

The Presbytery of Philadelphia held its Stated Meeting at the Wallingford Presbyterian Church in Wallingford, Pennsylvania on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 2:02 P.M.

Prior to the meeting, the Presbytery took part in two Pre-Presbytery conversations led by the Committee on Bills and Overtures on the recommended General Assembly Amendments, as well as a conversation led by Elise Bates Russell, Executive Director of the Johnsonburg Camp and Retreat Center to learn about summer camping programs available to youth.

The Presbytery was called to order at 2:02 P.M. and convened with prayer by the Moderator, Elder Zandra Maffett (Valley Forge).

Following the opening prayer, the body Reverend Ruth Faith Santana-Grace (Executive Presbyter, Presbytery of Philadelphia) shared with the body the announcement of the Reverend Dr. J. Herbert Nelson II's resignation as the Stated Clerk of the PC(USA). In addition to sharing his video announcement, the body took time to hold him in prayer and gave thanks for his service to the wider church.

Following this time the body was welcomed by Reverends Francois Lacroix (Wallingford) and Taylor Cornelius (Wallingford). Reverends Lacroix and Cornelius shared about the mission and life of Wallingford, as well as a welcome blessing they use in worship.

At this time the body transitioned to worship.

### **The Presbytery at Worship**

During worship, the presbytery heard a sermon from Rev. Dr. Thomas Taylor (President & CEO of the Presbyterian Foundation, San Gabriel Presbytery). Dr. Taylor preached on Acts 10:9-34, 44-48. The offering collected during worship of \$1,009.00 was collected and dedicated to Presbytery's Care of Ministers Fund.

At the conclusion of worship Moderator Maffett then called upon the Stated Clerk, Rev. Kevin Porter (Presbytery of Philadelphia, Stated Clerk) for his report.

From the **Stated Clerk** (Attachments A & S)  
Reverend Porter submitted the following:

- Introduced the **Docket** for approval. The **docket was approved by the body as amended.** (see revised docket)
- Introduced the **Consent Agenda** (Attachment A) for approval. The Presbytery **approved the consent agenda as amended to include the passing of the elder below to the necrology report.**
  - Marge Diebold, Elkins Park, March 27, 2023
- Introduced 2 Corresponding Members Reverends Dr. Thomas Taylor (San Gabriel, CEO & President of the Presbyterian Foundation) and Ken Maccari (Northeast New Jersey Presbytery). Upon motion and proper second **the Presbytery voted to seat them as a Corresponding Members.**

Moderator Maffett subsequently called for upon our new minister member Reverend M. Courtenay Willcox (Tree of Life) as well as any first time Elder Commissioners, who were encouraged to message

the office of the Stated Clerk to insure they are appropriately welcomed.

- Barry Jamison, Church on the Mall
- Jane Sample, Pottstown First
- Robert Wade, Pottstown First
- Barb Demos, Wallingford

Before completion of his report Reverend Porter took a moment of personal privilege to share with the body that our very own Reverend Santana-Grace will be receiving the Distinguish Alumni Award for Princeton Theological Seminary on May 16<sup>th</sup>

At the conclusion of his report Moderator Maffett gave the report of the Leadership Collegium.

From the **Leadership Collegium** (Attachment L)

She highlighted the following:

- The many Installations and Ordinations which have happened, and which are coming up.
- The many events and presentations which she was blessed to attend, including but not limited to Reverend Dr. Jonathan Walton presentation at the Church on the Mall, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Prayer Service, A Women's Empowerment Workshop, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance presentation, as well as the work partnering with 57 blocks in Philadelphia

Moderator Maffett then called upon the Reverend Santana-Grace for her report.

From the **Executive Presbyter**

During her report, Reverend Santana-Grace, framing her comments with Unbounded We Thrive. PEACE.

- Elise Bates Russel from Johnsonburg spoke about the camping ministry opportunities and the connection to Christ that those who attend camp get.
- Reverend Santana-Grace spoke about our small church pastor compensation grant, one of the many small church initiatives for 2023
- Partnering with the Board of Pensions in a piolet initiative encouraging shared ministry among our congregations
- The May 6<sup>th</sup> opportunity with the Presbyterian Foundation as well as the Covenant Grants available

At this time Moderator Maffett called upon Reverend Alex Evangelista (Church on the Mall) to lead the body through Committee on Bills and Overtures.

