

The Presbytery of Philadelphia held its Stated Meeting at the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield (Flourtown) in Flourtown, Pennsylvania on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 1:05 P.M.

Prior to the meeting, the Presbytery took part in a Pre-Presbytery conversation of visioning and hope for our smaller congregations.

The Presbytery was called to order at 1:05 P.M and convened with prayer by the Moderator, Reverend Ted Mingle (Lower Providence). Moderator Mingle began the business portion of the meeting by calling upon the Rev. Diane Jamison Fitch (Flourtown) to give the arrangements and welcome the body.

Moderator Mingle 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 presented.**
- Introduced the **Consent Agenda** (Attachment A) for approval. The Presbytery **approved the consent agenda as amended to include the names of the following Ruling Elders in the necrology report.**
 - James Thompson, Sr., Carmel December 23, 2021
 - Francis Seely crossroads February 4, 2022
 - Richard Jones, Northminster, June 16, 2022
 - Russel Kennedy, Tree of Life, July 31, 2022
 - Francis Carter, Swarthmore, August 1, 2022
 - Roland Reeves, Trinity, Kensington, August 21, 2022
 - Julie McDonald, Gwynedd Square, September 5, 2022
 - Phyllis Willard, Northminster, September 14, 2022
 - Catherine Bauer, Carmel, October 15, 2022
 - Eugene Morris, Carmel, October 24, 2022
 - Sarah Preston, Olney, First October 29, 2022
 - Irene Overton, Germantown, First, November 13, 2022
- In approving the consent agenda, the body also approved the redress of imbalance for the next calendar year, beginning January 1, 2023 (attachment S-2)
- Rev. Porter also reminded the body to send any names of elders or minister members who had passed in 2022 to the Presbytery Office for inclusion in our 2022 necrology report.
- Introduced 1 Corresponding Member: Rev. Larissa Kwong Abazia (Coastlands Presbytery)
Upon motion and proper second **the Presbytery voted to seat them as a Corresponding Member.**

Moderator Mingle subsequently called for upon our new Minister members Rev. Cassie Heintz, Rev. Ishfaq Sahotra, Rev. Andy Jacob, and Rev. Cean James 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.

- Elders Linda Phelps (Flourtown), Meggin Capers (Bryn Mawr), Leslie Donaghy (Carmel), Tricia Robinson (Flourtown), Herbert Brahnam (Overbrook), Mary Jane Gore (Crossroads), Larry Hambrecht (Oxford), and Dottie Bouer (Bryn Mawr) were welcomed.
 - The Stated Clerk also lifted up the online statistical reporting for the Year End Reports

will be available for our clerks December 2, 2022 through February 16, 2023. Rev. Porter also lifted up last years' reports are available on page S-4.

- Beginning on page S-10 is the list of proposed amendments to the Book of Order coming down to the Presbytery's for ratification from the 225th General Assembly which the Bills and Overtures Committee will be making recommendations in the new year.
- At this point Reverend Porter called upon Reverend Cynthia Betz-Bogoly (Elkins Park), chair of the Administrative Commission for the Glading Memorial Presbyterian Church to bring her report.

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

Rev. Betz-Bogoly lifted up the history of the church, as well as the work of the Administrative Commission. At this point, Glading Memorial's current pastor, Rev. Debbie Heffernan (Glading) and Member Elder Jim Wood spoke about the church and the 88 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 Glading Memorial congregation with gratitude for its over 88 years of faithful witness and service to Christ and approves the dissolution of the Glading Memorial congregation and authorizes the appropriate entities of the Presbytery to resolve any outstanding matters related to the congregation.
- 2) Upon completion the January 8, 2023 closing memorial service the AC be dismissed with thanks.

At the conclusion of the vote, the members of Glading Memorial Presbyterian Church and their AC were invited forward and Reverend Betz-Bogoly prayed over the ministry and saints of the Glading Memorial Presbyterian Church.

