

The Presbytery of Philadelphia held its online Stated Meeting based out of the Presbytery of Philadelphia Office via Zoom, on Saturday, January 22, 2022 at 10:30 A.M.

Prior to the meeting, Presbytery took part in one virtual Pre-Presbytery gathering to discuss the Overture coming before the Presbytery with the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A video was shared with the Presbytery, entitled Down to the River by the East Falls Presbyterian Church, with Chior Director Brenda Brovone.

The Presbytery was called to order at 10:32 am and convened with prayer by the Moderator, Reverend Ashley Rossi (Carmel).

### **The Presbytery at Worship**

During worship, the presbytery heard a sermon on Luke 4:14-21 from **Rev. Dr. Eric D. Barreto**. The Installation of the New Moderator and Vice-Moderator, **Rev. Ted Mingle** (Lower Providence) and **Elder Zandra Maffett** (Vally Forge), as well as a moment to remember the saints of our Presbytery who have joined the church triumphant in the past year also took place during worship. The Lord's supper was presided over by **Revs. Ethelyn Taylor** (Oxford) and **Peter Ahn** (Olivet Covenant). The offering collected during worship of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ was collected and dedicated to the Presbytery's Youth Triennium.

At the conclusion of Worship, newly installed Moderator Rev. Ted Mingle convened the business portion of the meeting, calling upon the Stated Clerk, Rev. Kevin Porter (Presbytery of Philadelphia, Stated Clerk) for his report.

### **From the Stated Clerk**

Reverend Porter submitted the following:

- Rev. Porter called upon Rev. Alex Evangelista (Church on the Mall) to share the virtual arrangements with the body.
- Introduced the **Docket** for approval. The **docket was approved by the body as amended to include the motion to hear from Co-Moderator of the Denomination, Elona Street-Stewart.**
- Introduced the **Consent Agenda** (Attachment A) for approval. The Presbytery **approved the consent agenda as presented.** Highlights include:
  - The necrology report of the saints of our Presbytery who have joined the church triumphant. If there were any omissions please contact the Office of the Stated Clerk.
  - Reverend Porter also lifted up the many installations and ordinations that happened since the Presbytery gathered last.
- Introduced 1 Corresponding Member: Elder Elona Street-Stewart (Co-Moderator of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Upon motion and proper second **the Presbytery voted to seat them as Corresponding Member.**

Moderator Mingle subsequently called for upon our new Minister member Rev. Isaac Baah as well as any first time Elder Commissioners to message the office of the Stated Clerk to insure they are appropriately welcomed.

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

Reverend Porter then called upon Elder Eck Gerner (Swarthmore) to present on behalf of the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

- Elder Gerner shared an Overture coming before the Presbytery for the 225<sup>th</sup> General Assembly regarding Harassment
- Elder Gerner, on behalf of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, presented the motion to approve the overture to the 225<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. Upon second, and proper discussion, the presbytery voted to approve the overture as presented.

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

At the conclusion of his report, Moderator Mingle called upon former Moderator Rossi to share the Leadership Collegium Report. She highlighted the following:

- Reverend Rossi then called upon Reverend Lori Kosinski (Norriton) to give a report on behalf of the Administrative Commission on for the Kirkwood Camp. (Stated Clerks Report, Page 37) The Presbytery heard a report from Reverend Kosinski and made the following motions which upon proper second, and discussion, were approved as presented. The Presbytery also voted to approve the dissolution of the Administrative Commission with gratitude for their service.
  - The Presbytery of Philadelphia Pay all outstanding bills and restore all incurred expenses prior to the sale for Kirkwood Camp maintenance and repair to the Presbytery budget from the proceeds of the sale as appropriate up to \$125,000.
  - Pursue an ongoing relationship with Johnsonburg Camp and Retreat Center inclusive of having Presbytery of Philadelphia representation on its Board of Directors. As such, the Presbytery of Philadelphia would encourage congregations to participate in the many opportunities available at Johnsonburg, including but not limited to summer camping, retreat opportunities and program support resources. The relationship will include but not be limited to:
    - Providing a one-time gift of \$150,000 from the proceeds of the Kirkwood Camp's sale to be contributed to the current Johnsonburg Capital Fund campaign.
    - That the Presbytery of Philadelphia's on-going annual budget reflect its commitment to Camping Ministry with a line item of \$15,000 to be donated to Johnsonburg Camp and Retreat Center.
    - That the Johnsonburg Camp and Retreat Center be the recommended designated recipient of the income from the Smyrl Fund that is currently held with the Presbyterian Foundation and had been designated to Kirkwood Camp.
  - Provide a one-time gift of \$50,000 to Mid-Atlantic Regional Lenape people's children and youth ministry to be selected in consultation with current PC(USA) Co-Moderator Elona Street-Stewart that reflects our acknowledgement of the Lenape indigenous people's initial ownership and stewardship of the Kirkwood Camp properties.
    - That the remaining balance of the net proceeds be placed with New Covenant Trust Company (NCTC) for investment in the newly created

