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Dear Family,

Advent is a season of looking ahead for the coming of the Lord. We place ourselves alongside the ancients who eagerly awaited the coming of the Messiah, watching for even its tiniest signs, ever unsure where, when, or how Messiah would appear. We are in a similar place regarding our Lord's return – uncertain where, when, or how it will occur.

Our search for what lies ahead is informed by looking back. When the Magi appeared in Jerusalem, the religious leaders looked back to the ancient words of prophets for guidance on where Messiah might be born. Similarly, in looking back amid our current situation we get clues as to what may lie ahead for us.

Thirteen years ago, at our December presbytery meeting, you elected me as your next leader. The intervening years have been both the most challenging and the most fulfilling of my lifetime in ministry. Now we stand on the brink of an unknown future, wondering what lies ahead – me in my retirement, and the presbytery in its search for a new leader. In good Advent fashion, maybe we can look back a moment to discern clues about what might lie ahead.

Over my years here, we have become much more deeply engaged in the fight for racial justice. We've taken some good steps in the right direction, but it takes more than a few fleeting years to right four hundred years of wrongs. We dare not flinch in pursuing racial justice in the days ahead.

During our years together our church opened the pathway to LGBTQ inclusion in all aspects of its life and ministry, to the great joy of many and the consternation of others. The stress of being a church that includes and values those on both sides will continue to challenge us. Are we *really* up to the calling of the Gospel to continue sitting with all who call on the name of our Lord at his Table, whether or not they look or think like us?

The pandemic has taught us that church continues even when our buildings are shuttered; it is more than a place to go. Will we seek to build from those hard-won discoveries a new way of relating to our properties and to reaching those beyond our sanctuary walls, or will we try in vain to revert to the way things used to be?

I look back on my years with you with much affection and delight. I have loved those days when we have gathered as committees or as a presbytery, where I can see you and greet you and delight in sharing our common calling. You've put up graciously with a ton of words from me – sermons and reports at 60 presbytery meetings, hundreds of weekly letters that amount to the equivalent of nine two-hundred page books. Word, words, words!

I am especially grateful for my colleagues in ministry on presbytery staff. My favorite day of the week is Tuesday, when we meet together for the morning to sing hymns, study the Bible, pray for you, sync calendars, and discuss the work that is before us. I could not imagine a better set of colleagues: Brian, Carla, Cathy, Jenny, Kenny, Ralph, and Roy. The best presbytery staff anywhere, hands down! And if that weren't enough, I am blessed to count all of you who have labored with us on committees, commissions, ministry teams, task forces, and more as treasured partners in our Lord's work. Through you I have learned more than I ever knew of the way of Jesus. To him be all praise and glory, now and forever!

Your brother,

Sheldon W. Sorge
General Minister



SEEKING TO BE FAITHFUL TOGETHER: *Guidelines for Presbyterians in Times of Disagreement*

In a spirit of trust and love, we promise we will...

***Give them a hearing...
listen before we answer***

(John 7:51 and Proverbs 18:13)

- 1. Treat each other respectfully so as to build trust, believing that we all desire to be faithful to Jesus the Christ;**
 - we will keep our conversations and communications open for candid and forthright exchange,
 - we will not ask questions or make statements in a way that will intimidate or judge others.
 - 2. Learn about various positions on the topic of disagreement.**
 - 3. State what we think we heard and ask for clarification before responding, in an effort to be sure we understand each other.**
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Speak the truth in love

(Ephesians 4:15)

- 4. Share our concerns directly with individuals or groups with whom we have disagreements in a spirit of love and respect in keeping with Jesus' teachings.**
 - 5. Focus on ideas and suggestions instead of questioning people's motives, intelligence or integrity;**
 - we will not engage in name-calling or labeling of others prior to, during or following the discussion.
 - 6. Share our personal experiences about the subject of disagreement so that others may more fully understand our concerns.**
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***Maintain the unity of the
spirit in the bond of peace***

(Ephesians 4:3)

- 7. Indicate where we agree with those of other viewpoints as well as where we disagree.**
- 8. Seek to stay in community with each other though the discussion may be vigorous and full of tension;**
 - we will be ready to forgive and be forgiven.
- 9. Follow these additional guidelines when we meet in decision-making bodies:**
 - urge people of various points of view to speak and promise to listen to these positions seriously
 - seek conclusions informed by our points of agreement;
 - be sensitive to the feelings and concerns of those who do not agree with the majority and respect their rights of conscience;
 - abide by the decision of the majority, and if we disagree with it and wish to change it, work for that change in ways that are consistent with these Guidelines.
- 10. Include our disagreement in our prayers, not praying for the triumph of our viewpoints, but seeking God's grace to listen attentively, to speak clearly and to remain open to the vision God holds for us all.**

Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Pittsburgh

Bethany Presbyterian Church

December 8, 2022 – 1:00 p.m.