At this point Moderator Mingle called upon Elder Jim Ballengee (Arch Street) and Rev. Joyce Shin (Swarthmore) forward to give the Commission on Ministry and Commission on Preparation for Ministry and Membership Report.

From the **Commission on Ministry** and **Commission on Preparation for Ministry and Membership** (Attachments C & P)

Elder Ballengee outlined the role of the COM and gave information regarding the approved call of **M. Courtenay Willcox** to serve as Transitional Pastor of the Tree of Life Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Shin then shared the call and work the CPMM does on behalf of the Presbytery with our candidates, inquirers. She then called upon Mrs. Willcox who shared with the assembly a brief history of her background followed by the reading of her Statement of Faith. Following a time of questions and responses, **a motion to arrest the examination was received, duly seconded and approved.** Mrs. Willcox was then excused from the meeting and the Presbytery, **having received a motion to sustain the examination of M. Courtenay Willcox for ordination, voted in the affirmative.** Mrs. Willcox returned to the meeting and Rev. Dr. Agnes Norfleet (Bryn Mawr) and the saints of the congregations in her life prayed over the candidate.

At this point Moderator Mingle invited Elder Zandra Maffett (Valley Forge) to shepherd the presbytery through the next portion of the docket.

Vice-Moderator Mingle called upon Elder Bob Kenworthy (Wallingford) to bring the report of the Committee on Nominations.

From the **Committee on Nominations** (Attachment N)

Elder Kenworthy began his report by lifting up all the members of the Presbytery who served on various Commissions and Committees to rise and be acknowledged, especially lifting up those whose terms are coming to an end in December.

Following the moment of gratitude Elder Kenworthy presented the names to serve on the standing commissions and committees of the Presbytery. Vice Moderator Maffett then called for any nominations from the floor; seeing none, **a motion for the nominations for standing commissions and committees was duly seconded, received, and approved with the addition of the names of Elder Linda Rutkosky (Doylestown) to serve on the Commission on Preparation for Ministry and Membership (Class of 2025) and Ms. Erica Zaveloff (Non-Presbyterian) to serve on the Committee of Self-Development of People (Class of 2025).**

Elder Kenworthy then presented Elder Zandra Maffett (Valley Forge) and Elder Jim Ballengee (Arch Street) as the names for the Moderator and Vice-Moderator of the Presbytery for 2023 respectively. Seeing no nominations from the floor, **a motion for the nominations for Moderator and Vice Moderator of the Presbytery for 2022 was duly seconded, received, and approved.**

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

At the conclusion of his report, Vice Moderator Maffett called upon Moderator Mingle to share the Leadership Collegium Report. He highlighted the following:

- Reverend Mingle lifted up the ordination of the Reverend Cassie Heintz at the Oxford Presbyterian Church.
- Reverend Mingle also lifted up upcoming conversations with our Jewish colleagues in ministry on November 16 and December 14.
- Rev. Carla Jones Brown (Arch Street) and Rev. Dr. John Willingham (Doylestown) were called upon bring the report of the Committee on Personnel.
 - Reverends Jones Brown and Willingham lifted up Reverend Kevin Porter's many years of service to the Presbytery and made the following motion: **to re-elect Reverend Kevin Porter to the Office of Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Philadelphia for a 5-year term.** This motion was received, duly seconded, and unanimously approved.

Following the motion, Reverend Carla Jones Brown prayed of Reverend Porter, giving thanks for his ministry among us.

At the conclusion of the report, Vice-Moderator Maffett lifted up what a blessing her recent trip to Louisville for the Moderators Conference was.

At this point, Vice-Moderator Maffett returned the duties of shepherding the meeting to Moderator Mingle.

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

From the **Executive Presbyter**

During her report, Reverend Santana-Grace invited **Reverends Larissa Kwong Abazia** (Presbytery of the Coastlands) and **Brenton Thompson** (Presbytery of Philadelphia) to bring a report on the Vital Congregations Initiative.

