

The Presbytery of Philadelphia held its hybrid Stated Meeting at the Lower Providence Presbyterian Church in Eagleville, Pennsylvania on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 1:00 P.M.

Prior to the meeting, Presbytery took part in two Pre-Presbytery gatherings, one being a conversation with the Presbytery's new Presbyterian Disaster Initiative, and the other being a welcome reception for all new minister members of the Presbytery.

As the Presbytery gathered the body enjoyed a video from the 300th Anniversary of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, entitled "*God's Grace.*"

The Presbytery was called to order at 1:00 P.M and convened with prayer by the Moderator, Reverend Ted Mingle (Lower Providence). Moderator Mingle began the business portion of the meeting by giving the arrangements and a 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:

- Welcomed those joining via Zoom, and went over technology instructions for those participating online.
- 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 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.
- Introduced 4 Corresponding Members: Reverends Forrest Claassen (Los Ranchos), Patricia Davenport (Bishop of the Southeastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), Violet Little (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), and Shavon Starling-Louis (Charlotte). Upon motion and proper second **the Presbytery voted to seat them as Corresponding Members.**
- Reverend Porter reminded the body that new business should be in his hands by 2:00 pm.

Moderator Mingle subsequently called for upon our new Minister member Rev. David Norse Thomas 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.

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

At the conclusion of his report, Moderator Mingle shared the Leadership Collegium Report. He highlighted the following:

- Reverend Mingle lifted up the installations and ordinations since the last gathering of the Presbytery.
- Reverend Mingle called upon the Rev. Forrest Claassen, Executive of the Synod of the Trinity to bring greetings and a word from the Synod.

At the conclusion of his report, Elder Jim Ballengee (Arch Street) and Rev. Joyce Shin (Swarthmore) were invited by Reverend Mingle to give the report of the Commission on Ministry and Commission on Preparation for Ministry and Membership.

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 on the importance and significance of chaplaincies in our communal lives in the Presbytery as well as information regarding the approved call of **Manuela Kauer** to serve head of staff of the First Presbyterian Church of Levittown.

Rev. Shin then shared the call and work the CPMM does on behalf of the Presbytery with our candidates, inquirers. She then called upon Ms. Kauer 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.** Ms. Kauer was then excused from the meeting and the Presbytery, **having received a motion to sustain the examination of Manuela Kauer for ordination, voted in the affirmative.** Ms. Kauer returned to the meeting and Rev. Kari Olson (East Falls) and the saints of the congregations in her life prayed over the candidate.

At the conclusion of the report, Moderator Mingle passed the chair to Elder Zandra Maffett (Valley Forge) who then 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, framing her comments with hope in the midst of lament.

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At the conclusion of her report, Vice Moderator Maffett called upon Reverend Sarah Cooper Searight (Swarthmore) to join Reverend Santana-Grace to introduce a Dream Tank Presentation: Glimpses into Creative Ministries.

- During this report Reverends Violet Little and Schaunel Steinnagel presented on The Welcome Church and its ministry with Tiny Homes to those in Philadelphia.
- Reverend Timothy Dooner (Valley Forge) presented on Valley Forge Presbyterian Church's work for the most vulnerable in their community and how they are imagining new and creative ways to offer support to these groups.

At the conclusion of this report, Moderator Mingle took over the moderatorial chair once more.

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.**

The Presbytery at Worship

During worship, the presbytery heard a sermon on John 20:19-31 from Bishop Patricia Davenport entitled "Hope in the Midst of Doubt." A service of commissioning for Commissioners to the 225th General Assembly took place during worship. Music Ministry was offered by Mary Ann Rutkowski and Justin Zepp of Lower Providence Presbyterian Church. The offering collected during worship of \$ _____ was collected and dedicated to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

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

The next stated meeting of the Presbytery to be held on Saturday, July 23, 2022.

The financial offering of \$ _____ was collected and dedicated to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Stated Meeting of Presbytery will be
Saturday, July 23, 2022

Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, April 26, 2022

Attendance Report:

Total Participants, 24 Visitors, 35 Total Elders, 35 Ministers.