Camp Kirkwood Fund with following recommendations:

- Up to 4% of the Camp Kirkwood Fund will be available for the Presbytery of Philadelphia's ministry for Christian formation primarily for children and youth through Presbyterian camping, conferences and other creative ministries. *\* Up to 4% of the market value of the Camp Kirkwood Fund account balance, based on a three year rolling average with measure taken at the end of each third quarter, be available annually for the Presbytery of Philadelphia's Ministry for Christian formation primarily for children and youth through Presbyterian Camping Conferences, and other creative ministries.*
- That the Camp Kirkwood Fund distribution be under the oversight of the Commission on Resources and Creative Ministries and that a report on number of scholarships be made annually to the Presbytery.
- The Investment Policy Statement and the oversight of the Camp Kirkwood Fund be under the Board of Trustees.
  - That the principle be protected for income to be made available in perpetuity and will not be spent down without consultation with the Leadership Collegium and recommendation to the Presbytery by its Board of Trustees. (For example, to be used for Presbytery-wide youth initiatives, and additional Presbyterian camping capital campaigns or additional Presbytery resources.)
  - That NCTC will invest these funds in a socially responsible manner with preference to align with the General Assembly's Mission Responsibility Through Investment that forbid investing in areas related to tobacco, guns, human trafficking, etc. This will allow for investment of Kirkwood Camp's net sale proceeds that will be used to raise funds for ministry and to support the Presbytery of Philadelphia's mission goals to support global care of God's creation and all peoples.
  - The dissolution of the Administrative Commission for the Kirkwood Camp, with gratitude for their service.
  - At the conclusion of the Administrative Commission's report, the Presbytery greeted director of the Johnsonburg Camp and Conference Center, as well as heard some words of encouragement from Elder Elona Street-Stewart.
- Reverend Carla Jones Brown (Arch Street), was called upon to give a brief update on the Personnel of the Presbytery, welcoming our new legal counsel, as well as the Reverends Larrissa Kwong Abazia (Presbytery of the Coastlands), and Dr. Janel Dixon (Cedar Park) who have begun supporting the work of the Vital Congregations and Cultivating Enough in the Care of Clergy Initiatives. Reverend Brown also answered several questions regarding the resignation of Reverend Greg Klimovitz, as well as a moment of appreciation for the work he did during his tenure.

At the conclusion of her report, Vice Moderator Maffett assumed the chair, called upon Elder Megan D. Acedo (Beacon) to give the report of the Committee on Representation.

From the **Committee on Representation (COR)** (Attachment R)

During her report, Elder Acedo lifted up the following:

- Thanked the commissioners and committee members for 100% participation in the COR surveys.
- Most of the Presbyter's committees and commissions met online via zoom during 2021
- There is always a chair at God's table for all of us, sharing the symbol of a chair as God's expanding table
- The Presbytery is making progress, although there is more work to do as there is still underrepresentation with only 15% of our commissions and committee members being 25 years and younger.

At the conclusion of her report, Elder Maffett called upon Reverend Ruth Faith Santana-Grace (Presbytery of Philadelphia, Executive Presbyter) for her report.

From the **Executive Presbyter**

During her report, Reverend Santana-Grace lifted up the following:

- Reverend Todd Stavrakos (Gladwyne) was called forward to share information about our Presbytery's Self Development of People (SDoP) Awards for this year.
  - Michelle Simmons from the Why Not Prosper, and Gene Burke from The Common Place Community Garden were awarded funds this year for their work
- Rev. Santana-Grace framed her comments encouraging the assembly to lean into the hope we've been granted because of our faith in Christ.

The Presbytery was then broken into small groups for a period of time for fellowship and connection.

When the presbytery was brought back together, Elder Maffett turned the chair back to Moderator Mingle.

Seeing as there was no new business, Moderator Mingle made a **motion, with proper second that was approved to adjourn the meeting with prayer.**

The meeting was closed with prayer, by Vice-Moderator Maffett at 1:44pm.

The next stated meeting of the Presbytery to be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2022.

The financial offering of \$\_\_\_\_\_ was collected and dedicated to the Presbytery's Youth Triennium.