- During their report Reverends Abazia and Thompson lifted up the congregations that participated in the Presbytery's two year journey with this program. Giving thanks for their willingness to participate and vision together. The congregations were gifted with a painting to remember their time in this program.
 - Bensalem Presbyterian Church
 - Carmel Presbyterian Church
 - Crossroads Presbyterian Church
 - Elkins Park Presbyterian Church
 - Glading Memorial Presbyterian Church
 - Holy Trinity-Bethlehem Presbyterian Church
 - Mt. Airy Presbyterian Church
 - First Presbyterian Church of Levittown
 - Olivet-Covenant Presbyterian Church
 - Summit Presbyterian Church
 - First Presbyterian Church of Warminster

At the conclusion of their report, Reverend Santana-Grace lifted up the following, framing her comments with "Unbounded we Thrive."

- A word of importance of sabbath, being rest is not a reward
- How we as the presbytery are intentionally pivoting to consider ways to come alongside our smaller congregations.

Seeing as there was no new business, Moderator Mingle made a **motion, with proper second that was approved to adjourn the meeting with the benediction of worship, with the Presbytery reconvening on January 31, 2023.**

The Presbytery at Worship

During worship, the presbytery heard a sermon from Dr. Lisa Bowens (Associate Professor of New Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary). The offering collected during worship of \$ _____ was collected and dedicated to the Presbytery's own The Welcome Church.

The meeting was closed with the benediction of worship at 4:10 PM.

After the adjournment of the meeting, the Presbytery took part in food and fellowship.

The next stated meeting of the Presbytery to be held on Tuesday, January 31, 2023.

The financial offering of \$ _____ was collected and dedicated to The Welcome Church.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Stated Meeting of Presbytery will be
Tuesday, January 31, 2023

2023 Stated Meetings of the Presbytery of Philadelphia

Tuesday, January 31, 2023
Tuesday, April 25, 2023
Saturday, July 29, 2023
Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Philadelphia November 15, 2022

Attendance Report:

Total Participants, 11 Visitors, 55 Total Elders, 66 Ministers.

Attendance

- 2 Elder Officers – Zandra Maffett (Valley Forge, Vice Moderator), Julia Hill (Yeadon, Temporary Clerk)
- 3 Former Moderators – Robert Kenworthy (Wallingford), M. Courtenay Willcox (Bryn Mawr), William Young (Germantown, First)
- 1 Commission Moderator - Michael Henry (Valley Forge)
- 1 Commissioner to the 2022 General Assembly – Darlene Beasley (Cedar Park)
- 1 Staff – Jim Wagner (Business Administrator)
- 47 Elders Representing Churches

66 Total Ministers

- 64 Ministers of this Presbytery
- 1 Corresponding Member – Larissa Kwong Abazia
- 1 Minister Laboring within our Bounds – Bernard Downing