Attendance

- 2 Elder Officers – Zandra Maffett (Valley Forge, Vice Moderator), Julia Hill (Yeadon, Temporary Clerk)
- 1 Former Moderator – Michael Henry (Valley Forge)
- 1 Commissioner to the 2022 General Assembly – Dave Huting (Philadelphia, First)
- 1 Staff – Jim Wagner (Business Administrator)
- 30 Elders Representing Churches

35 Total Ministers

- 35 Ministers of this Presbytery

Churches Represented by Elders

Abington: Chad Pilling, Geraldine Pilling Arch Street: Jim Ballengee

Aston: Ruth Voss Bethel: Lewis DaCostok

Calvary – Wyncote: Paul Hampton Carmel: Anne Newman

Cedar Park: Nelson Bagby Chambers: Marilynne Hinkel Collenbrook – Nancy Krody Doylestown: Dave Sager

Fox Chase: Theresa O’Connell

Germantown, First: Contina Lee Lundy, Andrea Overton Gwynedd Square: Susan Barchuck, Becky Hunt

Jeffersonville: Elisabeth Moise

Oak Lane: Joan Clerk

Oxford: Larry Hambucht, Julia Franklin Penn Wynne: Leslie Ann Bowman

Philadelphia, First: Susy Christensen, Cynthia DeCruq Swarthmore: Marna Elliott, Eck Gerner, Patrice Smith

Tabernacle : Mike Ehling

Valley Forge: Joanne Henry

Warminster, First: Vicki Chubb, Beth Straight

Churches Not Represented by Elders

Ambler, First

Anchor

Ardmore, First

Beacon

Bensalem

Berean

Bethesda

Beverly Hills

Bryn Mawr

Central-Norristown

Chestnut Hill

Christ’s Riverview

Christ’s Community

Church on the Mall

Concord Liberty

Crossroads

Darby, First

Deep Run

Eddington

Elkins Park

Falls of Schuylkill

Flourtown

Springfield

Forest Grove

Frankford

Germantown Community

Glading Memorial Gladwyne

Glenolden, First

Grace, Jenkintown

Holmes

Holy Trinity-Bethlehem

Ivylnd

Japanese Christian

Kensington, First

Lansdowne, First

Lawndale Holy Grace

Lenape Valley

Leverington

Levittown, First

Llanerch

Lombard Central

Lower Providence

Marple

Mayfair

Media

Memorial

Morrisville

Middletown

Mt. Airy

Neshaminy-Warick

New River

Salt and Light

Newtown

Newtown Square

Norristown, First

Norriton

Northampton

Northminster

Old Pine

Olney, First

Overbrook
Parkland
Church of Pakistan
Podowon
Port Kennedy, First
Pottstown, First
Rhawnhurst
Ridley Park
Roxborough
Southwestern

Suh Kwang
Springfield, First
Summit
Supplee
Temple
Thompson Memorial
TM Thomas
Tree of Life
Trinity- Clifton Heights
Trinity, Kensington

Tully
Wallingford
Wayne
Westminster Mayfair
Wissahickon
Wissinoming
Woodside
Wynnefield
Yeadon

Ministers Present

Ahn, Peter
Barge, Randy L.
Bateman, Rebecca
Betz-Bogoly, Cynthia
Campbell, Mindy
Choi, Wonjae
Colwill, Sarah
Dixon, Troy Janel
Dwyer, Judith
Evangelista, Alex
Fall, Susan
Fitch, Diane Jamison

Grant-Borden, Anna
Heffernan, Deborah Downs
Holland, Christopher
Irizarry, Jose
Lawrence-Caldwell, Melanie
LeClyuse, Megan
Marshall, Eustacia Moffett
Martin, Peter
McShane, Pamela J.
Mingle, Edward G.
Porter, Kevin
Santana-Grace, Ruth Faith

Schondelmeyer, Kristopher
Shin, Joyce
Steinnagel, Schaunel
Taylor, Ethelyn
Terry, Greg
Thompson, Brenton E.
Thompson, Lewis Casey
Valentine, HR; Herbert
Wilkinson, John
Wotring, Timothy

Ministers Excused

Ballard, Brian
Bass, Jade King
Biederman, Robert N.
Blore, Christen
Bonwell, Raymond
Brown, Carla Jones
Bruce, Christine A.
Colee, Laura
Ferguson, Laura
Grimes, Jason

