

**REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK
May 19, 2022**

Items for Information

1. Deadline for Docket Time and Waiver Requests for May Presbytery Meeting

The Ecclesiastical Committee has announced that all requests for docket time at the September 22, 2022 presbytery meeting must be made **in writing** to the Ecclesiastical Committee via the Stated Clerk's office no later than **noon on Wednesday August 24, 2022**. If action by the Presbytery will be requested, the full text of the motion and any accompanying documents (reports, rationale, etc.) must be submitted by this time as well. Requests for waivers of the six-year limitation on terms for elders and deacons are due on this date also.

The deadline for docket time and waiver requests for the December 8, 2022 presbytery meeting is November 2, 2022.

2. Special Administrative Review of Session of Grand View Avenue Presbyterian Church

On February 15, 2022, the Stated Clerk was informed in writing of possible irregularities and/or delinquencies by the Session of Grand View Avenue Presbyterian Church. The Stated Clerk followed the procedures set forth in the Manual of Pittsburgh Presbytery to determine whether special administrative review was necessary under G-3.0108 b of the Book of Order. The specific alleged irregularities and/or delinquencies brought to the Stated Clerk's attention were the failure to elect the minimum number of ruling elders required to constitute a session as required by the congregation's by-laws and by the Book of Order, the failure to elect a clerk of session, and a lack of necessary financial transparency.

As set forth in the Manual, a group consisting of the Moderator, Rev. Rebecca DePoe, the Stated Clerk, the General Minister, Rev. Dr. Sheldon Sorge, and the co-chairs of the Executive Committee, Rev. Dr. Trent Hancock and Ruling Elder Lenore Williams, determined that special administrative review was necessary and appointed the following individuals to constitute the special administrative review team:

Ruling Elder Mary Jo Buffo
Rev. Dr. Jo Forrest
Rev. Dr. Dan Merry

The team has completed its work and submitted a written final report recommending the appointment of an administrative commission to take original jurisdiction over the session. The Moderator will appoint an Administrative Commission.

3. Plea Agreement in Disciplinary Matter

The Investigating Committee in Disciplinary Matter DM2021-01 filed charges on February 16, 2022, a pre-trial conference was held on April 8, 2022, and a trial was scheduled to commence on May 10, 2022. Prior to the trial, the parties were able to reach a settlement of the matter which was accepted by the Permanent Judicial Commission of Pittsburgh Presbytery on May 10, 2022. Pursuant to D-11.0701, the Stated Clerk will report the decision at the May 19, 2022 Stated Meeting of Pittsburgh Presbytery and will append a true and correct copy to the Minutes of the meeting.

4. Presbytery 2021 Statistics

As of December 31, 2021, Pittsburgh Presbytery had 128 charted congregations, 290 minister members, and a total of 21,745 congregants. The 2021 statistical report is attached hereto.

5. Presbytery 2021 Minutes Reading

The 2021 Minutes of Pittsburgh Presbytery were examined at the Synod of the Trinity Records Review Conference held via Zoom videoconferencing on May 4, 2022, and they were approved with no exceptions or delinquencies.

6. 2021 Minutes Reading

The Ecclesiastical Committee has scheduled in person minutes reading opportunities by appointment at the Presbytery Center for:

May 21, 2022
September 17, 2022
October 22, 2022

The option to participate in electronic minutes exchange is being offered again this year. Clerks of session should contact the Stated Clerk's office to make arrangements to participate in minutes reading.

7. Dissolution of Neville Island and St. Andrews Congregations

The West Branch Closed Churches Administrative Commission acted on March 18, 2022 to dissolve the Neville Island Presbyterian Church and the St. Andrews United Presbyterian Church. The AC has reached an agreement for the sale of the Neville Island building and is in the process of listing the St. Andrews building for sale.

Items for Action

1. Consent Motions

The Stated Clerk recommends items 3, 4, and 5 be approved by consent.

2. Resolution of Thanks for the Life and Witness of Ruling Elder Nan Moone Currington

Ruling Elder Nan Moone Currington joined the Church Triumphant on April 18, 2022 at the age of 105. As a Ruling Elder she ministered in the church with dedication and distinction. In addition to her long and faithful ministry at both Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church and Mt. Hope Community Church, she served Pittsburgh Presbytery as an Associate Stated Clerk and in that capacity, she helped many congregations, pastors, and especially clerks of session fulfill their calling to bear witness faithfully and fruitfully to Jesus Christ in their various places of ministry. For the Synod of the Trinity, she organized the African American Leadership Event and the Presbyterian African American Youth and Family Event. The Stated Clerk therefore intends to move that:

Pittsburgh Presbytery express its profound appreciation for the life, witness, and leadership of Ruling Elder Nan Currington whose memory continues to inspire members of her congregation and the presbytery in their own dedicated service to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

***3. Election of Theological Student Advisory Delegate**

The Office of the General Assembly has informed the Stated Clerk that Ruling Elder Elizabeth Nicodemus, a student at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and an Inquirer under care of Pittsburgh Presbytery, has been selected as a Theological Student Advisory Delegate to the 225th General Assembly (2022). This nomination must be confirmed by election by the presbytery. Nominations from the floor are not in order.

***4. Dismissal of Prosecuting Committee**

Disciplinary Matter DM-2021-01 having been concluded, the Stated Clerk requests that the Prosecuting Committee in this matter be dismissed with thanks. Member of the Prosecuting Committee are:

Rev. Lance Chapman
Ruling Elder Penn Hackney
Rev. Stephanie Martin
Ruling Elder Louise Schoppe

Pittsburgh Presbytery also expresses its appreciation for the efforts of Rev. Derek Campbell who also participated as a member of the Investigating Committee before leaving the presbytery to take a new call.

