

The Presbytery of Philadelphia held its Stated Meeting at the Oxford Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at 12:47 P.M.

Prior to the meeting, the Presbytery took part in a Pre-Presbytery conversation led by the Committee on Bills and Overtures on the recommended General Assembly Amendments.

The body also enjoyed a time of fellowship and dialogue at lunch.

The Presbytery was called to order at 12:47 P.M. and convened with prayer by the Moderator, Reverend Ted Mingle (Lower Providence).

Following the opening prayer, the body transitioned to worship.

### **The Presbytery at Worship**

During worship, the presbytery heard a sermon from Rev. Dr. Jonathan Walton (8<sup>th</sup> President of the Princeton Theological Seminary). During worship the Presbytery took part in the Lord's Supper, as well as lifting up those who joined the church triumphant in 2022 (Necrology Report). The body also installed Elders Zandra Maffett (Valley Forge) and Jim Ballengee (Arch Street) as the new Moderator and Vice-Moderator, respectively, of the Presbytery, as well as installation of Reverend Kevin Porter to the office of the Stated Clerk to another 5-year term. The offering collected during worship of \$1,203.00 was collected and dedicated to the new arrivals in Philadelphia Seeking Asylum.

At the conclusion of worship newly installed Moderator Zandra Maffett (Valley Forge) began the business portion of the meeting by calling upon the Rev. Dr. Ethelyn Taylor (Oxford) to give the arrangements and welcome the body.

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 revised.** (see revised docket)
- Introduced the **Consent Agenda** (Attachment A) for approval. The Presbytery **approved the consent agenda as presented**
  - In addition to the names listed on the consent agenda for necrology, we would like to include the name of Elder Eugene Brown, Cedar Park
  - Included on the consent agenda, the body affirmed the name of the nominees for the Synod positions as listed in the document.
  - Rev. Porter also reminded the body of the statistical reporting deadline, directing any questions or concerns to Elder Betsi Moise at the Presbytery.
- Introduced 2 Corresponding Members: Rev. Dr. Jonathan Walton (President, Princeton Theological Seminary) Dr. Edward Santana-Grace (San Gabriel). Upon motion and proper second **the Presbytery voted to seat them as a Corresponding Members.**

Moderator Maffett subsequently called for upon our new Minister members Revs. Dr. John Diller, and David Cagle 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.

- Betty Martin (Chambers), Mac McLarin (Philadelphia, First), and Josef Beck (Warminster, First) Amy Roos (Elkins Park) were welcomed.

At this point Moderator/Vice Moderator Maffett Ballengee called upon Rev. 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 presented the proposed amendment consent agenda to be considered by the body. Upon **motion and proper second, the motion carried as presented.** This motion to approve the below listed amendments carried.

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| • 22-A  | • 22-FF | • 22-J |
| • 22-B  | • 22-C  | • 22-T |
| • 22-S  | • 22-EE | • 22-U |
| • 22-X  | • 22-F  | • 22-V |
| • 22-Y  | • 22-M  | • 22-W |
| • 22-Z  | • 22-N  |        |
| • 22-AA | • 22-D  |        |
| • 22-DD | • 22-R  |        |

The following amendments were removed from the Proposed Amendment Consent Agenda and will be voted on separately at our April 25, 2023 Stated Meeting.

- 22-BB
- 22-O
- 22-E

At the conclusion of his report, Moderator Maffett called upon Elder Julia Hill (Yeadon), chair of the Administrative Commission for the Tully Memorial Presbyterian Church to bring her report.

From the Administrative Commission for the **Tully Memorial Presbyterian Church** (Attachment S)

Elder Hill lifted up the history of the church, as well as the work of the Administrative Commission. At this point, Tully Memorial's current pastor, Rev. Komlan Ezunkpe (Tully) and Member Elder Paula Dixon (Tully) spoke about the church and the 114 year ministry of the church.

**At the conclusion of her report and upon motion duly seconded the Presbytery voted to in the affirmative of 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.

At this point Moderator Maffett called upon Rev. Laura Colee (Beacon), chair of the Administrative Commission for the Trinity Presbyterian Church of Kensington to bring her report.

From the Administrative Commission for the **Trinity Presbyterian Church of Kensington** (Attachment S)

Reverend Colee lifted up the history of the church, as well as the work of the Administrative Commission. At this point, Trinity's former pastor, Rev. Thomas Wray (Honorably Retired) spoke about the church and the 162 year ministry of the church.