Grunseich, Michelle
Hecht, Kathy
Kauer, Manuela
Lacroix, François L
Milligan, Fred Mullis, Baron
Olson, Kari
Pedersen, Rachel
Pottorff, Franklyn
Roman, Kelly
Shortlidge, Heather

Somerville, Margaret
Stavrakos, P. Todd
Sulyok, Jeannine Frenzel
Sulyok, Peter
Sweet, John D.
Thomas, Jeanne
Watson, Deborah
Zambrana, Mary Kruse

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	Hessel, Beth	Porter, HR; Anderson E.
Ames III, G. Clayton	Hill, Faith	Poteet, Michael
Arlyck, Matthew	Hill, Kirby Lawrence	Price, Donald
Ashford, Stephanie Templin	Hoagland, Donald Clark	Pyrch, Cheryl
Auxter, Mark S.	Hoglund, Douglas C.	Quarles, Leah
Balsan, Ryan Edward	Holmes, Julie	Rappaport, Lydia
Bell, Anita Miller	Holt, Charles	Reisner, James
Blake, Rebecca	Hull, Sanford D.	Rhodes, Rachel
Bonner, James Edward	Ireland, Kevin	Rhone, Rhonda
Brackett, Judith	Jacob, Robert A.	Robinson, Graham
Brecht, George T.	Jones, James Alexander	Rodgers, Andrea
Britt, Jonathan	Kearney, Roberta	Rogers, Robert J.
Brozyna, Marcie	Khan, Shahbaz	Roman, Kelly
Callaway, Christine	Kibben, Margaret G.	Ross, Robert
Carpenter, J. William	Kim, Byung Il	Rossi, Ashley
Cavicchia, Cara	Kirkpatrick, Rebecca	Rusert, Abigail Visco
Clark-Duncan, Anne	Kosinski, Lori Zang	Russo, Brian
Cornelius, Taylor	Krajian, Joyce	Sanchez, David E.
Craver, Thomas L.	Kroupa III, George	Searight, Sarah Cooper
Davis, Gerard	Larkin, David	Searight, William
Day, Katie	Lee, Jieun	Sexton, Pauline
DeVries, Leigh	Lee, Ki Nam	Shaker, Sameh
Dooner, Timothy	Lee, Sung Dae	Sharif, Kurshid
Dryden Jr., Foster C.	Lester, Jr., W. Carter	Sheetz-Willard, Julia J.
Earley, Barry J.	Lester-Abdalla, Alexander	Shendge, Manisha
Ebersberger, Sue	Lyndaker-Studer, Mark	Shevel, Katherine
Ehman, John W.	MacCullough, Bruce W.	Shimada, Peter
Evans, Michael J.	Mairena, Adan	Smyrl, Peter
Eyre, Robert	Markel, John S.	Snyder, John A.
Ezunkpe, Komlan	Martin, Joan	Speck, Jonathan
Farrell, Lisa	Massengill, Samuel E. McClain,	Stiffler, Flo Guynn
Farrell, Paul	Keith	Stratton, Ruth Ellen
Ferris, Jason R.	McKinney Jr., William P.	Stroup, Maria A.
Fettig, Jonathan	McPheeters, Douglas W.	Thomas, James
Fong, Joanne Shum	Miller, Richard	Timothy, Nancy
Foote, Jerry Kay	Morgan, Marianne	Tung, Arthur C.
Ford, Stephen T.	Morganti, Steve	Twitchell, Aaron
Ford, Wanda Larman	Morse, Daniel	Wagner, Elizabeth
Friend, Elizabeth B. Ford	Myers, Jeffrey T.	Wallace, Mark I.
Garcia, Raymond E.	Na, Amy	Weed, Stephen N.
Golderer, William	Na, Kang-Yup	Williams, Faith
Gomez-Saravia, Gadiel	Nelson, Karen R.	Willingham, John M.
Greyling, Jacobus P.	Norfleet, Agnes	Wilson, Henry S.
Griffith, Clyde E.	Ofosu-Donkoh, Kobina	Wood, H. Stanley
Gross, Strother	Palmer, Langdon B.	Yu, In Kon
Hankel, Heidi	Park, Anne	
Hausser, Sherri	Park, Tae Moon	
Hearlson, Adam	Pearce, Patricia	
Hearlson, Christiane Lang	Pleim, Kurt	
Heckman, Bailey	Poland, David M.	