

**Minutes of the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Transylvania
Bayless Memorial Presbyterian Church, Grayson, KY
August 20, 2019**

Convening of Presbytery

The stated meeting of the Presbytery of Transylvania met at Bayless Memorial Presbyterian Church, Grayson, KY, on Tuesday, August 20, 2019. A quorum was present. Moderator Mike Ward called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and led the opening prayer.

Opening Business

The roll of attendance for this meeting was formed. (see Appendix A)

Summary attendance:

teaching elders present: 37

ruling elders present: 20

commissioned ruling elders present: 2

non-Presbyterian supply pastor: 1

ruling elders serving presbytery commissions: 11

visitors: 16

The Stated Clerk moved the docket. Docket approved as printed. First-time commissioners and other guests were recognized. Teaching elder Joan Stewart, member of the Presbytery of West Virginia, was seated as a corresponding member. Host pastor Josh Akers welcomed the presbytery to Bayless Memorial Church. The Moderator invited the body to consider the 2019 theme, "*Life Together*," with an emphasis on significant seasons in one's life journey and/or spiritual formation.

Business Items

The Stated Clerk moved the consent agenda: a) Stated Clerk's report, with recommendations to approve requests for excused absences; approve the minutes of the May 18, 2019, stated meeting; and receive the minutes of the June 8, 2019, installation of the Rev. Jerry L. Utt, II; b) Administration/Treasurer's report; c) Burnamwood Commission report; d) Christian Formation Ministry report; e) Church Revitalization and Development Ministry report; f) Commission on Preparation for Ministry report; g) POINT representative report; h) Leadership Development Ministry report; i) Synod commissioner report. Motion passed.

Pastoral Transitions Commission

Teaching elder Lisa Eye, commission chair, reported. The chair recognized the retirement of teaching elder Greg Kubar and, with the moderator's permission,

invited teaching elder Joan Stewart to share words on Greg's ministry and witness. The chair spoke prayers at the end of this recognition. The chair informed the presbytery of the various comings and goings of pastoral leaders.

The Pastoral Transitions Commission presented candidate Linda M. Kurtz to be examined for ordination. Ms. Kurtz introduced herself and the body examined her for ordination. Teaching elder Mary Reed moved that the examination cease and that Ms. Kurtz be approved for ordination. Second and motion passed.

The chair moved that the Presbytery of Transylvania request National Capital Presbytery ordain Ms. Kurtz to the office of teaching elder/Minister of Word and Sacrament and transfer her membership to the Presbytery of Transylvania after ordination. Motion passed. The Moderator spoke prayers for the ministry of Ms. Kurtz and First Presbyterian Church, Lexington.

The chair moved that the Presbytery approve the *Proposed Minimum Terms of Call for 2020*. Motion passed.

Commission on Representation

Ruling elder Diehl Ackerman reported. Mr. Ackerman placed these names in nomination as delegates to the 2019 Annual Assembly of the Kentucky Council of Churches: ruling elder Hank Graddy, Pisgah Versailles; teaching elder Hannah McIntyre, Presbyterian Church, Danville; ruling elder Lawrence Monroe, First, Hazard; teaching elder Mike Ward, Walnut Hill, Lexington, and ruling elder Lucy Waterbury, First Richmond; and for the Coordinating Commission, class of 2020: teaching elder Matt Falco, Maxwell Street, Lexington. There were no further nominations and these individuals were unanimously elected.

Coordinating Commission

Teaching elder Philip Lotspeich, commission chair, reported. The chair moved that the Presbytery elect to the Commission on Representation: ruling elders Gayle Burns and David Hoskins to the class of 2021, and teaching elder Mary Reed to the class of 2022. Motion passed.