From the **Committee on Bills and Overtures** (Attachment B)

On behalf of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, Rev. Evangelista and the Committee on Bills and Overtures presented the proposed amendments to be considered by the body. Upon **motion and proper second, the motions to approve the recommended amendments carried as presented.** This motion approved the below listed amendments.

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| • 22-BB | • 22-L | • 22-P  |
| • 22-H  | • 22-K | • 22-CC |
| • 22-G  | • 22-I | • 22-GG |
| • 22-O  | • 22-E |         |
|         | • 22-Q |         |

At the conclusion of the report from the Committee on Bills and Overtures Vice-Moderator Ballengee invited Reverends Brenton Thompson (Presbytery of Philadelphia, Director of Congregational Resourcing) and Ruth Faith Santana-Grace up for a presentation entitled “Leaning into Resurrection Possibilities: Ministry Moments.

During this presentation the body heard from Reverend Christopher Holland (Salt & Light) who spoke about their church’s Expanded Food Ministry. Reverend Jeanne Thomas (Newtown Square) spoke about their Community Concert Series. Finally Reverend Stephanie Templin Ashford (Thompson Memorial) shared with the body about Haven.

Seeing as there was no new business, Vice-Moderator Ballengee made a **motion, with proper second that was approved to adjourn the meeting with prayer, with the Presbytery reconvening on Tuesday, July 29, 2023.**

The meeting was closed with prayer at 5:07 P.M.

The next stated meeting of the Presbytery to be held on Tuesday, July 29, 2023.

The financial offering of \$1,009.00 was collected and dedicated to the Presbytery’s care of minister’s fund.

#### NEXT MEETINGS

**The next Stated Meeting of Presbytery will be**  
July 29, 2023

**2023 Stated Meetings of the Presbytery of Philadelphia**  
Saturday, July 29, 2023  
Tuesday, November 14, 2023

**Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Philadelphia April 25, 2023**  
**Attendance Report:**  
**135 Total Participants, 12 Visitors, 59 Total Elders, 64 Ministers.**

#### Attendance

- 3 Elder Officers – Zandra Maffett (Valley Forge, Moderator), Jim Ballengee (Arch Street, Vice Moderator), Julia Hill (Yeadon, Temporary Clerk)
- 2 Former Moderators – Robert Kenworthy (Wallingford), Michael Henry (Valley Forge)
- 3 Commissioners to the 2022 General Assembly – Dave Sager (Doylestown), Dave Huting (Philadelphia, First), Lorraine McKenzie (Cedar Park)
- 1 Commissioned Ruling Elder – Tish Mayo (Glenolden, First)
- 1 Staff – Jim Wagner (Business Administrator)
- 47 Elders Representing Churches
- 64 Total Ministers**
  - 62 Ministers of this Presbytery
  - 2 Corresponding Members – Rev. Dr. Thomas Taylor (San Gabriel), Kenneth Macari (NE New Jersey)

## Churches Represented by Elders

Abington: Marie Barnhurst  
Bethel: Brenda Tucker  
Bryn Mawr: Susan Bravo  
Carmel: Anne Newman  
Cedar Park: Darlene Beasley  
Chambers: Mary Woodling  
Church on the Mall: Barry Jamison  
Collenbrook: Nancy Krody  
Doylestown: Doug Barnett  
Glenolden, First: Debbie Hadden  
Gwynedd Square: Becky Hunt  
Holy Trinity-Bethlehem: Julie Stephenson  
Jeffersonville: Elisabeth Moise  
Media: Jo Snead, Betsy Podrebarec, Paul Tuggan  
Middletown: Sharon Reed, Jimmy Heila  
Newtown: Lynne Corde  
Newtown Square: Sue Bechtold, Joseph Falcon

Oak Lane: Joan Clerk  
Oxford: June Higgins, Lloyd Higgins  
Penn Wynne: Leslie Bowman  
Philadelphia, First: Cynthia DeCruq  
Pottstown, First: Jane Sample, Robert Wade, Red Remelius  
Southwestern: Dottie Polsz  
Supplee: Jay Eibner  
Swarthmore: Marna Elliott, Patrice Smith, Eck Gerner, Karl Adams  
Tabernacle : Mike Ehling  
United Ghanian: Gina Baah  
Wallingford: Shirley Rudd, Roger Demos, Judy Kenworthy, Barbara Demos, Jenny Montaive  
Warminster, First: Carol Wagenheiser, Peggy Burgas, Linda Harter  
Wayne: Vijay Aggarwal, Susan Aggarwal