#### NEXT MEETINGS

**The next Stated Meeting of Presbytery will be**

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

**2022 Stated Meetings of the Presbytery of Philadelphia**

Saturday, January 22, 2022

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Saturday, July 16, 2022

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

## **Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, November 16, 2021**

### **Attendance Report:**

**177 Total Participants, 42 Visitors, 55 Total Elders, 80 Ministers.**

#### **Attendance**

- 1 Elder Officer – Julia Hill (Yeadon, Temporary Clerk)
- 4 Former Moderators – William Young (Germantown, First), Michael Henry (Valley Forge), Bob Kenworthy (Wallingford), Vijay Aggarwal (Wayne)
- 1 Commission/Committee Moderator- Megan Acedo (Beacon, Committee on Representation)
- 1 Commissioner to the 2020 General Assembly – Zandra Maffett (Valley Forge)
- 2 Commissioned Lay Pastors – William Schuler (Darby, First), Lyse Laing (United Ghanaian)
- 3 Staff/ Moderator – Jim Wagner (Business Administrator), Cassie Heintz (Presbytery Staff), Betsi Moise (Presbytery Staff)
- 45 Elders Representing Churches

#### **80 Total Ministers**

- 79 Ministers of this Presbytery
- 1 Corresponding Member – Dr. Carrie Mitchell (Genesa Valley)

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

Abington: Chad Pilling, Geraldine Pilling,  
Bill Thygeson  
Arch Street: Jim Ballengee  
Bensalem: Gerald Wilham  
Bryn Mawr: Anita Iyengar, Susan Bravo  
Carmel: Janet Simon, Lynne Schutt  
Cedar Park: Harriet Waddy-King  
Chambers: Lynn Woodling  
Collenbrook – Nancy Krody  
Deep Run: Bill Brosius, Nancy Brosius  
Doylestown: Doug Barnet, Mark  
Vanderwall  
Germantown Community: Diana Taylor  
Gwynedd Square: Don Albinson  
Holy Trinity-Bethlehem: Elaine McCray  
Lansdowne, First: Andrew Farquhar  
Northampton: Kathy Hurwitz  
Oak Lane: Joan Clerk

Olivet Covenant: Joan Clerk  
Olney, First: Ken McKeown  
Oxford: Lloyd Higgins, June Higgins  
Philadelphia, First: Susy Christensen, Elaine  
Rachbauer, Cynthia DeCruq  
Pottstown, First: Donna Force  
Springfield, First: Beth Bauer  
Swarthmore: Marna Elliott, Eck Gerner,  
Patrice Smith, Amy Reif, Nada Carl, Soo  
Kim, Jay Eibner  
Tabernacle : Mike Ehling  
Tree of Life: Bobbie Morrison  
United Ghanaian: Gina Baah  
Warminster, First: Linda Harter, Frank  
Orzechoski  
Wayne: Susan Aggarwal  
Yeadon: Marva Scotland

## Churches Not Represented by Elders

Ambler, First  
Anchor  
Ardmore, First  
Aston  
Beacon  
Berean  
Bethel  
Bethesda  
Beverly Hills  
Calvary-Wyncote  
Central-Norristown  
Chestnut Hill  
Christ's Riverview  
Christ's Community  
Church on the Mall  
Concord Liberty  
Crossroads  
Darby, First  
Eddington  
Elkins Park  
Falls of Schuylkill, First  
Forest Grove  
Fox Chase  
Frankford  
Germantown, First  
Glading Memorial  
Gladwyne  
Glenolden, First

Grace  
Holmes  
Ivyland  
Japanese Christian  
Jeffersonville  
Kensington, 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  
Northminster  
Old Pine

Overbrook  
Parkland  
Church of Pakistan  
Podowon  
Port Kennedy, First  
Rhawnhurst  
Ridley Park  
Roxborough  
Southwestern  
Suh Kwang  
Springfield, First  
Summit  
Supplee  
Temple  
Thompson Memorial  
TM Thomas  
Trinity- Clifton Heights  
Trinity, Kensington  
Tully  
Valey Forge  
Wallingford  
Westminster Mayfair  
Wissahickon  
Wissinoming  
Woodside  
Wynnefield

## Ministers Present

Ahn, Peter  
Ashford, Stephanie Templin  
Ballard, Brian  
Bass, Jade King  
Barge, Randy L.  
Bateman, Rebecca  
Blore, Christen  
Bonwell, Raymond  
Britt, Jonathan  
Brown, Carla Jones  
Bruce, Christine A.  
Campbell, Mindy  
Choi, Wonjae  
Colee, Laura  
Colwill, Sarah  
Dixon, Troy Janel  
Dooner, Timothy  
Dryden Jr., Foster C.  
Dwyer, Judith

Evangelista, Alex  
Fall, Susan  
Ferguson, Laura  
Fitch, Diane Jamison  
Garner, HR; Jesse B.  
Greyling, Jacobus P.  
Grimes, Jason  
Gross, Strother  
Grunseich, Michelle  
Hankel, Heidi  
Heffernan, Deborah Downs  
Hill, Kirby Lawrence  
Holland, Christopher  
Hyska, Shawn  
Kearney, Roberta  
Kirkpatrick, Rebecca  
Klimovitz, Gregory  
Kosinski, Lori Zang  
Lacroix, François L