The chair moved that a sabbatical period for Camp Burnamwood begin on October 1, 2019, and last through calendar year 2020. At the 2020 annual presbytery meeting, the Coordinating Commission will present a progress report to the presbytery updating the work of discernment of the camping ministry and outlining any recommended next steps. Motion passed. Teaching elder Matt Falco, chair of Burnamwood Commission, spoke prayers of thanksgiving for the service of Camp Director Robby Lear, whose resignation will become effective on September 30, 2019.

Other Business

The Presbytery considered a statement on gun violence. Teaching elder Stephen Fearing moved that the Presbytery approve the following statement:

Statement on Gun Violence

Arise, cry out in the night, at the beginning of the watches! Pour out your heart like water before the presence of the Lord! Lift your hands to Him for the lives of your children. Lamentations 2:19 NRSV

Today we raise our collective voices in a communal cry of lament. Faced with a broken world burdened with seemingly relentless evil, we will not remain silent. Trusting in God's sovereignty always, we reaffirm our calling to the words and work of peacemaking and reconciliation.

- We condemn the pervasive and indiscriminate gun violence that robs our communities of the health and security necessary to thrive in interdependent harmony and wholeness. We decry the vile glorification of weaponry throughout our culture that has given rise to vast incidences of preventable homicides, suicides and accidental gun deaths. We join with all our sisters and brothers in Christ in rejecting this needless brutality and advancing instead the countercultural gospel messages of radical love and hospitality.
- We also recognize that the trauma of gun violence extends far beyond the somber counts of the dead and injured. To the witnesses, the first responders, the families, the schools, and the communities at large that are left to pick up the shattered pieces: we see you. We acknowledge your pain, and we pledge to walk alongside you in your grief journey. We pray that our presence can faithfully represent healing and hope in a fallen world.
- Furthermore, we condemn the cultural undercurrents that support and sustain gun violence. We denounce social and economic systems that privilege some while oppressing others, and we declare that the sins of racism, misogyny, and xenophobia are incompatible with faithful living. We remember always that Jesus situated himself among those on the margins of society, and that we are called to do the same.
- Finally, we unequivocally affirm the full dignity and humanity of all God's children. Any language which seeks to dehumanize or otherwise disrespect our neighbors does not come from God. We are compelled anew to embrace and celebrate God's abundant, diverse Creation by advocating for a just and compassionate world.

Ruling elder Sandy Bromagen moved that the statement be amended to include: "Informed by and as a practical response to the statement above, we call for a ban on "assault" style weapons which have been used in numerous mass shooting events

and encourage individuals and congregations to communicate with legislators regarding the issue of gun violence.” Second and motion passed.

Teaching elder Rose Taul moved that the statement be further amended to include: “The presbytery further instructs the Coordinating Commission to plan and provide an informational workshop regarding the issue of gun violence taking full advantage of resources available through the Presbyterian Church (USA).” Second and motion passed.

The statement passed as amended. The Moderator offered prayers at the conclusion of the discussion and vote.

Closing Business and Adjournment

Members of the Presbytery expressed hardy thanks to the pastor and members of Bayless Memorial Church for their gracious hospitality. The Moderator opened the floor for announcements and many were shared. At 7:00 PM, the Stated Clerk moved that the Presbytery stand adjourned until its annual meeting on December 7, 2019. Second and motion passed. The Moderator spoke prayers to close the meeting.

Submitted: The Rev. Jerry L. Utt, II
Stated Clerk

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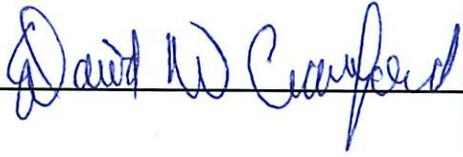
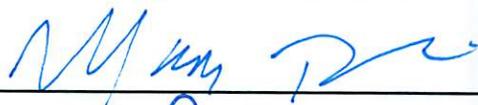
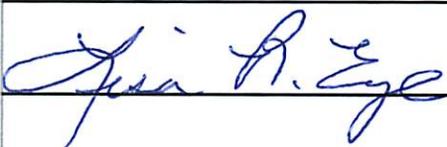
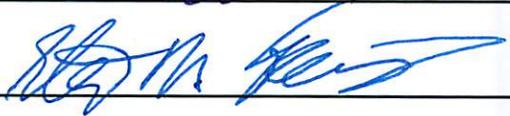
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Appendix A