Rev. Rebecca DePoe (Moderator), Ruling Elder Louise Schoppe (Sr. Vice Moderator)

Pittsburgh Presbytery is a covenant community

† formed by the triune God;

† called to share together in the ongoing life & ministry of Jesus Christ;

† proclaiming & demonstrating the Gospel publicly in word & deed in the power of the Holy Spirit.

PRESBYTERY MEETING DOCKET

Gathering for the Work of the Presbytery

Opening Prayer and Welcome from the Moderator

Greetings from Our Host

Welcome of New Members and Seating of Corresponding Members

Adoption of the Consent Agenda and Announcement of the Intention to Introduce
New Business

General Minister's Report

Attending to our Corporate and Ecclesiastical Business

Executive Committee Report

Report from the Personnel Committee on Transition Planning (10 mins)

Stated Clerk's Report

Voting on Proposed Constitutional Amendments from the 225th General Assembly

A & B – Amending F-1.0302c and F-1.0404

C, M, & N – Amending G-1.0501, G-3.0104, and G-3.0105

D & R – Amending G-1.0503 and G-3.0401

T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z, AA, and BB – Amending W-3.0205, W-3.0409, W-3.0414,
W-4.0403, W-5.0104, W-5.0201, and W-5.0204

Hearing from Our Staff, Commissions, Committees, and Ministry Teams

Commission on Preparation for Ministry Report

Committee on Nominations Report

Committee on Representation Report

Commission on Ministry Report

New and Old Business

Report from the Roll Clerk and Resolution of Thanks

Worship

Rev. Dr. Asa Lee will preach and Rev. Dr. Sheldon Sorge will lead music.

Celebration of the Ministry of Rev. Dr. Sheldon Sorge in Pittsburgh Presbytery

Going Forth by God's Grace to Serve

Closing Prayer

CONSENT AGENDA December 8, 2022

All consent items are listed below and are the same as the Consent Motion items which appear in the following reports, and which are indicated by an asterisk. At the time the motion to approve the Consent Agenda is made, any commissioner may request the removal of any item from the Consent Agenda for debate by the body. If an item is removed from the Consent Agenda, it will be considered at the regularly docketed time for the report of the group to which it belongs.

Items for Consent Action

Report of the Minute Reading Committee

- Report of the Regular Meeting Minute Reading Committee

Matters from the Executive Committee:

- Item 4 – Waiver of Six-Year Limitation on Terms
- Item 5 – Finance Report – July, August, and September 2022

Matters from the Stated Clerk

- Item 3 – Dissolution of Grand View United Presbyterian Church
- Item 4 – Change of Authority of Grand View United Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission
- Item 5 – Corporate Resolution Regarding Authority to Sign Documents to Receive Bequest
- Item 6 – Ecclesiastical Administrative Commission to Ordain or Install

Matters from the Commission on Preparation for Ministry

- Item 2 – Appointments of Commissions for Ordination – Ashley, Larson

Matters from the Commission on Ministry

- Item 2 – Temporary/Covenant/Interim Pastors
- Item 3 – Letters of Reception
- Item 4 – Letters of Dismissal
- Item 5 – Letters of Dissolution
- Item 6 – Members At-Large
- Item 7 – Validated Ministry
- Item 8 – Commissioned Pastors
- Item 9 – Administrative Commissions to Install
- Item 10 – Honorable Retirement

**REPORT OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES READING COMMITTEE
(Included/approved, in the consent agenda)**

The regular meeting Minutes Reading Committee met on Thursday, September 22, 2022, at Crestfield Camp and Conference Center immediately following the regularly stated Presbytery meeting and read the minutes of said meeting. A quorum was present.