**At the conclusion of her report and upon motion duly seconded the Presbytery voted to in the affirmative of the following motions:**

- 1) That the presbytery affirms the faithful witness of the Trinity Presbyterian Church in Kensington with gratitude for it's 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.

At the conclusion of both votes, the members of Tully Memorial Presbyterian Church, and Trinity Presbyterian Church of Kensington and their ACs were invited forward and the body participated in a litany of remembrance and thanksgiving for these congregations.

At the conclusion of the prayer, Moderator Maffett called upon Elder Megan Acedo (Beacon) to bring the report of the Committee on Representation.

From the **Committee on Representation** (Attachment U)

During her report, Elder Acedo lifted up the following framing her report through the "space at God's table"

- 92 people who were or are serving on our commissions and committees self-reported this year in the COR report.
- The intentionality of "radical affirmation and human inclusion" and how the presbytery is embodying this through the elected leadership of the presbytery.

At the conclusion of the COR report, Moderator Maffett called upon Elder Ballengee to shepherd the presbytery through the remainder of the meeting.

Vice-Moderator Ballengee called upon Reverend Ted Mingle to bring the report for the Leadership Collegium.

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

He highlighted the following:

- Reverend Mingle lifted up the joining of a coalition on churches and community leaders, which began with the leadership of the Black Clergy of Philadelphia, in response to the gun violence in our Presbytery.

- The continuation of the anti-hate work – against antisemitism and islamophobia, as well as other isms.
- The spirit of collaboration with our commission leaders and collegium members.

Vice-Moderator Ballengee then called upon the Reverend Ruth Faith Santana-Grace (Presbytery of Philadelphia, Executive Presbyter) for her report.

#### From the **Executive Presbyter**

During her report, Reverends Santana-Grace, Porter, Sarah Colwill, Brenton Thompson, and Mr. Jim Wagner lifted up the following, framing their comments within transformed to be a transforming presence in the world as we lean into 2023.

- Our 2022 Narrative, showing how clear it is that the Holy Spirit continues to breathe new life into or hearts and minds.
- The Leadership Incubator serving as the overall equipping arm of our ministry together.
- Our ecumenical and denominational partnership which have blessed us over the past year.
- The continuation of leaning into courageous conversations that reflect on healing historically broken relationships.
- Our work addressing the growing challenges in our midst – gun violence continues to take center stage within the bounds of our presbytery.
- Our commitment to our church and their leaders has also been embodied in our financial investment and reinvestment of dollars as we faithfully steward our financial resources.

The leadership concluded their report with confetti cannons and a reading of the Romero Prayer.

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, April 25, 2023.**

The meeting was closed with prayer at 4:12 PM.

The next stated meeting of the Presbytery to be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2023.

The financial offering of \$1,203.00 was collected and dedicated to New Arrivals in Philadelphia Asylum.

#### NEXT MEETINGS

**The next Stated Meeting of Presbytery will be**  
Tuesday, April 25, 2023

**2023 Stated Meetings of the Presbytery of Philadelphia**  
Tuesday, April 25, 2023  
Saturday, July 29, 2023  
Tuesday, November 14, 2023

## **Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Philadelphia January 31, 2023**

### **Attendance Report:**

**154 Total Participants, 13 Visitors, 56 Total Elders, 84 Ministers.**

#### **Attendance**

- 3 Elder Officers – Zandra Maffett (Valley Forge, Moderator), Jim Ballengee (Arch Street, Vice Moderator), Julia Hill (Yeadon, Temporary Clerk)
- 7 Former Moderators – Robert Kenworthy (Wallingford), M. Courtenay Willcox (Bryn Mawr), Albert Dermovsesian (Warminster, First), Warren McNeill (Ambler, First), Michael Henry (Valley Forge), Linda Rutkosky (Doylestown), Vijay Aggarwal (Wayne)
- 2 Commissioners to the 2022 General Assembly – Darlene Beasley (Cedar Park), Lorraine McKenzie (Cedar Park)
- 1 Permanent Judicial Commissioner – Lloyd Higgins (Oxford)
- 1 Commissioned Ruling Elder – William Schuler (Darby, First)
- 1 Staff – Jim Wagner (Business Administrator)
- 41 Elders Representing Churches

#### **84 Total Ministers**

- 82 Ministers of this Presbytery
- 2 Corresponding Members – Rev. Dr. Jonathan Walton (President, Princeton Theological Seminary), Rev. Dr. Edward Santana-Grace (San Gabriel)

