on motion in the *PROPOSED AMENDMENTS CONSENT AGENDA.

The 225th General Assembly (GA225) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) approved and recommended to the presbyteries, for their affirmative or negative votes, proposed changes to the language of the Book of Order that, if approved, will amend the Constitution of our denomination.

Our Bills and Overtures Committee, consisting of our commissioners to GA225 has reviewed the proposed amendments, which can be viewed by downloading the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution booklet (by clicking <https://presbyphl.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/22/2022/12/B-Bills-and-Overtures.pdf>) or via the link to our Stated Meeting (<https://presbyphl.org/event/jan-31-2023-stated-meeting/>). Bills and Overtures has proposed the following process for the Presbytery of Philadelphia's consideration:

Step 1: January 31st Stated Meeting

The vast majority of the proposed amendments will be presented as a *PROPOSED AMENDMENT CONSENT AGENDA (see **Appendix A** below) to be considered at the January 31 stated meeting of the Presbytery. Most of these proposed amendments fall broadly within three categories:

- Proposing language that updates/expands existing language or changes grammar
- Proposing language that provides guidance or reflects existing standard practices
- Proposing language that is more permissive than existing language.

As always, any commissioner may remove any of the items from the consent agenda for any reason at any time prior to it being considered for approval. **Only commissioners present in-person at the meeting will have the opportunity to do this as we will not be able to accommodate virtual voting at this meeting.**

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If an item is pulled from the consent agenda, it will be considered at the April 25th stated meeting. All remaining items on the consent agenda will be considered together at the January 31st meeting with the one action on the Bills and Overtures recommendation that the Presbytery approve them.

Step 2: April 25th Stated Meeting

The remaining proposed amendments, consisting of the items Bills and Overtures has already identified as warranting further discussion (see Appendix B below) as well as those pulled from the January 31st consent agenda will be presented to the Presbytery for consideration at our April 25th stated meeting.

Appendix A - *PROPOSED AMENDMENT CONSENT AGENDA Recommendations (split into three categories)

Updated/Expansive Language & Grammar changes (Full example for this section is offered by 22-A | F-1.0302C) | includes rationale on why it's on the consent agenda. If no rationale is offered, synopsis of the bill/overture stands as its rationale as it relates to this category.

22 - A (pg. 3)	<p>F-1.0302c THE CATHOLICITY OF THE CHURCH (POL-16 1a) <i>Expands inclusive language with reference to gender identity</i></p> <p>Shall F-1.0302c in the Foundations of Presbyterian Polity be amended as follows? (deleted text is in strike through; added text is in <i>italic</i>.) “F-1.0302 The Marks of the Church... c. The Catholicity of the Church... ... Because the church is catholic, it strives everywhere to testify to Christ’s embrace of men, women, and children <i>all people</i> of all times, places, races, nations, ages, <i>abilities, genders</i>, conditions, and stations in life.”</p>
22-B (pg. 5)	<p>F-1.0304 OPENNESS (POL-16 1b) <i>Expands inclusive language with reference to gender identity</i> (note: similar updated language to 22-A)</p>
22-S	G-4.0301 TRUST AND CONFIDENTIALITY (ROD-07)

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(pg. 40)	<i>Expands and clarifies “confidentiality” requirements for ministers and commissioned pastors.</i>
22-X (pg. 47)	W-5.0104 HOUSEHOLD WORSHIP (TWE-05 5) <i>Adds a sentence on the importance of household worship in faith formation in the reformed tradition.</i>
22-Y (pg. 48)	W-5.0104 HOUSEHOLD WORSHIP (TWE-05 6) <i>Adds an additional paragraph to the existing section on household worship.</i>
22-Z (pg. 49)	W-5.0201 THE CHURCH’S MINISTRY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH (TWE-05, 1 & 2) <i>Adds “discipleship” to a list of the Church’s ministries that are connected to its worship, and adds references to statements in the Foundations of Presbyterian Polity.</i>
22-AA (pg. 51)	W-5.0204 PASTORAL CARE (TWE-05 7) <i>Adds “particular specialized pastoral care” rather than adding to an existing list of such specialities.</i> Rationale: This amendment appropriately adds flexibility to avoid the appearance of an exhaustive list.
22-BBB (pg. 53)	W-5.0204 PASTORAL CARE (TWE-05 8) <i>Adds clarifying language in a section on “service of wholeness” to better express a Reformed understanding of those services.</i>
22-DD (pg. 58)	D-10.0302 IF CHARGES ARE TO BE FILED (ROD-04 3) <i>Grammatical change to an existing provision of the Rules of Discipline</i> Note: The assembly approved the above proposed amendment to the current Rules of Discipline in the event that the Rules of Discipline will not be replaced by Church Discipline. If Church Discipline is approved by majority vote of presbyteries, it will replace the entire current Rules of Discipline including any amendments to the current Rules of Discipline.
22-FF (pg. 62)	AMENDING THE USE OF “THE ACCUSED” IN THE CURRENT RULES OF DISCIPLINES (ROD-04 2) <i>Changes “the accused” to “the person accused” wherever it occurs in the current Rules of Discipline.</i> Note: The assembly approved the above proposed amendment to the current Rules of Discipline in the event that the Rules of Discipline will not be replaced by Church Discipline. If Church Discipline is approved by majority vote of presbyteries, it will replace the entire current Rules of Discipline including any amendments to the current Rules of Discipline.