	P	A	E		P	A	E
Ruling Elders				Teaching Elders			
Carla Campbell	X			Rebecca DePoe	X		
Cathy Nelson	X			Trent Hancock	X		
Louise Schoppe	X			Sheldon Sorge	X		
Lenore Williams	X						

The Committee recommends approval of the Minutes of the regularly stated Presbytery Meeting Thursday, September 22, 2022, at Crestfield Camp and Conference Center. **For the Committee:** *The Rev. Dr. Trent Hancock, Chair.*

The next meeting of the Minutes Reading Committee will be held on December 8, 2022 immediately following the next Stated meeting of Presbytery expected to held at Bethany Presbyterian Church. Any commissioner present in person at such meeting is invited to attend.

**Executive Committee Report
December 8, 2022**

Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee

Pittsburgh November 15, 2022, in the Patrick Room at the Presbytery Center. Co-chair Ruling Elder Lenore Williams opened the meeting with prayer.

Items for Information

1. 2023 Presbytery Schedule

The Executive Committee approved the following schedule for meetings of Pittsburgh Presbytery in 2023:

February 16, 2023	Zoom	1:00 p.m.
May 18, 2023	Pittsburgh Theological Seminary	1:00 p.m.
September 28, 2023	Crestfield Camp & Conf. Center	10:00 a.m.
December 7, 2023	Union Pres. Church of Robinson	1:00 p.m.

2. 2021 Audit

The Executive Committee reports that the Finance and Property Committee has received a draft audit report for 2021 stating that in the auditor's opinion:

the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Pittsburgh Presbytery and Pittsburgh Presbyterian Foundation as of December 31, 2021 . . . and the changes in their net assets and their cash flows for the years in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The audit is expected to be finalized soon.

3. Election of Members of the Presbytery Ecclesiastical Committee

The Executive Committee elected Rev. Erin Davenport (Class of 2025A) and Rev. Eric Dennis (Class of 2025B) to the Ecclesiastical Committee.

4. Approval of Pastoral Staff Housing Allowance Allocations for 2023

The Executive Committee approved the housing allowance allocations requested by the pastoral staff for 2023.

5. Permission for Sale of Church Property – Carnegie Presbyterian Church

The Executive Committee approved on behalf of the presbytery pursuant to the Manual of Pittsburgh Presbytery because time was of the essence, the request of Carnegie Presbyterian to sell its building and property to Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church for \$675,000. Proceeds of the sale will be used to rebuild the ministry of the congregation. Time was of the essence because the scheduled closing date was prior to the presbytery meeting.

6. Amendment to Presbytery Personnel Policy

The Executive Committee approved an amendment to the presbytery's Personnel Manual to make Pittsburgh Presbytery's full-time General Minister, Associate Ministers, and Stated Clerk eligible for sabbaticals whether the individuals serving are Ministers of Word and Sacrament or ruling elders.

7. Approval of Plan for Voting on Proposed Amendments to the Book of Order

The Executive Committee approved the following schedule for voting on proposed amendments to the Book of Order from the 225th General Assembly:

At the December 2022 Meeting:

<u>#</u>	<u>Amending</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
22A	F-1.0302c	Expand gender and ability inclusive language
22B	F-1.0404	Expand gender and ability inclusive language
22C	G-1.0501	Permit electronic session meetings & alternate parliamentary authority
22M	G-3.0104	Add statement that councils may allow electronic session meetings
22N	G-3.0105	Permit electronic meetings
22D	G-1.0503	Permit congregational meeting to receive disciplinary order
22R	G-3.0401	Permit synods to enroll members to establish parity and representation
22T	W-3.0205	Permit baptism as a sign of reconciliation following confession
22U	W-3.0409	Add "when appropriate" to invitation to baptism or preparation at the Lord's Supper
22V	W-3.0414	Permit anyone to offer the prayer after communion
22W	W-4.0403	Permit signs & symbols of blessing including laying on of hands at installation and commissioning
22X	W-5.0104	Add language re: importance of household worship
22Y	W-5.0104	Add language re: mealtime prayer to household worship
22Z	W-5.0201	Add language re: "faithful discipleship" and citations to the Foundations
22AA	W-5.0204	Change language re: pastoral care to "particular specialized pastoral care"
22BB	W-5.0204	Change language to healing "in its many forms" as more accurate and pastoral wording