Anderson, The Rev. Rachel		
*Baker, The Rev. Darryl		
Benedetti, The Rev. Sara		
Benze, The Rev. Keith		
Blankenkoper, The Rev. James		Excused
Bowman, The Rev. Andrew		
Bradney, The Rev. Ryan		
*Bright, The Rev. Peggy		
*Brooks, The Rev. Dr. Gary		
Brothers, The Rev. Michael		
*Bunger, The Rev. Ron		
*Butler, The Rev. Angie		
Cervas, The Rev. Scott		
*Chamberlain, The Rev. Pat		
Christian, The Rev. Curtis T.		Excused
*Chumney, The Rev. David		
Clark, The Rev. E.G.		

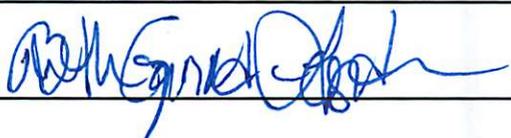
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Clark, The Rev. Patterson		
Crawford, The Rev. David		
*Daniel, The Rev. Dr. E. Randolph		
Davis, The Rev. Mark		
Denney, The Rev. Michael		
Dermody Jr., The Rev. Roger		
*Deutsch, The Rev. William L		
*Divas, The Rev. Dr. L. Armando		
Ehlert, The Rev. Kristy		
*Ensminger, The Rev. Douglas		
*Erwin, The Rev. James		
Eye, The Rev. Lisa		
*Eyster, The Rev. Bert		
Falco, The Rev. Matt		
Fearing, The Rev. Stephen		
Foehse, The Rev. Caitlin		
*Furrow, The Rev. F. Dewitt Jr		

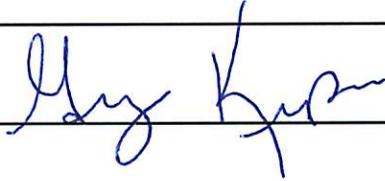
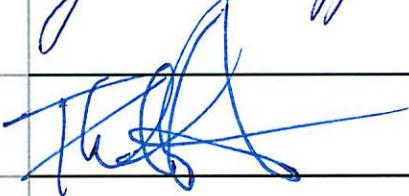
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*Gailey, The Rev. Carol		
Garrod-Logsdon, The Rev. Beth		
*Gilbert, The Rev. James		
*Gnatuk, The Rev. Wayne A		
*Gordon, The Rev. Graham		
*Griffie, The Rev. Dr. L. Fred		
*Haga, The Rev. R. Jackson		
Hartsfield, The Rev. Karen		
*Henery, The Rev. Dr. James		
*Hibbard, The Rev. Maurice		
*Hicks, The Rev. Roy		
Hofmeister, The Rev. Jake		
Hood, The Rev. Dr. Fred		
*Howard, The Rev. Scott		
Howie-Kipphut, The Rev. Lorilyn		Excused
*Huffman, The Rev. Gary		
*Iversen, The Rev. Eric		
Johnson, The Rev. Jennifer		

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*Jones, The Rev. Jon F.		
Kelly, The Rev. Caroline		
Kilpatrick, The Rev. Kara		Excused
Kim, The Rev. Yongwha		
*Kupar, The Rev. Greg		
Lattimore, The Rev. John		
Lee, The Rev. Dr. Hyeon Gu		
Leggett, The Rev. John		
*Lindberg, The Rev. Jackie		
Lotspeich, The Rev. Philip		
*Malott, The Rev. Fred		
Mathews, The Rev. Rachel		
*Matthews, The Rev. Griffith		
*McAtee, The Rev. Dr. William M.		
*McGowan, The Rev. Bryce L.		
McIntyre, The Rev. Hannah		
*Mesta, The Rev. Edward Hugh		