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Updated language and guidance on Standard Practice | includes rationale on why it's on the consent agenda. If no rationale is offered, synopsis of the bill/overture stands as its rationale as it relates to this category.

22-C (pg. 7)	G-1.0501 MEETINGS (ROD-06 2) <i>Establishes Robert's Rules of Order (RONR) as the default parliamentary authority for congregation meetings, and authorizes electronic congregational meetings</i> Rationale: This amendment updates the language to our BoO to reflect current standard practice.
22-F (pg. 13)	G-20505a(1) TRANSFER OF MINISTERS OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS (POL-15) <i>Adds the requirement to consult with other denominations when receiving immigrant pastors without otherwise acceptable PC(USA) ordination education requirements</i> Rationale: This small amendment offers helpful prescriptive guidance and permissive language (such as <i>the presbytery should provide such educational opportunities</i>) to the current BoO.
22-M (pg. 29)	G-3.0104 OFFICERS (MC-05) <i>Adds language that "it is appropriate" to adopt procedures for electronic session meetings</i> Rationale: Similar to 22-C, this amendment updates the language to our BoO to reflect current standard practice.
22-N (pg. 31)	G-3.0105 MEETINGS (ROD-06 3) <i>Adds provision that all councils and their commissions and committees may meet electronically</i> Rationale: Similar to 22-C, this amendment updates the language to our BoO to reflect current standard practice.
22-O (pg. 33)	G-3.0106 ADMINISTRATION OF MISSION (HSB-05 9) <i>Adds language regarding boundary training, including sexual abuse to the requirement for sexual misconduct policies required of councils</i> Rationale: This proposed amendment originated as a recommendation from the GA Health Safety and Benefits Committee as Recommendation 9 attached to the Survivors of Sexual Misconduct Task Force recommendations. This amendment updates the language and guidance to our BoO to reflect current standard practice.

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22-E (pg. 60)	<p>D-10.0303 PETITION FOR REVIEW (ROD-04 1)</p> <p><i>Amends the current Rules of Discipline to include notifying the person accused if no charges will be filed (instead of just the person(s) who made the accusation).</i></p> <p>Note: The assembly approved the above proposed amendment to the current Rules of Discipline in the event that the Rules of Discipline will not be replaced by Church Discipline. If Church Discipline is approved by majority vote of presbyteries, it will replace the entire current Rules of Discipline including any amendments to the current Rules of Discipline.</p>
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Permissive Amendments and updated guidance/language (Full example for this section is offered by 22-R) | includes rationale on why it's on the consent agenda. If no rationale is offered, synopsis of the bill/overture stands as its rationale as it relates to this category.

<p>22-D (pg. 9)</p>	<p>G-1.0503 BUSINESS PROPER TO CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS (ROD06 1) <i>Adds receiving a disciplinary decision against a church member (as opposed to a minister) to the list of proper business at a congregational meeting</i> Rationale: This amendment is necessary because business at congregational meetings is limited to those matters specifically listed in G-1.0503.</p> <p>Shall G-1.0503 in the Form of Government be amended as follows? (deleted text is in strike through; added text is in <i>italic</i>.) “G-1.0503 Business Proper to Congregational Meetings Business to be transacted at meetings of the congregation shall be limited to matters related to the following:...</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">...f. Approving a plan for the creation of joint congregational witness, or amending or dissolving the joint congregational witness (G-5.05); <i>g. Receiving a disciplinary decision against a member of the congregation as required by D-9.0102.”</i></p>
<p>22-E (pg. 11)</p>	<p>G-2.0503 CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP (POL-07) <i>Removes “honorably” before “retired” as the category for retired ministers</i></p> <p>Rationale: The current BoO only designation of retirement for ministers is “Honorably Retired.” That designation may be perfectly fitting for many Presbyterian ministers as they retired from active pastoral roles, but presbyteries sometimes face situations in which a minister’s service has been marked by difficulties and challenges that do not rise to the level of formal disciplinary charges and censure, but which are hardly worthy of the label “Honorable.”</p> <p>This amendment would maintain the “Retired” category but remove the mandatory designation of “Honorably” that now applies to all retirements.</p> <p>Presbyteries may still designate a retired minister as an honorably retired minister if the presbytery is moved by affection and gratitude to do so.</p>
<p>22-R (pg. 38)</p>	<p>G-3.0401 COMPOSITION AND RESPONSIBILITIES (MC-06) <i>Authorizes synods to enroll those serving terms in elected offices of the synod as additional members of the synod as a way to fulfill principles of participation and representation.</i></p>