## Churches Not Represented by Elders

Ambler, First  
Anchor  
Arch Street  
Ardmore, First  
Aston  
Beacon  
Bensalem  
Berean  
Bethesda  
Beverly Hills  
Calvary-Wyncote  
Central-Norristown  
Chestnut Hill  
Christ's Riverview  
Christ's Community  
Concord Liberty  
Crossroads  
Darby, First  
Deep Run  
Eddington  
Elkins Park  
Falls of Schuylkill, First  
Forest Grove  
Fox Chase  
Frankford

Germantown Community  
Germantown, First  
Gladwyne  
Holmes  
Ivyland  
Japanese Christian  
Kensington, First  
Lansdowne, First  
Lawndale Holy Grace  
Lenape Valley  
Leverington  
Levittown, First  
Llanerch  
Lombard Central  
Lower Providence  
Marple  
Mayfair  
Memorial  
Morrisville  
Mt. Airy  
Neshaminy-Warick  
New River  
Salt and Light  
Norristown, First  
Norriton

Northampton  
Northminster  
Old Pine  
Olivet Covenant  
Olney, First  
Overbrook  
Parkland  
Church of Pakistan  
Podowon  
Port Kennedy, First  
Pottstown, First  
Rhawnhurst  
Ridley Park  
Roxborough  
Springfield, Flourtown  
Springfield, First  
Suh Kwang  
Summit  
Temple  
Thompson Memorial  
TM Thomas  
Tree of Life  
Trinity- Clifton Heights  
Valley Forge  
Westminster Mayfair

Wissahickon  
Wissinoming

Woodside  
Wynnefield

Yeadon

### **Ministers Present**

Ashford, Stephanie Templin  
Baah, Isaac Yaw  
Betz-Bogoly, Cynthia  
Boell, HR; Robert P.  
Bowman, HR; Martha E.  
Brackett, Judith  
Britt, Jonathan  
Cagle, David  
Callaway, Christine  
Campbell, Mindy  
Choi, Wonjae  
Colee, Laura  
Colwill, Sarah  
Cornelius, Taylor  
Diller, John  
Evangelista, Alex  
Farrell, Lisa  
Fitch, Diane Jamison  
Garner, HR; Jesse B.  
Grimes, Jason  
Gross, Strother

Hecht, Kathy  
Heintz, Cassandra Leigh  
Paulk  
Holland, Christopher  
Jacob, Andrew  
Kearney, Roberta  
Kosinski, Lori Zang  
Lacroix, François L  
Lappen, HR; James H.  
Lawrence-Caldwell, Melanie  
LeClyuse, Megan  
Lester-Abdalla, Alexander  
Martin, Peter  
McPheeters, Douglas W.  
Morse, Daniel  
Mullis, Baron  
Na, Amy  
Norse-Thomas, David  
Olson, Kari  
Porter, Kevin  
Pottorff, Franklyn

Rossi, Ashley  
Sahotra, Ishfaq  
Santana-Grace, Ruth Faith  
Searight, Sarah Cooper  
Shin, Joyce  
Sime, HR; Peter C. S.  
Steele, HR; Joseph I.  
Steinnagel, Schaunel  
Sweet, John D.  
Taylor, Ethelyn  
Terry, Greg  
Thomas, Jeanne  
Thompson, Brenton E.  
Wagner, Elizabeth  
Watson, Deborah  
Wilkinson, John  
Willcox, M. Courtenay  
Williams, Faith  
Willingham, John M  
Wotring, Timothy  
Zambrana, Mary Kruse

### **Ministers Excused**

Biederman, Robert N.  
Dryden Jr., Foster C.  
Dwyer, Judith  
Ehman, John W.

Frenzel, Jeannine  
Pedersen, Rachel  
Poteet, Michael  
Stavrakos, P. Todd

Sulyok, Peter  
Russo, Brian

Also excused were all H.R.s who were not in attendance in accordance with Presbytery of Philadelphia Bylaws Section 1.3(B).