Lawrence-Caldwell,  
Melanie  
Lester-Abdalla, Alexander  
Lyndaker-Studer, Mark  
Mairena, Adan  
Martin, Peter  
McPheeters, Douglas W.  
McShane, Pamela J.  
Milligan, Fred  
Mingle, Edward G.  
Morgan, Marianne  
Morse, Daniel  
Mullis, Baron  
Ofosu-Donkoh, Kobina  
Olson, Kari  
Pedersen, Rachel  
Porter, Kevin  
Pottorff, Franklyn  
Quarles, Leah

Rhodes, Rachel  
Ross, Kenneth J.  
Rossi, Ashley  
Russo, Brian  
Santana-Grace, Ruth Faith  
Scholdelmeyer, Kristopher  
Segers, Rebecca  
Sexton, Pauline

Shin, Joyce  
Stavrakos, P. Todd  
Steinnagel, Schaunel  
Sulyok, Jeannine Frenzel  
Sulyok, Peter  
Sweet, John D.  
Taylor, Ethelyn  
Terry, Greg

Twitchell, Aaron  
Watson, Deborah  
Wilkinson, John  
Willingham, John M.  
Wonderland, Kenneth B.  
Wonderland, Susan Faye  
Wotring, Timothy

### **Ministers Excused**

Roman, Kelly

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  
Bell, Anita Miller  
Betz-Bogoly, Cynthia  
Biederman, Robert N.  
Blake, Rebecca  
Bonner, James Edward  
Brackett, Judith  
Brecht, George T.  
Brozyna, Marcie  
Callaway, Christine  
Carpenter, J. William  
Cavicchia, Cara  
Clark-Duncan, Anne  
Cornelius, Taylor  
Craver, Thomas L.  
Davis, Gerard  
Day, Katie  
DeVries, Leigh  
Dietrich, Stephen  
Dorville, Eric  
Earley, Barry J.  
Ebersberger, Sue  
Ehman, John W.  
Evans, Michael J.  
Eyre, Robert  
Ezunkpe, Komlan  
Farrell, Lisa  
Farrell, Paul  
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  
Griffith, Clyde E.  
Grimes, Jason  
Hausser, Sherri  
Hearlson, Adam  
Hearlson, Christiane Lang  
Hecht, Kathy  
Heckman, Bailey  
Hessel, Beth  
Hill, Faith  
Hoglund, Douglas C.  
Holmes, Julie  
Holt, Charles  
Hull, Sanford D.  
Ireland, Kevin  
Irizarry, Jose  
Jacob, Robert A.  
Jones, James Alexander  
Khan, Shahbaz  
Kibben, Margaret G.  
Kim, Byung Il  
Krajan, Joyce  
Kroupa III, George  
Larkin, David  
LeClyuse, Megan  
Lee, Jieun  
Lee, Ki Nam  
Lee, Sung Dae

Lester, Jr., W. Carter  
Levens, Kristen  
MacCullough, Bruce W.  
Markel, John S.  
Marshall, Eustacia Moffett  
Martin, Joan  
Massengill, Samuel E.  
McClain, Keith  
McKinney Jr., William P.  
Miller, Richard  
Morganti, Steve  
Myers, Jeffrey T.  
Na, Amy  
Na, Kang-Yup  
Nelson, Karen R.  
Norfleet, Agnes  
Palmer, Langdon B.  
Park, Anne  
Park, Tae Moon  
Pearce, Patricia  
Pidcock-Lester, Karen  
Pleim, Kurt  
Poland, David M.  
Poteet, Michael  
Pretz, S. Timothy  
Price, Donald  
Pyrch, Cheryl  
Quick, Hannah  
Rappaport, Lydia  
Rhone, Rhonda  
Robinson, Graham  
Rodgers, Andrea  
Rogers, Robert J.  
Ross, Robert  
Rusert, Abigail Visco

Sanchez, David E.  
Searight, Sarah Cooper  
Searight, William  
Shaker, Sameh  
Sharif, Kurshid  
Sheetz-Willard, Julia J.  
Shendge, Manisha  
Shevel, Katherine  
Shimada, Peter  
Smyrl, Peter  
Snyder, John A.

Somerville, Margaret  
Speck, Jonathan  
Stiffler, Flo Guynn  
Stratton, Ruth Ellen  
Stroup, Maria A.  
Telford, Taylor  
Thomas, James  
Thomas, Jeanne  
Thompson, Brenton E.  
Thompson, Lewis Casey  
Timothy, Nancy

Tung, Arthur C.  
Wagner, Elizabeth  
Wallace, Mark I.  
Weed, Stephen N.  
Williams, Faith  
Wilson, Henry S.  
Wood, H. Stanley  
Yu, In Kon  
Zambrana, Mary Kruse