Churches Represented by Elders

Abington: Ray Rife

Arch Street: Jim Ballengee

Aston: Ruth Voss

Berean : Yvonne Rudolph

Bryn Mawr: Susan Bravo, Meggin Capers, Hoen Chang, Dorothy Bower

Carmel: Anne Newman, Janet Simon, Leslie Donaghy

Cedar Park: Dorette Carter

Chambers: Marilynne Hinkel

Crossroads: Mary Jane Gore

Doylestown: Dave Sager, Doug Barnett, Linda Rutkosky

Germantown, First: Contina Lee Lundy

Glading: Jim Wood

Grace, Jekintown: John Murphy, Ruth Murphy

Gwynedd Square: Don Albinson, Becky Hunt

Holy Trinity-Bethlehem: Julie Stephenson

Lansdowne, First: Mark Spaseff

Mayfair: Betsy Bufferworth

Oak Lane: Joan Clerk

Olivet-Covenant: Karen Lea

Olney, First: Ken McKeown

Oxford: Larry Hambucht, Lloyd Higgins

Church of Pakistan: Bruce Sardar

Philadelphia, First: Susy Christensen, Cynthia DeCruq

Flourtown: Linda Phelps, Tricia Robinson

Summit: Deborah Merritt

Tabernacle : Mike Ehling

Tree of Life: Carolyn Jeffrey

Tully: Paula Dixon

United Ghanian: Gina Baah

Warminster, First: Linda Harter, Carol Wagenheiser, Frank Orzechoski

Wayne: Susan Aggarwal, Vijay Aggarwal

Churches Not Represented by Elders

Ambler, First	Holmes	Old Pine
Anchor	Ivyland	Parkland
Ardmore, First	Japanese Christian	Podowon
Beacon	Jeffersonville	Port Kennedy, First
Bensalem	Kensington, First	Pottstown, First
Bethel	Lawndale Holy Grace	Rhawnhurst
Bethesda	Lenape Valley	Ridley Park
Beverly Hills	Leverington	Roxborough
Calvary-Wyncote	Levittown, First	Southwestern
Central-Norristown	Llanerch	Suh Kwang
Chestnut Hill	Lombard Central	Springfield, First
Christ's Riverview	Lower Providence	Supplee
Christ's Community	Marple	Swarthmore
Church on the Mall	Media	Temple
Church on the Mall	Memorial	Thompson Memorial
Concord Liberty	Middletown	TM Thomas
Crossroads	Morrisville	Trinity- Clifton Heights
Darby, First	Middletown	Trinity, Kensington
Deep Run	Mt. Airy	Valley Forge
Eddington	Neshaminy-Warick	Wallingford
Elkins Park	New River	Westminster Mayfair
Falls of Schuylkill, First	Salt and Light	Wissahickon
Forest Grove	Newtown	Wissinoming
Fox Chase	Newtown Square	Woodside
Frankford	Norristown, First	Wynnefield
Germantown Community	Norriton	Yeadon
Gladwyne	Northampton	
Glenolden, First	Northminster	

Ministers Present

Ahn, Peter	Brown, Carla Jones	Fitch, Diane Jamison
Ashford, Stephanie Templin	Callaway, Christine	Garcia, Raymond E.
Ballard, Brian	Colwill, Sarah	Gomez-Saravia, Gadiel
Barge, Randy L.	DeVries, Leigh	Grant-Borden, Anna
Bateman, Rebecca	Dixon, Troy Janel	Grimes, Jason
Bell, Anita Miller	Dwyer, Judith	Heckman, Bailey
Betz-Bogoly, Cynthia	Evangelista, Alex	Heffernan, Deborah Downs
Blore, Christen	Ezunkpe, Komlan	Heintz, Cassie
Bowman, HR; Martha E.	Farrell, Lisa	Hill, Kirby Lawrence
Britt, Jonathan	Farrell, Paul	King, HR; John

Kirkpatrick, Rebecca
Kosinski, Lori Zang
Lacroix, François L
Lester-Abdalla, Alexander
MacCullough, Bruce W.
McShane, HR; Pamela J.
Mingle, Edward G.
Morse, Daniel
Norfleet, Agnes
Norrie, HR; Jack
Olson, Kari
Pedersen, Rachel

Porter, Kevin
Pottorff, Franklyn
Pyrch, Cheryl
Rogers, Robert J.
Roman, Kelly
Sahotra, Ishfaq
Santana-Grace, Ruth Faith
Schondelmeyer, Kristopher
Shin, Joyce
Shortlidge, Heather
Stavrakos, P. Todd
Steele, HR; Joseph I.

