

SCIOTO VALLEY PRESBYTERY
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 251ST STATED MEETING, May 21, 2019
First Presbyterian Church, London, Ohio

Opened with prayer by Moderator Rev. Rebecca Tollefson at 3:40 p.m. There was a major accident on the interstate highway causing a delay in meeting time. Those who could not make the meeting because of the accident are urged to contact the presbytery office that they may be considered excused.

Declaration of a quorum, adoption of meeting agenda with edits.

Greetings from host pastor Rev. Desiree Youngblood.

Staff reports

Received the resignation of the Stated Clerk effective September 30, 2019.

The Presbytery worshipped God, with a sermon entitled "Extravagant Generosity" by the Revs. Joel Esala, Jason Link, and Gray Marshall as the "Bad Calvinists" based on Matthew 20:1-16. An offering was taken for the Pentecost offering. The Lord's Supper was celebrated by the Revs. Lee Platt and Annie Melick.

Heard a report on the work of the PCUSA Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy (ACSWP) by the Rev. Rick Nutt, member of presbytery and of ACSWP.

Heard the following Commission reports:

Commission for Presbytery Operations:

- Announced the revision of the Stated Clerk's job description.
- Gave the financial report to date.
- Announced the beginning of fiscal preparation for the 225th General Assembly to be held in Columbus in 2022.

Commission for Church Professionals:

- Welcomed two new minister members: Rev. Ross Slaughter, First Presbyterian Church, Mt. Vernon, and Rev. Dr. Janet Hufford, First Presbyterian Church, Pataskala.
- Heard and approved the examination for ordination of Candidate Mark Parsons-Justice.
- Announced the Policy for Dissolution of Pastoral Relationships for a 1st reading.
- Recognized Mark Johnson's completion of the presbytery's Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) training program and approved him as ready to be commissioned.

Commission for Congregational Life:

- Approved two Administrative Commissions appointed by the Moderator:
- 1. To assist in the closing of the Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Columbus, at their request; 2. To assist in the closing of the Whisler Presbyterian Church, Kingston, at their request.
- Announced the upcoming merger of three churches on Columbus' eastside by a Plan of Union.
- Announced the Policy for Dissolving (Closing) a Congregation for 1st Reading.

Commission for Nurture and Outreach:

- Endorsed \$3,000 Neighborhood Mission Grant for Bloomingburg Presbyterian Church associated with the Park Resurrection Ministry.
- Announced 35 youth and 9 adults going to Youth Triennium July 16-20, 2019.
- Announced Synod PW gathering at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Columbus, July 12-13, 2019.
- Announced the Rev. Jimmie Ray Hawkins, Director of the PC(USA) Office of Public Witness, who will join us in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley for four days, September 14-17, 2019.

Rev. Doug Browne of Westminster Presbyterian told the Presbytery about the Community Garden in progress at Westminster.

Presbytery meetings:

September 17, 2019, 3:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Liberty Presbyterian Church, Delaware

November 19, 2019, 3:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Circleville Presbyterian Church