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	<p>Shall G-3.0401 in the Form of Government be amended as follows? (added text is in italics)</p> <p>“G-3.0401 Composition and Responsibilities “When a synod meets, it shall be composed of commissioners elected by the presbyteries... The commissioners from each presbytery shall be divided equally between ruling elders and ministers of the Word and Sacrament. <i>A synod may enroll, or provide by rule for the enrollment of, ministers of Word and Sacrament and ruling elders, in numbers as nearly equal as possible, during terms of elected service to the synod. Such enrollment may be used, among other purposes, for fulfilling the principles of participation and representation and may include representation from the synod’s racial ethnic active leadership.</i> Each person elected moderator or other office shall be enrolled as a member of the synod until a successor is elected and installed.</p> <p>Rationale: The proposed language address the problem in the current language, by permitting synods to adopt rules, subject to the approval of a majority of their presbyteries, to extend voting privileges to additional persons in the synod for the purpose of participation and representation. Additionally, the ACC advised approval, as this overture provides a path [that] synods may use in order to a) fulfill the principles of participation and representation found in F-1.0403 and G-3.0103, while b) retaining the principle of government of elders (F-3.0202) and c) protecting the rights of lower councils to choose those who represent them in higher councils.</p>
22-J (pg. 22)	<p>G-2.1001 FUNCTIONS (MC-08) <i>Adds language allowing Commissioned Pastors to be commissioned to more than one validated ministry at a time.</i></p> <p>Rationale: This amendment is the final result after the committee approval of amended language offered by the ACC, and consequently approved by the General Assembly. This permissive amendment offers updated language and guidance, and presents no constitutional inconsistencies.</p>
22-T (pg. 42)	<p>W-3.025 CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (TWE-05 1) <i>Adds administration of the sacrament of Baptism to the list of appropriate actions following the proclamation of forgiveness in a service of worship.</i></p>
22-U (pg. 43)	<p>W-3.0409 THEOLOGY OF THE LORD’S SUPPER (TWE-05 2) <i>Adds “when appropriate” to the recommended act of providing an invitation to baptismal preparation for those who come to the table who are unbaptized.</i></p>
22-V (pg. 44)	<p>W-3.0414 COMMUNION (TWE-05 4) <i>Removes the current requirement that a minister of the Word and Sacrament lead the prayer of thanksgiving that concludes the Lord’s Supper liturgy.</i></p>

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	Rationale: This permissive amendment provides for more flexibility in the prayer after communion, including the use of a unison congregational prayer.
22-W (pg. 45)	<p>W-4.0403 ORDER OF WORSHIP (TWE-06)</p> <p><i>Adds a sentence about “signs and symbols of blessing” to the section on ordination and installation services.</i></p> <p>Rationale: This proposed change to the Directory of Worship is from restrictive language to permissive language: the signs and symbols of blessing (e.g. laying on of hands) would not be required but permissible.</p>

Appendix B | Amendment Summary & Recommendations

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22-G (pg. 15)	<p>G-2.0603 PURPOSE OF INQUIRE (HSB-05 2) <i>Adds the requirement of boundary training during the inquiry phase of preparation for ordination as a minister of the Word and Sacrament</i></p> <p>Recommendation from the committee: The Bills and Overtures Committee recommends the Presbytery of Philadelphia to vote in the affirmative on 22-G.</p>
22-H (pg. 17)	<p>G-2.0605 OVERSIGHT (HSB-05 1) <i>Adds a requirement of sessions to “report to the presbytery of any matters of sexual misconduct” of their members who are enrolled as inquirers and candidates.</i></p> <p>Recommendation from the committee: The Bills and Overtures Committee recommends the Presbytery of Philadelphia to vote in the affirmative on 22-H.</p>
22-K (pg. 24)	<p>G-2.1002 FUNCTIONS (MC-08) <i>Adds the requirement of boundary training for those elders seeking to be commissioned Pastors</i></p> <p>Rationale: The task force concluded that the denomination needs to mandate boundary training and child protection training for commissioned ruling elders and that training needs to be updated every 36 months. The committee concurs with this rationale.</p> <p>Recommendation from the committee: The Bills and Overtures Committee recommends the Presbytery of Philadelphia to vote in the affirmative on 22-K.</p>
22-L (pg. 26)	<p>G-2.1103 CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS (HSB-05 4) <i>Adds the requirement of boundary training for those elders seeking to be certified as Christian Educators.</i></p> <p>Recommendation from the committee: The Bills and Overtures Committee recommends the Presbytery of Philadelphia to vote in the affirmative on 22-L.</p>
22-I (pg. 19)	<p>G-2.0804 TERMS OF CALL (HSB-06) <i>Adds the requirement of a minimum of twelve weeks of paid family leave in terms of call for all installed pastors/associate pastors</i></p> <p>Rationale: In recent years the General Assembly has taken actions to encourage various councils of the church to honor the full humanity of its members and employees. The “Family Leave Policy Task Force”</p>