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Miller, The Rev. Emily		excused
*Moffett, The Rev. Howard W.		Howard W. Moffett
*Mount, The Rev. Dr. C. Eric Jr		
*Mumper, The Rev. Jay		
*Murray, The Rev. Charles M.		
Noel, The Rev. Dr. Tim		Tim Noel
Olive, The Rev. Wanda B.		Wanda B. Olive
Olt, The Rev. Julie		Julie Olt
Olt, The Rev. Schuyler		Excused
Pace, The Rev. Steve		Steve Pace
Pachau, The Rev. Dr. Kima		Excused
*Pettijohn, The Rev. Bonnie		
*Pogue, The Rev. Philip		
*Prewitt, The Rev. Janet		
*Redmond, The Rev. Katherine		Katherine Redmond
*Reed, The Rev. Mary		Mary Reed
*Rhodes, The Rev. Dr. Steve		

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Riley, The Rev. Kathy		Excused
*Roberts, The Rev. F. Morgan		
*Robinson, The Rev. Dr. Jack H		Excused
Rouse, The Rev. Erin		
Rucker Jr., The Rev. Jim		
*Rucker Sr., The Rev. Dr. Jim		
Rucker, The Rev. Pamela C.		
Ryan, The Rev. Griffin Phillips		<i>excused</i>
Sanders, The Rev. Dr. Stephen A.		
Schmidt, The Rev. Tammy		Excused <i>T. Schmidt</i>
*Scott, The Rev. Dr. Geary Neal		
*Sevier, The Rev. Dr. Melissa		Excused
*Shaffer, The Rev. Robert		
Shrauner, The Rev. Ryan		Excused
Silence, The Rev. Jay T.		<i>Jay T. Silence</i>
*Smith, The Rev. Joanne		

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*Spickler, The Rev. Harry		
Stamper, The Rev. Janice		Excused
*Stanley, The Rev. Donald		
*Steiner, The Rev. Betsy		
Stone, The Rev. Elizabeth		Elizabeth Stone
*Stricklin, The Rev. Dr. Ernest		
*Tarter, The Rev. Dr. Rollin		
*Taul, The Rev. Rose		Rose Carol Taul
Thompson, The Rev. Gene		
Thro, The Rev. Julie Urback		
Utt, The Rev. Jerry L. II		J Utt
*Vanzant, The Rev. William		
Ward, The Rev. Dr. Michael		Mike Ward
Warren, The Rev. Rob		Rob Warren
*Warren, The Rev. Susan		Susan Warren
Weese, The Rev. Mary Seeger		Excused
*Weis, The Rev. Dr. Richard		

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White, The Rev. John C.		Excused
*Wilhelm, The Rev. Jack		
Williams, The Rev. Susan		Excused
*Woodring, The Rev. James		

**Commissioned Ruling Elders
August 20, 2019
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Bainum, Barry

Burns, Gayle

Excused

Burns, Tom

Tom Burns

Dougans, James

Excused

Estes, Dewayne

Grooms, Leslie

Lee, Arlie

McIntyre, Pat

Reed, Bill

Reed, Josh

Josh Reed
Non-Presbyterian Supply

Hampton, Mikkle

House, Brian

Pollock, Bill

Schneider, Stewart

Steele, Brian

Rev. Brian Steele

Elder Commissioners

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Ashland, First

Bette Joyce Faye

Ashland, Normal

Paula Gannon - Roy Stein Tammy Steele

Augusta

Augusta, Sharon

Bellefonte, Community

Beattyville, McGuire Mem.

Berea, Whites Memorial

Blackey, Doermann Mem.