### **Ministers Absent**

Ahn, Peter  
Aikins, Kathryn  
Ames III, G. Clayton  
Arlyck, Matthew  
Auxter, Mark S.  
Ballard, Brian  
Balsan, Ryan Edward  
Barge, Randy L.  
Bass, Jade King

Bateman, Rebecca  
Bell, Anita Miller  
Blake, Rebecca  
Blore, Christen  
Bonner, James Edward  
Bonwell, Raymond  
Brecht, George T.  
Brown, Carla Jones  
Brozyna, Marcie

Bruce, Christine A.  
Carpenter, J. William  
Cavicchia, Cara  
Craver, Thomas L.  
Davis, Gerard  
Day, Katie  
DeVries, Leigh  
Dixon, Troy Janel  
Dooner, Timothy

Earley, Barry J.  
Evans, Michael J.  
Eyre, Robert  
Ezunkpe, Komlan  
Fall, Susan  
Farrell, Paul  
Ferguson, Laura  
Ferris, Jason R.  
Fettig, Jonathan  
Fong, Joanne Shum  
Foote, Jerry Kay  
Ford, Stephen T.  
Ford, Wanda Larman  
Friend, Elizabeth B. Ford  
Garcia, Raymond E.  
Golderer, William  
Gomez-Saravia, Gadiel  
Grant-Borden, Anna  
Greyling, Jacobus P.  
Grunseich, Michelle  
Hankel, Heidi  
Hausser, Sherri  
Hearlson, Adam  
Hearlson, Christiane Lang  
Heckman, Bailey  
Heffernan, Deborah Downs  
Hessel, Beth  
Hill, Faith  
Hill, Kirby Lawrence  
Hoagland, Donald Clark  
Hoglund, Douglas C.  
Holmes, Julie  
Holt, Charles  
Ireland, Kevin  
Irizarry, Jose  
Jacob, Robert A.  
James, Cean  
Jones, James Alexander  
Kauer, Manuela  
Khan, Shahbaz  
Kibben, Margaret G.  
Kim, Byung Il  
Kirkpatrick, Rebecca  
Krajian, Joyce  
Kroupa III, George  
Larkin, David  
Lee, Jieun  
Lee, Ki Nam

Lee, Sung Dae  
Lyndaker-Studer, Mark  
MacCullough, Bruce W.  
Mairena, Adan  
Markel, John S.  
Marshall, Eustacia Moffett  
Martin, Joan  
Massengill, Samuel E.  
McClain, Keith  
McKinney Jr., William P.  
Miller, Richard  
Mingle, Edward G.  
Morgan, Marianne  
Morganti, Steve  
Myers, Jeffrey T.  
Na, Kang-Yup  
Nelson, Karen R.  
Norfleet, Agnes  
Ofosu-Donkoh, Kobina  
Palmer, Langdon B.  
Park, Anne  
Park, Tae Moon  
Pearce, Patricia  
Pleim, Kurt  
Poland, David M.  
Price, Donald  
Pyrch, Cheryl  
Quarles, Leah  
Rappaport, Lydia  
Reisner, James  
Rhodes, Rachel  
Rhone, Rhonda  
Robinson, Graham  
Rodgers, Andrea  
Rogers, Robert J.  
Roman, Kelly  
Ross, Kenneth J.  
Ross, Robert  
Rusert, Abigail Visco  
Russo, Brian  
Sanchez, David E.  
Schondelmeyer, Kristopher  
Searight, William  
Sexton, Pauline  
Shaker, Sameh  
Sharif, Kurshid  
Sheetz-Willard, Julia J.  
Shendge, Manisha

Shevel, Katherine  
Shimada, Peter  
Shortlidge, Heather  
Smyrl, Peter  
Snyder, John A.  
Somerville, Margaret  
Speck, Jonathan  
Stiffler, Flo Guynn  
Stratton, Ruth Ellen  
Stroup, Maria A.  
Thomas, James  
Thompson, Lewis Casey  
Timothy, Nancy  
Tung, Arthur C.  
Twitchell, Aaron  
Wallace, Mark I.  
Weed, Stephen N.  
Wilson, Henry S.  
Wood, H. Stanley  
Yu, In Kon