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	<p>believes there are theological, developmental, and societal justifications for committing to a denomination-wide family leave policy. The Bills and Overtures committees concurs with this opinion as it resonates with the current recommended practice by the Presbytery of Philadelphia.</p> <p>Recommendation from the committee: The Bills and Overtures committee recommends the Presbytery of Philadelphia to vote in the affirmative on 22-I.</p>
<p>22-P (pg. 34)</p>	<p>G-3.0106 ADMINISTRATION OF MISSION (POL-10) <i>Adds language the requirement of an antiracism policy to the required policies of councils, and clarifies other language in that list, i.e. distinction between sexual misconduct policy and a harassment policy.</i></p> <p>Rationale: The Presbytery of Philadelphia is one of the supporting presbyteries of offering the addition of “a harassment policy” to our BoO. The addition requiring an “anti-racism policy” resonates with the 2016 GA approved Church-wide policy called “Facing Racism: A Vision of the Intercultural Community” whereas: “Antiracist effort is not optional for Christians. It is an essential aspect of Christian discipleship, without which we fail to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ” (pg. 4).</p> <p>Recommendation: The Bills and Overtures committee recommends the Presbytery of Philadelphia to vote in the affirmative on 22-P.</p>
<p>22-Q (pg. 36)</p>	<p>G-3.0303c RELATIONS WITH SESSIONS (MC-03) <i>Authorizes presbyteries to establish minimum requirements for terms of dissolution (constitution amended language for “severance”) packages in terms of call</i></p> <p>Rationale: In our current BoO, presbyteries do not have the authority to enforce terms of dissolution (i.e. severance). This overture seeks to remedy that omission in the BoO by making explicitly the authority of presbyteries to create and enforce dissolution terms by linking that authority to the power to set minimum wages and approve calls. This overture is permissive, not requiring presbyteries to have such terms of dissolution.</p> <p>Recommendation: The Bills and Overtures committee recommends the Presbytery of Philadelphia to vote in the affirmative on 22-Q.</p>
<p>22-CC</p>	<p>D-3.0106 WHEN JURISDICTION ENDS (ROD-05)</p>

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(pg. 55)	<p><i>Allows a disciplinary process to continue after an accused has renounced jurisdiction.</i></p> <p>Note: The assembly approved the above proposed amendment to the current Rules of Discipline in the event that the Rules of Discipline will not be replaced by Church Discipline. If Church Discipline is approved by majority vote of presbyteries, it will replace the entire current Rules of Discipline including any amendments to the current Rules of Discipline. The assembly amended D-7.0302e(2) in the proposed Church Discipline to address the underlying concerns (rather than the exact text) of this proposed amendment.</p> <p>Recommendation: The Bills and Overtures Committee recommends the Presbytery of Philadelphia to vote in the affirmative on 22-C.</p>
<p>22-GG (page 64)</p>	<p>REPLACING THE CURRENT “RULES OF DISCIPLINE” WITH A NEW “CHURCH DISCIPLINE” SECTION (ROD-03) <i>Proposed a complete revision of the Rules of Discipline with a new Church Discipline Section</i></p> <p>High Level Rationale: Makes Church Discipline more accessible to the church; preserves and enhances the accountability of councils and individuals to the church; expands the role of mediation and alternate dispute resolution; provides flexibility in crafting censures and remedies, particularly in light of recent learnings in ethical and social development and experiments by the secular legal system with alternative sentencing; simplify wording and organize sections into process that flows smoothly and clearly; incorporate wording from authoritative interpretations of the Book of Order often cited by judicial commissions in their rulings. Further rationale is offered in our presentation.</p> <p>Recommendation: The Bills and Overtures Committee recommends the Presbytery of Philadelphia to vote in the affirmative on 22-GG.</p>

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY C-1

Informational Items

**The following actions have been taken by the Commission on Ministry
at their November 3, 2022, December 1, 2022 and January 5, 2023 Meetings.**

Terms of Call

1. Approved a full-time contract beginning January 1, 2023 between the **Rev. John Diller** and **Carmel Presbyterian Church** with the following terms: \$45,000 cash compensation; \$40,000 housing allowance; \$85,000 effective salary; \$1,400 supplemental health insurance premiums; \$6,503 SECA; \$33,150 pensions; \$2,500 Professional Expenses; \$1,000 study leave; two weeks study leave; 4 weeks(four Sundays) vacation, \$134,553 Total Compensation. (11/3/22)
2. Approved a three year Designated Pastor contract between **Rev. Brian Russo** and **Grace Presbyterian Church** with the following terms: \$53,000 cash compensation; \$37,000 housing allowance; \$6,885 SECA; \$2,700 3% Retirement Match; \$135,972 total compensation based on effective salary; \$1,287 family dental; \$3,000 professional expenses; two weeks study leave; \$1,000 study leave; \$6,000 coaching allowance; 4 weeks (four Sundays) vacation; \$145,972 Total Package. (11/3/22)

Supply Contracts

1. Approved a 20 hour per week Supply Pastor contract beginning October 9, 2022 for a period of 12 months between **Rev. Ishfaq Rafiq Sahotra** and the Session of **Presbyterian Church of Pakistan** with the following terms: \$7,200 cash compensation; \$400 other cash compensation; two weeks study leave; one month (four Sundays) vacation; 1 week other leave (parental, General Assembly, etc.); \$7,600 Total Compensation based on Effective Salary. (11/3/22)
2. Approved a short term Supply Pastor contract up to 30 hours per week between the Session of the **First Presbyterian Church Springfield (Delco)** and **Rev. Casey Thompson** with the following terms: \$5,250 monthly compensation, \$400(vouchered) professional expenses; \$10,500 Total Package. (11/3/22)
3. Approved a 16 month Supply Pastor contract(20 hours per week) between **Rev. Christine E. Callaway** and the Session of the **Aston Presbyterian Church** with the following terms: \$13,910.65 cash compensation; \$13,910.65 housing allowance; \$27,821.30 effective salary; \$2,128.33 SECA; \$1,250 professional expenses; two weeks study leave; four weeks (4 Sundays) vacation; \$29,949.63 Total Package. (11/3/22)