Booneville, First

Buckhorn, Buckhorn Lake

Canada, Highland

Carlisle

Cawood

Corbin

David L. Horke

Cow Creek

Cynthiana

Danville

Elder Commissioners

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Darfork, Hull Memorial

Dry Hill, Anna C. Brush Mem.

Ezel, United

Sylvia Caste

Flemingsburg, First

Frenchburg, United

Georgetown, First

Virginia Penn

Grayson, Bayless Memorial

Greenup

Harlan, First

Harrodsburg, United

Hazard, First

Lo Munn

Jay Gantz

Indian Creek

Isom

Jackson, Guerrant Memorial

Lancaster, First

Lawrenceburg, First

Jh Wohl

Lexington, Beaumont

Elder Commissioners

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Lexington, Bethel

Lexington, Eastminster

Lexington, First

Lexington, Hunter

Lexington, Lex. Korean

Lexington, Maxwell Street

Lexington, Meadowthorpe

Lexington, Mt. Horeb

Lexington, Second

Senia Crawford
Todd Bush
Jim Dumbiel
Karen May

Lexington, Walnut Hill

London, First

Manchester

Elder Commissioners

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Mays Lick

Maysville, First

McAfee, New Providence

Middlesboro, First

Excused-Karen Potter-Hughes

Midway

Millersburg, First

Morehead, Faith

Julia Kerr

Mt. Sterling, First

Paint Lick, Old Paint Lick

Paris, First

~~Excused~~ Rogers Barde

Rogers Barde

Paris, Hopewell

Perryville

Candace Purdom

Pikeville, First

Pineville, First

Prestonsburg, First

Richmond, First

Jeffrey S. Barber

Somerset, First

Somerset, Pisgah

Elder Commissioners

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Stanford

Versailles

Versailles, Pisgah

Lance Bunn

Versailles, Troy

Alan Mills

Washington

Whitesburg, Graham Memorial

Wilmore

Winchester, First

Winchester, Salem

**Ruling Elders Serving Commissions and
Ministries of the Presbytery
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Ackerman, Diehl	<i>Diehl Ackerman</i>
Baker, Virginia	<i>Virginia Baker</i>
Busroe, Katie	
Chesnut, Anne	<i>Anne Chesnut</i>
Crawford, Linda	
Erwin, John	
Fegenbush, Nik	
Gilbert, Stephanie	
Hoskins, David	
Johnson, Shannon	<i>Shannon Johnson</i>
Kraft, Diana	
Kuster, Ted	Excused
Lamb, Penelope	
Line, Nell	<i>Nell Line</i>
Olive, Jim	<i>Jim Olive</i>
Owens, Bill	

Pennington, Cynthia	
Pinney, Jeb	
Potter, Pamela	<i>Pamela Potter</i>
Purdom, Candace	
Shanda, Ginny	<i>Ginny Shanda</i>
Skinner, Ian	
Snyder, Larry	
Spangler, Juanita	
Templeton, Sharel	
Thomas, Cathy	
Turner, Bill	<i>Bill Turner</i>
Turner, Connie	<i>Connie Turner</i>
Whiteman, David	<i>David Whiteman</i>
Woodford, Catesby	
Woods, Missie	

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Presbytery of Transylvania
Visitors
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Print Your Name

Emily Carroll	
Joan Stewart	WV Presbytery
Cindi Kuper	Manwell St
Debbie Willis	Debra Willis Faithful
Alise Secor	Alison Faith Morehead
LEIGH LEIGH QUALLS	
Incid Milner	1st Presby. Lexington
Susan Combs	1st Pres. Lexington
Tom Daugherty	Midway Presb
Linda Kurtz	187 Lexington
Dany Vissinga	187 Maxwell ST. LEXINGTON
Caroline Copney	Maxwell St. Presbyterian
Taylor Hodge	2nd Presbyterian
Will Gregory	Maxwell St. Presbyterian
Robyn Justus	Presbytery Staff
Robby Lear	Presbytery Staff