At the February 2023 Meeting:

<u>#</u>	<u>Amending</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
22F	G-2.0505a(1)	Reception of immigrant ministers from other denominations
22H	G-2.0605	Reporting and oversight of sexual misconduct by Inquirers and Candidates
22J	G-2.1001	Permit commissioned pastors to serve in multiple situations
22S	G-4.0301	Change language regarding pastor confidentiality

22I	G-2.0804	Require minimum 12 weeks paid family leave in terms of call
22Q	G-3.0303c	Permit presbyteries to establish terms of dissolution
22CC	D-3.0106	Require continuation of disciplinary process if the accused renounces jurisdiction
22DD	D-10.0302	Change how the accused is referred to in provision requiring notification of charges
22EE	D-10.0303	Require notification of the accused if no charges are filed
22FF	All Current	Change "the accused" to "the person accused"
22GG		Proposed new Church Discipline

At the May 2023 Meeting:

<u>#</u>	<u>Amending</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
22E	G-2.0503	Change from Honorably Retired to Retired
22G	G-2.0603	Require periodic boundary training for Inquirers
22K	G-2.1002	Require periodic boundary training for commissioned pastors
22L	G-2.1103	Require periodic boundary training for Certified Christian Educators
22O	G-3.0106	Require councils to require periodic boundary training
22P	G-3.0106	Require councils to adopt harassment and anti-racism policies

Items for Action

1. Consent Motions

The Executive Committee recommends that the following items be approved by consent: # 4 and 5.

2. Election of Members of Nominating Committee

The Executive Committee approved of the Ecclesiastical Committee's nomination of the following individual for election by Presbytery to the Nominating Committee:

Ruling Elder Sally Huber Lewis	Class of 2025B
Ruling Elder Judith Jerry	Class of 2025B
Ruling Elder Ann Strong	Class of 2025B
Rev. Ben Robbins	Class of 2025A
Rev. Carol Divens-Roth	Class of 2025A

The Ecclesiastical Committee is seeking to fill vacancies for ruling elders from the south and east and suggestions are welcome.

3. Election of Members of the Committee on Representation

The Executive Committee approved of the Ecclesiastical Committee's nomination of the following individual for election by Presbytery to the Committee on Representation:

Dr. Theodore (Theo) Towns	Class of 2025B
Danielle DiVito	Class of 2024B
Becky Senior	Class of 2023B

The Ecclesiastical Committee is seeking to fill vacancies for both a male and a female minister and suggestions are welcome.

***4. Waiver of Six-Year Limitation on Terms**

The Executive Committee approved and recommends that presbytery approve, a waiver of the six-year limitation on terms for members of the following congregations to serve additional terms beginning in 2023:

Baldwin United Presbyterian Church	2 elders
Bethel Presbyterian Church (Bethel Park)	1 elder
Concord Presbyterian Church	1 elder
Glenshaw Presbyterian Church	1 elder
Mt. Nebo United Presbyterian Church	2 elders

***5. Finance Report – July, August, and September 2022**

The Executive Committee recommends Presbytery receive and file for audit the Presbytery Financial Statement for the months of July, August, and September 2022.