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4. Approved the 10 hour per week Supply contract between the Session of **Chambers Memorial Presbyterian Church** and **Rev. Fady Lous** with the following terms: \$14,120 cash compensation; \$1,080 SECA; \$375 professional expenses; \$250 study leave allowance; \$15,825 total package. (1/5/23)
5. Approved the 30-36 hours per week Supply Contract (January 1-June 30, 2023) between the **Rev. Casey Thompson** and **First Presbyterian Church Springfield (Delco)** with the following terms: \$3,235 monthly cash compensation; \$1,941 monthly housing allowance; \$396 monthly SECA; \$2,019 month pensions; \$1,250 professional expenses; \$500 study leave allowance; 1 week study leave; 2 weeks vacation; \$7,591 Total Package. (1/5/23)
6. Approved the 19 hours per week Supply Pastor Contract between **Rev. Adan Mairena** and the Session of **Yeadon Presbyterian Church** with the following terms: \$18,857.55 cash compensation; \$1,442.60 SECA; \$7,354.44 pensions; \$500 study leave allowance; \$1,500 education/learning/growing experience; two weeks study leave; one month (four Sundays) vacation; \$27,654.59 Total Package. (1/5/23)

Transitional Contracts

1. Approved a 12 month Transitional Pastor contract between the **Rev. Dr. David Cagle** and the **Media Presbyterian Church** beginning January 1, 2023 with the following terms: \$50,000 cash compensation; \$45,000 housing allowance; \$95,000 effective salary; \$7267.50 SECA; \$37,050 BOP; \$1,254.26 additional dental and vision; \$15,000 other cash payments(403b); \$3,000 professional expenses; Study Leave(2 weeks) - \$2,000, Vacation – 4 weeks(4 Sundays) - Other Allowances(Phone) - \$600, Moving Allowance - \$2,000, Total Package - \$161,171.76. (12/1/22)
2. Approved contract for Temporary Associate Pastor between **Rev. Liz Wagner** and the session of **Wayne Presbyterian Church** with the following terms: \$90,000 cash compensation; \$6,885 SECA; \$35,100 pensions; \$2,500 professional expenses; \$1,000 study leave; 1 month vacation; 2 weeks study leave; \$131,985 Total package. (1/5/23)

Validated Ministries

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1. Approved a Validated Ministry contract between **Rev. Adan Mairena** and **West Kensington Ministry** with the following terms: \$39,968 cash compensation; \$14,000 housing allowance; \$53,968 Total Effective Salary; \$4,129 SECA; \$21,048 BOP; \$2,500 professional expenses; two weeks study leave; \$1,000 study leave; 4 weeks (four Sundays) vacation; \$79,145 Total Package. (11/3/22)

Ordinations and Installations

1. Approved the ordination Administrative Commission for the service at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church on Saturday, February 4, 2023 at 10:00am for **Courtenay Willcox** consisting of the following members: Moderator Elder Zandra Moffett (Valley Forge), Rev. Mike Pulsifer (Arch Street), Rev. Anna Grant-Borden (Mt. Airy), Elder Carolyn Jeffery (Tree of Life), Elder Thomas Willcox (Bryn Mawr). (1/5/23)
2. Approved the **Rev. Larissa Kwong Abazia** (Presbytery of the Coastlands) to preach at the ordination service of Courtenay Willcox. (1/5/23)

Position Descriptions and Ministry Information Forms
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2. Approved if the way be clear the creation of a Bridge Associate Pastor position at **Wayne Presbyterian Church** through Easter while they discern future staffing. COM gives COM Leadership the ability to alter any of the details of this position in the meantime. (11/3/22)
3. Approved a Ministry Information Form(MIF) for the **First Presbyterian Church in Germantown**. (11/3/22)
4. Approved the Mission Study for the **First Presbyterian Church in Germantown**. (11/3/22)
5. Conducted a Fitness of Call interview with **Rev. Brian Russo** for **Grace Presbyterian Church**. (12/1/22)
6. Approved the mission study for **Anchor Presbyterian Church**. (1/5/23)

Exit Interviews & Covenants of Closure

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1. Conducted an exit interview with **Rev. Brenton Thompson** of **Crossroads Presbyterian Church**. (11/3/22)
2. Approved the dissolution of call between **Rev. Kris Schondelmeyer** and the **Presbyterian Church of Deep Run**. (1/5/23)

Honorable Retirement

1. Approved Honorably Retired Status for **Rev. In Kon Yu** effective 9/1/2022. (1/5/23)
2. Approved Honorably Retired Status for **Rev. Henry Steward Wilson** effective 1/1/2023 (1/5/23)
3. Approved Honorably Retired Status for **Rev. Debbie Heffernan** effective 2/1/2023 (1/5/23)