#### **Churches Represented by Elders**

Abington: Ray Rife  
Beacon: Megan Acedo  
Berean : Yvonne Rudolph  
Bethel: Brenda Tucker  
Carmel: Janet Simon, Leslie Donaghy  
Cedar Park: Nelson Bagby  
Chambers: Betty Martin  
Collenbrook: Nancy Krody  
Doylestown: Dave Sager, Doug Barnett  
Elkins Park: Amy Roos  
Germantown Community, Diana Taylor  
Germantown, First: Contina Lee Lundy  
Grace, Jekintown: John Murphy, Ruth Murphy  
Holy Trinity-Bethlehem: Ellen Ryan  
Jeffersonville: Elisabeth Moise  
Middletown: Bill Gorman  
Oak Lane: Joan Clerk

Olney, First: Ken McKeown  
Oxford: June Higgins, Cheryl Brown  
Penn Wynne: Leslie Bowman  
Philadelphia, First: Mac McLarin, Susy Christensen, Cynthia DeCruq  
Springfield, First: David Wilson  
Summit: Deborah Merritt  
Supplee: Jay Eibner  
Swarthmore: Marna Elliott, Patrice Smith, Eck Gerner  
Tabernacle : Mike Ehling  
Tree of Life: Carolyn Jeffrey  
Tully: Paula Dixon  
United Ghanian: Gina Baah  
Valley Forge: Robert Beck  
Warminster, First: Josef Bock, Carol Wagenheiser, Frank Orzechoski

#### **Churches Not Represented by Elders**

Ambler, First	Beverly Hills	Church on the Mall
Anchor	Calvary-Wyncote	Concord Liberty
Ardmore, First	Central-Norristown	Crossroads
Aston	Chestnut Hill	Darby, First
Bensalem	Christ's Riverview	Deep Run
Bethesda	Christ's Community	Eddington

Falls of Schuylkill, First  
Forest Grove  
Fox Chase  
Frankford  
Gladwyne  
Glenolden, First  
Gwynedd Square  
Holmes  
Ivyland  
Japanese Christian  
Kensington, First  
Lansdowne, First  
Lawndale Holy Grace  
Lenape Valley  
Leverington  
Levittown, First  
Llanerch  
Lombard Central  
Lower Providence  
Marple  
Mayfair

Media  
Memorial  
Morrisville  
Mt. Airy  
Neshaminy-Warick  
New River  
Salt and Light  
Newtown  
Newtown Square  
Norristown, First  
Norriton  
Northampton  
Northminster  
Old Pine  
Olivet Covenant  
Overbrook  
Parkland  
Church of Pakistan  
Podowon  
Port Kennedy, First  
Pottstown, First

Rhawnhurst  
Ridley Park  
Roxborough  
Southwestern  
Springfield, Flourtown  
Suh Kwang  
Temple  
Thompson Memorial  
TM Thomas  
Trinity- Clifton Heights  
Trinity, Kensington  
Valley Forge  
Wallingford  
Wayne  
Westminster Mayfair  
Wissahickon  
Wissinoming  
Woodside  
Wynnefield  
Yeadon

### **Ministers Present**

Ahn, Peter  
Ashford, Stephanie Templin  
Baah, Isaac Yaw  
Ballard, Brian  
Barge, Randy L.  
Bateman, Rebecca  
Bell, Anita Miller  
Betz-Bogoly, Cynthia  
Blore, Christen  
Bowman, HR; Martha E.  
Brackett, Judith  
Britt, Jonathan  
Brown, Carla Jones  
Bruce, Christine A.  
Cagle, David  
Campbell, Mindy  
Cavicchia, Cara  
Chaapel, HR; Barbara A.  
Choi, Wonjae  
Colee, Laura  
Colwill, Sarah  
DeVries, Leigh  
Diller, John  
Dixon, Troy Janel  
Dooner, Timothy

Dwyer, Judith  
Evangelista, Alex  
Ezunkpe, Komlan  
Fall, Susan  
Farrell, Lisa  
Fitch, Diane Jamison  
Garner, HR; Jesse B.  
Grimes, Jason  
Gross, Strother  
Grunseich, Michelle  
Hearlson, Adam  
Heffernan, Deborah Downs  
Heintz, Cassie  
Hill, Kirby Lawrence  
Holland, Christopher  
Jarvis, HR; Cynthia Ann  
Jaymes, HR; Linda  
Kearney, Roberta  
Kosinski, Lori Zang  
Lacroix, François L  
Lawrence-Caldwell, Melanie  
Lester-Abdalla, Alexander  
Lyndaker-Studer, Mark  
MacCullough, Bruce W.  
Martin, Peter