Pittsburgh Presbytery
Operating Fund Revenues & Expenses - Summary
July 2022

	Annual Budget	MTD Actual	MTD Budget	MTD Budget Remaining	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Budget Remaining
Revenues							
<u>Presbytery Mission Income</u>							
Presbytery Mission Support	135,000	62,757	11,250	(51,507)	94,477	78,750	(15,727)
Pittsburgh Presby. Foundation	190,000	47,500	47,500	-	142,500	142,500	-
Endowment Withdrawals/Income	332,977	27,791	27,748	(43)	196,367	194,237	(2,130)
Short-term Invest. Income	75,000	278	6,250	5,972	1,064	43,750	42,686
Other Income	63,595	86	5,300	5,214	18,594	37,097	18,503
Total Presbytery Mission Income	796,572	138,411	98,048	(40,364)	453,001	496,334	43,333
<u>Being the Presbytery Income</u>							
Per Capita Income	704,277	31,239	30,000	(1,239)	530,786	554,277	23,491
Endowment Withdrawals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Being the Presbytery Income	704,277	31,239	30,000	(1,239)	530,786	554,277	23,491
Total Budgeted Revenues	1,500,849	169,651	128,048	(41,603)	983,787	1,050,611	66,823
Expenses							
<u>Mission To Our Congregations</u>							
Disciplemaking/Spirit.Growth	9,425	63	785	722	2,072	5,498	3,426
Cong.Enhancement/ACT	65,000	4,000	5,417	1,417	28,698	37,919	9,222
Pastor Ministry Accounts	12,000	98	1,000	902	533	7,000	6,467
Presbytery Resources	1,700	0	142	142	434	992	558
Stewardship & Mission Interp.	1,250	0	104	104	0	729	729
Total Mission To Our Congregations	89,375	4,161	7,448	3,287	31,737	52,138	20,401
<u>Mission Beyond Congregations</u>							
Ecumenical Partnerships	18,100	1,417	1,508	92	9,917	10,558	642
GA & Synod Per Capita Support	262,817	65,122	65,704	582	195,366	197,113	1,747
International Partnership	3,000	0	250	250	0	1,750	1,750
Mission Ministry Team	2,600	0	217	217	0	1,517	1,517
New Worshiping Communities	100,000	5,112	8,333	3,221	72,752	58,333	(14,419)
Crestfield Support	100,000	0	0	0	100,000	100,000	0
Justice Ministries	11,750	0	979	979	361	6,854	6,493
Total Mission Beyond Congregations	498,267	71,651	76,992	5,341	378,396	376,125	(2,271)

**Pittsburgh Presbytery
Operating Fund Revenues & Expenses - Summary
July 2022**

	Annual Budget	MTD Actual	MTD Budget	MTD Budget Remaining	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Budget Remaining
<u>Ecclesiastical Costs</u>							
Administrative Expense	86,491	2,778	7,208	4,429	54,756	50,453	(4,302)
Executive Committee Expenses	5,550	18	462	444	2,956	3,237	281
Ministry - COM & CPM	10,125	382	844	462	6,432	5,906	(526)
Property Expense	69,100	7,058	5,425	(1,633)	51,637	40,475	(11,162)
Stated Clerk Office	3,450	0	288	288	323	2,013	1,690
Total Ecclesiastical Costs	174,716	10,236	14,226	3,990	116,104	102,084	(14,019)
Total Personnel	738,491	60,266	61,541	1,275	419,499	430,787	11,288
Total Budgeted Expenses	1,500,849	146,314	160,207	13,893	945,736	961,134	15,398
Presbytery Operating Budget Net Total	0	23,336	(32,160)	(55,496)	38,051	89,477	51,426

Pittsburgh Presbytery
Operating Fund Revenues & Expenses - Summary
August 2022

	Annual Budget	MTD Actual	MTD Budget	MTD Budget Remaining	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Budget Remaining
Revenues							
<u>Presbytery Mission Income</u>							
Presbytery Mission Support	135,000	316	11,250	10,934	94,793	90,000	(4,793)
Pittsburgh Presby. Foundation	190,000	-	-	-	142,500	142,500	-
Endowment Withdrawals/Income	332,977	27,000	27,748	748	223,367	221,985	(1,382)
Short-term Invest. Income	75,000	55	6,250	6,195	1,119	50,000	48,881
Other Income	63,595	5,181	5,300	118	23,775	42,397	18,621
Total Presbytery Mission Income	796,572	32,552	50,548	17,995	485,553	546,881	61,328
<u>Being the Presbytery Income</u>							
Per Capita Income	704,277	23,849	30,000	6,151	554,635	584,277	29,642
Endowment Withdrawals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Being the Presbytery Income	704,277	23,849	30,000	6,151	554,635	584,277	29,642
Total Budgeted Revenues	1,500,849	56,402	80,548	24,146	1,040,189	1,131,158	90,970
Expenses							
<u>Mission To Our Congregations</u>							
Disciplemaking/Spirit.Growth	9,425	0	785	785	2,072	6,283	4,211
Cong.Enhancement/ACT	65,000	1,500	5,417	3,917	30,198	43,336	13,139
Pastor Ministry Accounts	12,000	1,924	1,000	(924)	2,457	8,000	5,543
Presbytery Resources	1,700	0	142	142	434	1,133	699
Stewardship & Mission Interp.	1,250	0	104	104	0	833	833
Total Mission To Our Congregations	89,375	3,424	7,448	4,024	35,161	59,586	24,425
<u>Mission Beyond Congregations</u>							
Ecumenical Partnerships	18,100	1,417	1,508	92	11,333	12,067	733
GA & Synod Per Capita Support	262,817	0	0	0	195,366	197,113	1,747
International Partnership	3,000	200	250	50	200	2,000	1,800
Mission Ministry Team	2,600	0	217	217	0	1,733	1,733
New Worshiping Communities	100,000	6,134	8,333	2,199	78,887	66,667	(12,220)
Crestfield Support	100,000	0	0	0	100,000	100,000	0
Justice Ministries	11,750	0	979	979	361	7,833	7,472
Total Mission Beyond Congregations	498,267	7,751	11,288	3,536	386,148	387,413	1,265