***5. Ecclesiastical Administrative Commission to Ordain or Install**

The Stated Clerk recommends that the Minutes of the following Ecclesiastical Administrative Commissions be approved, and the commissions be dismissed with thanks:

Administrative Commission to Ordain Kristen Emerick

EMRICK The Administrative Commission elected by the Presbytery on February 24, 2022 to ordain Kristen Emrick, comprising Moderator, the Rev. Rebecca DePoe, Rev. Dennis Molnar, and Rev. Deborah Warren and Elders Rebecca Abbott and Wayne Gelston met by appointment on February 27, 2022 at 2:30pm at Unity Presbyterian Church.

There being a quorum present, the Commission was convened with prayer by the Rev. Rebecca DePoe. All things being prepared in advance, decently and in order, the Commission approved the Service of Ordination and voted to proceed to the ordination of Kristen Emrick according to the direction of Presbytery and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Commission moved to the Sanctuary at 3:00 p.m. and ordained Kristin Emrick.

Moderator DePoe asked the constitutional questions which the candidate answered in the affirmative. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Dennis Molnar. The Rev. DePoe offered the prayer of installation.

The Minutes of the Commission were read and approved. Upon motion duly made, the Commission moved to adjourn at the conclusion of the Service of Ordination with the pronouncement of the Benediction by the Rev. Kristen Emrick

Administrative Commission to Install Rev. Nancy Titus

TITUS The Administrative Commission elected by the Presbytery on December 10, 2021 to install the Rev. Nancy Titus as pastor of Forest Hills Presbyterian

Church, comprising Senior Vice Moderator, the Rev. Rebecca DePoe, Rev. Sharon Stewart, and Rev. Carolyn Cranston and Rev. Matthew Fricker and Elders Nancy Stanny, Frank Hancock, and Suzanne Good met by appointment on February 20, 2022 at 2:30pm at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church.

There being a quorum present, the Commission was convened with prayer by the Rev. Rebecca DePoe. All things being prepared in advance, decently and in order, the Commission approved the Service of Installation and voted to proceed to the installation of the Rev. Nancy Titus according to the direction of Presbytery and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Commission moved to the Sanctuary at 3:00 p.m. and installed the Rev. Nancy Titus as the pastor of Forest Hills Presbyterian Church.

Moderator DePoe asked the constitutional questions which the candidate answered in the affirmative. The sermon was delivered by Elder Frank Hancock. The Rev. DePoe offered the prayer of installation. The Charge to the Newly Installed was given by Rev. Sharon Stewart and the Charge to the Congregation was given by Rev. Matthew Fricker.

The Minutes of the Commission were read and approved. Upon motion duly made, the Commission moved to adjourn at the conclusion of the Service of Installation with the pronouncement of the Benediction by the Rev. Nancy Titus.

2021 Presbytery Statistical Report

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Membership

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| Prior Active Members | 22915 | Adjusted membership | 22874 |
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Gains

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| Certificate | 126 |
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| Youth Professions | 131 |
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| Professions & Reaffirmations | 186 |
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| Total Gains | 443 |
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| Total Ending Active Members | 21745 |
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Losses

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| Certificate | 87 |
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| Deaths | 449 |
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| Deleted for any Other Reason | 1036 |
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| Total Losses | 1572 |
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Baptisms

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| Presented by Others | 206 |
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| At Confirmation | 15 |
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| All Other | 19 |
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| Average Weekly Worship Attendance | 8563 |
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| Female Members | 13144 |
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| Friends of the Congregation | 2485 |
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| Ruling Elders on Session | 1044 |
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| Do you have Deacons? Yes / No | 82 / 29 |
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Age Distribution of Active Members

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| 25 & Under | 2425 |
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| 26 - 40 | 3681 |
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| 41 - 55 | 3593 |
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| 56 - 70 | 5216 |
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| Over 70 | 5120 |
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| Total Age Distribution | 20035 |
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People with Disabilities

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| Hearing impairment | 710 |
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| Sight impairment | 379 |
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| Mobility impairment | 721 |
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| Other impairment | 587 |
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Christian Education

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| Birth - 3 | 287 |
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| Age 4 | 225 |
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| Kindergarten | 197 |
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| Grade 1 | 201 |
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| Grade 2 | 206 |
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| Grade 3 | 224 |
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| Grade 4 | 211 |
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| Grade 5 | 256 |
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| Grade 6 | 210 |
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| Grade 7 | 224 |
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| Grade 8 | 219 |
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| Grade 9 | 187 |
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| Grade 10 | 138 |
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| Grade 11 | 142 |
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| Grade 12 | 154 |
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| Young Adults | 331 |
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| Over 25 | 2597 |
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| Teachers/Officers | 934 |
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| Total Christian Education | 6943 |
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Racial Ethnic

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| Asian/Pacific Islander/South Asian | 162 |
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| Black/African American/African | 587 |
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| Middle Eastern/North African | 30 |
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| Hispanic/Latino-a | 57 |
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| Native American/Alaska Native/Indigenous | 7 |
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| White | 18284 |
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| Multiracial | 77 |
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| Total Racial Ethnic | 19204 |
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Financial Data

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| Annual Income | 41,239,788 |
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| Annual Expenses | 38,523,260 |
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| Mission Expenses | 3,267,244 |
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| Personnel Expenses | 21,601,753 |
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| Facilities Expenses | 7,384,361 |
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