Moderators of Session

3. Conducted a Fitness of Call with the **Rev. John Diller** of **Carmel Presbyterian Church** on October 11, 2022. (11/3/22)
4. Approved **Rev. Rob Eyre** moderating a congregational meeting at **Grace Presbyterian Church** on Sunday, November 20th, 2022. (11/3/22)
5. Approved **Rev. Strother Gross** moderating the congregational meeting at **The First Presbyterian Church of Pottstown** on October 30, 2022. (11/3/22)
6. Appointed **Rev. Mindy Campbell** to moderate the **Rhawnhurst Presbyterian Church** congregational meeting on December 11, 2022 for the purpose of electing church officers. (12/1/22)
7. Appointed **Elder Jim Ballengee** as Moderator for the December 18th congregational meeting at **Deep Run Presbyterian Church** to dissolve the pastoral relationship between the church and **Rev. Kris Schondelmeyer**. (12/1/22)
8. Appointed **Rev. Diane Fitch** to moderate the **Deep Run Presbyterian Church** Session meeting beginning January of 2023. (12/1/22)

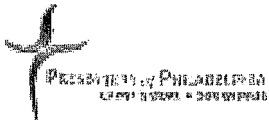
Transfers of Memberships

1. Approved the transfer of the **Rev. Fred Milligan** to the Presbytery of the Highland (New Jersey). (12/1/22)

Miscellaneous

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1. Approved an additional year on the Session at **First Presbyterian Church Springfield (Delco)** for **Elder Dave McNulty**. (11/3/22)
2. Approved the term extensions of one year each for the following officers of **Rhawnhurst Presbyterian Church**: **Elders Steve Jorett, Sharon Emery and Kathleen McGettigan** plus Deacons **Bev Hernandez and Sue Jorett**. (12/1/22)
3. Approved the term extensions for four Deacons at **Oak Lane Presbyterian Church** as follows: **Lora Neal, Shirley Smith, Helen Hampton, Bernice Mims**. (12/1/22)
4. Approved the sabbatical request from **Rev. Tim Dooner** at the **Valley Forge Presbyterian Church**. (1/5/23)
5. Approved the lease agreement (worship use) between **Chambers Memorial Presbyterian Church** and **Ministeno de Evangelio Completo (Full Gospel Ministries)**. (1/5/23)
6. Approved **Rev. Fady Lous** (member of Lehigh Presbytery) permission to labor within the bounds of the Philadelphia Presbytery. (1/5/23)
7. Approved **Commissioned Ruling Elder Ruby Davis** to administer communion at **The First Presbyterian Church in Levittown** on January 8 (1/5/23)
8. Approved **Elders Carol Ramsey and Pat Edwards** at **Deep Run** to preside at communion with training and final approval to be conducted by the NE region. (1/5/23)
9. Approved the lease agreement (worship use) between **First Presbyterian Church of Darby & New Generation International Church**. (1/5/23)
10. Approved the extension of the term of **Elder Scott Lei** on the Session of **Olivet-Covenant Presbyterian Church**. (1/5/23)

Operating Fund
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Presbytery of Philadelphia Operating Budget As of November 30, 2022

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	Year To Date 11/30/2022			Year Ending 12/31/2022
	Actual	Operating Budget	Budget Variance	Operating Budget
Operating Budget				
RECEIPTS				
Presbytery Per Capita	\$ 317,966	\$ 343,750	(25,784)	\$ 375,000
Presbytery Mission	262,071	404,000	(141,929)	435,000
Endowments	375,000	300,000	75,000	389,724
Investment income	5,271	6,000	(729)	8,000
Other gifts, receipts	65,834	59,750	6,084	62,000
Total Receipts	\$ 1,026,142	\$ 1,113,500	(87,359)	\$ 1,269,724
EXPENSES				
Personnel	\$ 725,868	\$ 837,612	(111,744)	\$ 912,891
Ministry partnerships	120,583	154,666	(34,083)	166,333
Office expenses	40,043	29,791	10,252	32,500
Building and Grounds	38,598	28,751	9,847	31,000
Telecom & utilities	24,726	22,458	2,268	24,500
Professional fees	49,644	53,000	(3,356)	57,000
Insurance	17,231	18,333	(1,102)	20,000
Commissions and meetings	16,782	13,291	3,491	14,500
General & administrative	3,650	10,083	(6,433)	11,000
Total Expenses	\$ 1,037,125	\$ 1,167,985	(130,860)	\$ 1,269,724
Total Operating Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (10,983)	\$ (54,485)	43,502	\$ 0

Operating Fund
Ministries

Presbytery of Philadelphia Ministry Partnerships As of November 30, 2022

	Year to Date 11/30/2022	Year To Date 11/30/2022		Year Ending 12/31/2022
	Actual	Operating Budget	Variance	Operating Budget
Ministries				
Ministry partnerships				
John Gloucester House PCMDV	0	13,750	(13,750)	15,000
Welcome Church	15,000	15,000	0	15,000
Kirkwood/Johnsonburg	11,250	32,083	(20,833)	35,000
Chester Eastside	22,917	22,917	0	25,000
Central Norristown	16,500	16,500	0	18,000
Black Presbyterian Caucus	500	0	500	0
West Kensington Ministry	13,750	13,750	0	15,000
Ministry Incubator	18,333	18,333	0	20,000
Religious Leaders Council	3,000	3,000	0	3,000
Youth Triennium	3,333	3,333	0	3,333
Immigrant Ministries	2,000	2,000	0	2,000
Judicial Process	11,000	11,000	0	12,000
Strategic Ministries	3,000	3,000	0	3,000
Total Ministry Support	\$ 120,583	\$ 154,666	(34,083)	\$ 166,333