McPheeters, Douglas W.  
McShane, HR; Pamela J.  
Mingle, Edward G.  
Olson, Kari  
Palmer, Langdon B.  
Pedersen, Rachel  
Porter, Kevin  
Pottorff, Franklyn  
Pyrch, Cheryl  
Reisner, James  
Ross, Kenneth J.  
Rossi, Ashley  
Sahotra, Ishfaq  
Santana-Grace, Ruth Faith  
Searight, Sarah Cooper  
Shin, Joyce  
Shortlidge, Heather  
Stavrakos, P. Todd  
Steinnagel, Schaunel  
Sulyok, Jeannine Frenzel  
Sulyok, Peter  
Sweet, John D.  
Taylor, Ethelyn  
Terry, Greg  
Thompson, Brenton E.

Thompson, Lewis Casey  
Wagner, Elizabeth  
Watson, Deborah

Weed, Stephen N.  
Willingham, John M.  
Wotring, Timothy

Wray, HR; Thomas  
Zambrana, Mary Kruse

### **Ministers Excused**

Auxter, Mark  
Biederman, Robert  
Bonwell, Raymond  
Ehman, John  
King, John  
Kirkpatrick, Rebecca

Moffet Marshall, Eustacia  
Morgan, Marianne  
Mullis, Baron  
Na, Amy  
Poland, David  
Poteet, Michael

Roman, Kelly  
Russo, Brian  
Searight, Bill  
Sheetz, Julie  
Somerville, Margaret  
Thomas, Jeanne

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**

Aikins, Kathryn  
Ames III, G. Clayton  
Arlyck, Matthew  
Balsan, Ryan Edward  
Bass, Jade King  
Blake, Rebecca  
Bonner, James Edward  
Boone, HR; Leslie  
Brecht, George T.  
Brooks, HR; Brenda D.  
Brozyna, Marcie  
Callaway, Christine  
Carpenter, J. William  
Cornelius, Taylor  
Craver, Thomas L.  
Davis, Gerard  
Day, Katie  
Dryden Jr., Foster C.  
Earley, Barry J.  
Evans, Michael J.  
Eyre, Robert  
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.  
Griffith, Clyde E.  
Hankel, Heidi  
Hausser, Sherri  
Hearlson, Christiane Lang  
Hecht, Kathy  
Heckman, Bailey  
Hessel, Beth  
Hill, Faith  
Hoagland, Donald Clark  
Hoglund, Douglas C.  
Holmes, Julie  
Holt, Charles  
Ireland, Kevin  
Irizarry, Jose  
Jacob, Andrew  
Jacob, Robert A.  
James, Cean  
Jones, James Alexander  
Kauer, Manuela  
Khan, Shahbaz  
Kibben, Margaret G.  
Kim, Byung Il  
Krajian, Joyce  
Kroupa III, George  
Larkin, David

LeClyuse, Megan  
Lee, Jieun  
Lee, Ki Nam  
Lee, Sung Dae  
Mairena, Adan  
Markel, John S.  
Martin, Joan  
Massengill, Samuel E.  
McClain, Keith  
McKinney Jr., William P.  
Miller, Richard  
Morganti, Steve  
Morse, Daniel  
Myers, Jeffrey T.  
Na, Kang-Yup  
Nelson, Karen R.  
Norfleet, Agnes  
Norse-Thomas, David  
Ofosu-Donkoh, Kobina  
Park, Anne  
Park, Tae Moon  
Pearce, Patricia  
Pleim, Kurt  
Price, Donald  
Quarles, Leah  
Rappaport, Lydia  
Rhodes, Rachel  
Rhone, Rhonda  
Robinson, Graham  
Rodgers, Andrea

Rogers, Robert J.  
Ross, Robert  
Rusert, Abigail Visco  
Sanchez, David E.  
Schondelmeyer, Kristopher  
Sexton, Pauline  
Shaker, Sameh  
Sharif, Kurshid  
Shendge, Manisha  
Shevel, Katherine

Shimada, Peter  
Smyrl, Peter  
Snyder, John A.  
Speck, Jonathan  
Stiffler, Flo Guynn  
Stratton, Ruth Ellen  
Stroup, Maria A.  
Thomas, David Norse  
Thomas, James  
Timothy, Nancy

Tung, Arthur C.  
Twitchell, Aaron  
Wallace, Mark I.  
Wilkinson, John  
Williams, Faith  
Wilson, Henry S.  
Wood, H. Stanley  
Yu, In Kon