Sulyok, Peter
Sweet, John D.
Terry, Greg
Thompson, Brenton E.
Van Druff, HR; John
Watson, Deborah
Wilkinson, John
Willingham, John M.
Wotring, Timothy
Zambrana, Mary Kruse

Ministers Excused

Campbell, Mindy
Martin, Peter
Steinnagel, Schaunel

Choi, Wonjae
Mullis, Baron
Dryden, Foster

Moffet Marshal, Eustacia
Poteet, Michael

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
Auxter, Mark S.
Balsan, Ryan Edward
Bass, Jade King
Biederman, Robert N.
Blake, Rebecca
Bonner, James Edward
Bonwell, Raymond
Brckett, Judith
Brecht, George T.
Brozyna, Marcie
Bruce, Christine A.
Carpenter, J. William
Cavicchia, Cara
Colee, Laura
Cornelius, Taylor
Craver, Thomas L.
Davis, Gerard
Day, Katie
Diller, John
Dooner, Timothy
Earley, Barry J.
Ehman, John W.
Evans, Michael J.
Eyre, Robert
Fall, Susan

Ferguson, Laura
Ferris, Jason R.
Fettig, Jonathan
Fong, Joanne Shum
Foote, Jerry Kay
Ford, Stephen T.
Ford, Wanda Larman
Friend, Elizabeth B. Ford
Golderer, William
Greyling, Jacobus P.
Griffith, Clyde E.
Grimes, Jason
Gross, Strother
Grunseich, Michelle
Hankel, Heidi
Hausser, Sherri
Hearlson, Adam
Hearlson, Christiane Lang
Hecht, Kathy
Hessel, Beth
Hill, Faith
Hoagland, Donald Clark
Hoglund, Douglas C.
Holland, Christopher
Holmes, Julie
Holt, Charles
Ireland, Kevin
Irizarry, Jose

Jacob, Andrew
Jacob, Robert A.
James, Cean
Jones, James Alexander
Kauer, Manuela
Kearney, Roberta
Khan, Shahbaz
Kibben, Margaret G.
Kim, Byung Il
Krajian, Joyce
Kroupa III, George
Larkin, David
Lawrence-Caldwell, Melanie
LeClyuse, Megan
Lee, Jieun
Lee, Ki Nam
Lee, Sung Dae
Lyndaker-Studer, Mark
Mairena, Adan
Markel, John S.
Martin, Joan
Massengill, Samuel E.
McClain, Keith
McKinney Jr., William P.
McPheeters, Douglas W.
Miller, Richard
Morgan, Marianne
Morganti, Steve

Myers, Jeffrey T.
Na, Amy
Na, Kang-Yup
Nelson, Karen R.
Norse-Thomas, David
Ofosu-Donkoh, Kobina
Palmer, Langdon B.
Park, Anne
Park, Tae Moon
Pearce, Patricia
Pleim, Kurt
Poland, David M.
Price, Donald
Quarles, Leah
Rappaport, Lydia
Reisner, James
Rhodes, Rachel
Rhone, Rhonda
Robinson, Graham
Rodgers, Andrea

Ross, Kenneth J.
Ross, Robert
Rossi, Ashley
Rusert, Abigail Visco
Russo, Brian
Sanchez, David E.
Searight, Sarah Cooper
Searight, William
Sexton, Pauline
Shaker, Sameh
Sharif, Kurshid
Sheetz-Willard, Julia J.
Shendge, Manisha
Shevel, Katherine
Shimada, Peter
Smyrl, Peter
Snyder, John A.
Somerville, Margaret
Speck, Jonathan
Steinnagel, Schaunel

Stiffler, Flo Guynn
Stratton, Ruth Ellen
Stroup, Maria A.
Sulyok, Jeannine Frenzel
Taylor, Ethelyn
Thomas, David Norse
Thomas, James
Thomas, Jeanne
Thompson, Lewis Casey
Timothy, Nancy
Tung, Arthur C.
Twitchell, Aaron
Wagner, Elizabeth
Wallace, Mark I.
Weed, Stephen N.
Williams, Faith
Wilson, Henry S.
Wood, H. Stanley
Yu, In Kon