PRESBYTERY LEADERSHIP COLLEGIUM **L-1**
Informational Items

**The following actions were taken by the Leadership Collegium
via email vote in November and December and at their January 10, 2023 meeting.**

Action: Approved the following minutes of the Presbytery (1/10/23)

- November 1, 2022 Leadership Collegium Meeting Minutes
- November 15, 2022 Presbytery Meeting Minutes

Action: Approved Endowment of \$2 Million for ongoing support for small congregations for pastoral compensation package. Noting this would allow the Presbytery of Philadelphia to offer \$5,000-\$10,000 grants to congregations who are struggling to offer fulltime packages for a pastor, with a maximum cumulative award of \$30,000 over three years. (1/10/23)

Action: Approved the docket for the January 31, 2023 and the offering to go to Recommendation: New Asylum Arrivals in Philadelphia. (1/10/23)

Action: Approved, upon recommendation of the Trustees, the guarantee of the ILP loan for \$70,000. (Northampton). (12/20/22)

Action: Approved, upon recommendation of the Trustees, the Old Pine Church Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program (ILP) loan application for \$300,000. (11/29/22)

Action: Approve the amended AC charges to include the granting of original jurisdiction for both Tully and Trinity, Kensington as follows: (12/23/22)

AC- Tully - Formed to walk alongside the session and congregation as they engage the process of dissolution, inclusive of shepherding any tasks related to closure, ***granting the AC original jurisdiction***, and making any recommendations to the Presbytery as needed, and discerning with the remaining covenant community the viability of their transitioning into a fellowship or worshipping community and making any recommendations to the Presbytery as applicable.

AC-Trinity Kensington to come alongside the session of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Kensington. ***The AC is granted original jurisdiction and is*** charged with being in conversation with the session for the purpose of gaining information regarding the viability of their ministry and facilities, and to make recommendations to the Presbytery regarding any actions to be taken.

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COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY AND MEMBERSHIP

Information Items

The following actions were taken by the Commission on Preparation for Ministry and Membership at its October 13th and December 8, 2022 meetings.

Transfer of Minister Members

1. Approved the transfer of the **Rev. John Diller** to the Presbytery. (10/13/22)
2. Approved the transfer of the **Rev. David Cagel** to the Presbytery. (12/8/22)

Enrollment as Inquirer

1. Enrolled **Evan Lehman** (Supplee) as an inquirer. (12/8/22)

Under the Care of the Presbytery of Philadelphia
Commission on Preparation for Ministry and Membership

Inquirers

Choi, Mina (Doylestown)
Cooper, Wanda Harris (Oxford)
Dean, M. K. (Philadelphia, First)
Downing, Bernard (T.M. Thomas)
Dwayen, Gabriel (Tully)
Hall, Twanna Mae (Oxford)
Jones, Claire (Christ's Community)
Lehman, Evan (Supplee)
McCraney, Connor (Newtown)
Mucklow, Wayne (Old Pine)
Peterson, Lars (Arch Street)
Rigsby, Suzin (Abington)

Candidates

Briggs, William (Doylestown)
Chaffee, John (Media)
Heyer-Rivera, Christian (Chestnut Hill)
Hostetter, Sarah (Wayne)
Martin, Emma-Claire (Tree of Life)

Certified Ready

Bass, Aaron
Biermann, Heidi
Cornish, Theodore
Nambiar, Virginia
Rascoe, Allen
Rich, Patricia
Willcox, Courtenay

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TULLY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION
REPORT TO THE PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA
JANUARY 31, 2023 STATED MEETING

BACKGROUND

The Leadership Collegium of the Presbytery appointed the Administrative (AC) on July 27, 2022, in response to a letter received from the session of Tully Memorial Presbyterian Church requesting guidelines and assistance for dissolution of their congregation.

Elder Julia Hill (Yeadon) agreed to serve as Moderator, representing the Commission on Ministry and the Care Team previously assigned, and serving as members of the AC:

Rev. David Norse (Swarthmore)

Rev. Mike Pulsifer (Honorably Retired and Care Team)

Elder June Higgins (Oxford and Care Team)

Elder Vijay Aggarwal (Wayne)

SUMMARY

The AC held its first meeting on September 2, 2022, via Zoom. In attendance were the AC, Pastor Komlan Ezunkpe, Paula Dixon, Clerk of Session and Lynwood Dixon, President of the Corporation.

Pastor Ezunkpe, reported that in July the congregation had met and voted to accept the session's recommendation to dissolve. The congregation hoped that their last service would be December 2022. There had been a Care Team in place but the financial situation had not improved. The Tully congregation held on for as long as they could to be a witness in Sharon Hill for the Ewe community. During this initial meeting, suggestions were put forth by members of the AC as to where the members could worship. Being a geographically dispersed congregation, the congregational leadership felt it would be difficult to find one congregation that would meet the needs of the members.

Assuming all legal and financial obligations were completed a celebration of the congregation's ministry and witness could take place at the November or the January 2023 Presbytery meeting.

Paula Dixon agreed to collect the necessary paperwork outlined in the dissolution of a church document. The records of the church will be given to The Historical Society. Lynwood Dixon agreed to meet with the financial staff at the Presbytery to deliver all financial records. This would include bank statements, outstanding bills, leases, agreements, contracts, and

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endowments. An update was needed on the status of the mortgage and loan documents from the sale of the real property in 2018. At that time Tully granted a mortgage to the buyer as part of the sale agreement. A list of all personal property was also requested.