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August 2022

	Annual Budget	MTD Actual	MTD Budget	MTD Budget Remaining	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Budget Remaining
<u>Ecclesiastical Costs</u>							
Administrative Expense	86,491	5,112	7,208	2,095	59,868	57,661	(2,207)
Executive Committee Expenses	5,550	1,199	462	(736)	4,155	3,700	(455)
Ministry - COM & CPM	10,125	0	844	844	6,432	6,750	318
Property Expense	69,100	5,789	5,425	(364)	57,426	45,900	(11,526)
Stated Clerk Office	3,450	0	288	288	323	2,300	1,977
Total Ecclesiastical Costs	174,716	12,100	14,226	2,127	128,203	116,310	(11,893)
Total Personnel	738,491	61,788	61,541	(247)	481,286	492,327	11,041
Total Budgeted Expenses	1,500,849	85,062	94,503	9,441	1,030,798	1,055,637	24,839
Presbytery Operating Budget Net Total	0	(28,661)	(13,955)	14,705	9,391	75,522	66,131

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	Annual Budget	MTD Actual	MTD Budget	MTD Budget Remaining	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Budget Remaining
Revenues							
<u>Presbytery Mission Income</u>							
Presbytery Mission Support	135,000	19,310	11,250	(8,060)	114,103	101,250	(12,853)
Pittsburgh Presby. Foundation	190,000	-	-	-	142,500	142,500	-
Endowment Withdrawals/Income	332,977	27,000	27,748	748	250,367	249,733	(634)
Short-term Invest. Income	75,000	23	6,250	6,227	1,142	56,250	55,108
Other Income	63,595	2,603	5,300	2,697	26,378	47,696	21,318
Total Presbytery Mission Income	796,572	48,936	50,548	1,612	534,489	597,429	62,940
<u>Being the Presbytery Income</u>							
Per Capita Income	704,277	21,126	30,000	8,874	575,762	614,277	38,515
Endowment Withdrawals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Being the Presbytery Income	704,277	21,126	30,000	8,874	575,762	614,277	38,515
Total Budgeted Revenues	1,500,849	70,062	80,548	10,486	1,110,251	1,211,706	101,455
Expenses							
<u>Mission To Our Congregations</u>							
Disciplemaking/Spirit.Growth	9,425	0	785	785	2,072	7,069	4,997
Cong.Enhancement/ACT	65,000	4,480	5,417	937	34,678	48,753	14,076
Pastor Ministry Accounts	12,000	449	1,000	551	2,906	9,000	6,094
Presbytery Resources	1,700	187	142	(45)	621	1,275	654
Stewardship & Mission Interp.	1,250	0	104	104	0	938	938
Total Mission To Our Congregations	89,375	5,115	7,448	2,333	40,276	67,034	26,758
<u>Mission Beyond Congregations</u>							
Ecumenical Partnerships	18,100	5,667	1,508	(4,158)	17,000	13,575	(3,425)
GA & Synod Per Capita Support	262,817	0	0	0	195,366	197,113	1,747
International Partnership	3,000	0	250	250	200	2,250	2,050
Mission Ministry Team	2,600	0	217	217	0	1,950	1,950
New Worshiping Communities	100,000	5,008	8,333	3,326	83,894	75,000	(8,895)
Crestfield Support	100,000	0	0	0	100,000	100,000	0
Justice Ministries	11,750	0	979	979	361	8,813	8,451
Total Mission Beyond Congregations	498,267	10,674	11,288	613	396,822	398,700	1,878