The next meeting of the AC was held by Zoom was October 11, 2022 at which time it was determined all mortgage and lease agreements have been given to the Presbytery for review. The AC agreed that Tully receive the mortgage payments until the end of the year, providing monies to pay most of the outstanding bills and partial payroll.

The October 25, 2022 AC meeting was held by Zoom. The last worship service for Tully was held on November 13, 2022 @11:00. The building can be in use until the end of the year.

December 6, 2022 AC meeting held by zoom. All financial records have been delivered and Paula Dixon is working with the Historical Society for the records to be archived.

On December 23, 2022, the Leadership Collegium approved modifying the charge of the AC to more explicitly grant the AC original jurisdiction.

Final Meeting January 6, 2023. Having been granted “original jurisdiction” legal papers granting the Presbytery of Philadelphia power of attorney were signed by Moderator, Julia Hill.

There are still a few remaining bills needing to be paid along with mortgage receipts from the buyer. The mortgage is in the process of being assigned from Tully to the Presbytery. At that time mortgage payments by the buyer will be sent directly to the Presbytery.

In recognition that circumstances beyond our knowledge or control may continue to influence decisions regarding both the disposition of the property, on behalf of the AC, I move the following:

MOTIONS:

- 1) That the presbytery affirms the faithful witness of the Tully Memorial Presbyterian Church with gratitude for its over 114 years of faithful witness and service to Christ and approves the dissolution of the Tully Memorial congregation and authorizes the appropriate entities of the Presbytery to resolve any outstanding matters related to the congregation.**
- 2) That the Administrative Commission be dismissed with thanks.**

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TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN KENSINGTON ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION
REPORT TO THE PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA
JANUARY 31, 2023 STATED MEETING

BACKGROUND

The Leadership Collegium of the Presbytery appointed the Administrative Commission (AC) on August 2, 2021 to respond to the request of the session of the Trinity Presbyterian Church in Kensington for dissolution of the congregation. Our charge was to be in conversation with the session for the purpose of gaining information regarding the viability of their ministry and facilities, and to make recommendations to the Presbytery regarding any actions to be taken.

Rev. Laura Colee (Beacon) agreed to serve as Moderator and serving as members:

Rev. Adan Mairena (West Kensington Ministry)
Elder Julia Hill (Yeadon)
Elder Frank Orzechoski (Warminster, First)
Rev. Randy Barge (Olney, First)

SUMMARY

Prior to the appointment of the Trinity AC, a Care Team composed of Rev. Adan Mairena, Rev. Laura Colee, Elder Julia Hill, and Elder Frank Orzechoski was created in order to walk alongside the Trinity congregation as they navigated ending their housing ministry and determined how to best care for their property. Rev. Colee agreed to serve as the Moderator of the Care Team and Rev. Mairena agreed to serve as the Moderator of Trinity's session. The Care Team had its first introductory meeting over Zoom on June 24, 2021. Representatives from the Care Team took a tour of the Trinity property on July 7, 2021.

On August 2, 2021, those on the Trinity Care team were appointed to the Administrative Commission of Trinity, with the addition of Rev. Randy Barge. Over the next several months, the AC, along with additional representatives from the trustees and legal counsel of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, supported Trinity in:

- ending their residential recovery housing ministry,
- securing their facility,
- corresponding with their insurance company,
- and navigating legal challenges related to a former housing ministry resident.

On December 6, 2021, the AC received notice that the legal issues with the former Trinity resident had been resolved. Since the creation of the Care Team in June 2021 and the AC in August 2022, the Trinity congregation continued to hold regular Sunday worship services.

On October 3, 2022 at a congregational meeting duly called and moderated by the Rev. Mairena and witnessed by Rev. Kevin Porter, the congregation voted to request the Presbytery of Philadelphia to concur with the request for the Trinity congregation to be dissolved at an upcoming Stated Meeting of the Presbytery. The congregation also voted to hold a final service and celebration of witness and

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ministry on October 30, 2022. At this closing worship service, the former Trinity Pastor Rev. Tom Wray led worship and Rev. Ashley Rossi attended as a representative from the Presbytery.

At the end of December 2022, a motion was submitted to the collegium of the Presbytery of Philadelphia to amend the AC's charge to include the statement, "the AC is granted original jurisdiction." This amended language allowed for the expedited sale of the property at Trinity. On January 10, 2023, Rev. Colee, as the AC Moderator, signed a Power of Attorney agreement to assist in the sale of the Trinity property.

From October through January 2023, the AC continued to work with the Trinity congregation to complete the tasks required for dissolution.

In recognition that circumstances beyond any of our knowledge or control may influence decisions regarding both the disposition of the building, and on behalf of the AC, I move the following:

MOTIONS:

- 1) That the presbytery affirms the faithful witness of the Trinity Presbyterian Church in Kensington with gratitude for its over a century-long witness and approves the dissolution of the congregation and authorizes the appropriate entities of the Presbytery to resolve any outstanding contractual matters related to the congregation.**
- 2) Upon completion of today's vote, the AC is dismissed with thanks.**