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	Annual Budget	MTD Actual	MTD Budget	MTD Budget Remaining	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Budget Remaining
<u>Ecclesiastical Costs</u>							
Administrative Expense	86,491	3,713	7,208	3,494	63,581	64,868	1,287
Executive Committee Expenses	5,550	279	462	184	4,434	4,162	(271)
Ministry - COM & CPM	10,125	938	844	(94)	7,370	7,594	224
Property Expense	69,100	5,790	5,425	(365)	63,216	51,325	(11,891)
Stated Clerk Office	3,450	(1,531)	288	1,818	(1,208)	2,588	3,795
Total Ecclesiastical Costs	174,716	9,189	14,226	5,037	137,393	130,537	(6,856)
Total Personnel	738,491	62,649	61,541	(1,108)	543,936	553,868	9,933
Total Budgeted Expenses	1,500,849	87,629	94,503	6,874	1,118,427	1,150,140	31,713
Presbytery Operating Budget Net Total	0	(17,567)	(13,955)	3,611	(8,176)	61,566	69,742

**REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK
December 8, 2022**

Items for Information

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

The Ecclesiastical Committee has announced that all requests for docket time at the February 16, 2023 meeting must be made to the Ecclesiastical Committee via the Stated Clerk's office no later than **noon on Wednesday, January 18, 2023**. 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 remaining deadlines for docket time and waiver requests for 2023 are as follows:

Presbytery Meeting	Deadline
May 18, 2023	April 19, 2023
September 28, 2023	August 30, 2023
December 7, 2023	November 8, 2023

2. New Clerk of Session Training

The Ecclesiastical Committee has scheduled New Clerk of Session Training to be held via Zoom video conferencing on Saturday, February 11, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Registration information will be forthcoming in the new year. New Clerks of Session are urged to attend, and all clerks are invited and welcome to attend.

3. Appointment of Grand View United Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission

Pursuant to Manual of Pittsburgh Presbytery and based on the recommendation of the Grand View Avenue Special Administrative Review Team, the Moderator of Pittsburgh Presbytery appointed the following individuals to constitute the Grand View United Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission and empowered it to take original jurisdiction over the session of the congregation and to determine in consultation with the session whether the congregation should be dissolved. Members of the Administrative Commission are:

Ruling Elder Paul Conley
Rev. Susan Rothenberg
Ruling Elder Stephanie Simmons
Rev. Dr. Graham Standish
Ruling Elder Vera White

The Administrative Commission began its work in June 2022 and has met with members of the congregation. The dissolution of the congregation and an amendment to the powers delegated to the Administrative Commission are included in the action items below.

4. Synod of the Trinity Action on Items of Business from Pittsburgh Presbytery

During its October Assembly, the Synod of the Trinity considered two requests from Pittsburgh Presbytery with positive votes on both. The Assembly endorsed the Driving Pennsylvania Forward campaign that Pittsburgh Presbytery endorsed at its

December 2021 meeting and adopted the document “Citizens’ Right to Vote: A Call to Action,” which was approved by Pittsburgh Presbytery at its May 2022 meeting.

5. Presbytery Review of 2022 Session Minutes

The Ecclesiastical Committee will schedule in person opportunities for the reading of congregational minutes for 2022 during the spring and fall of 2023 once the University of Pittsburgh home football schedule is announced. Minutes reading sessions will take place at the Presbytery Center on Saturday mornings and the option to take part in on-line minutes reading will be offered as well.

6. Presbytery Review of 2021 Session Minutes

The Administrative Review of Session Minutes for calendar year 2021 has been completed. The results of the review are as follows.

The following churches had their minutes and rolls and registers approved with commendation:

Baldwin UPC	Beulah UPC	Bower Hill Community
Clinton UPC	Covenant Community PC	Cross Roads (Gibsonia)
Eastminster PC	Elfinwild PC	First PC (Castle Shannon)
First PC (Pittsburgh)	First UPC (Crafton Hts)	First UPC. Tarentum
Grace Memorial PC	Hamilton PC	Hawthorne Avenue PC
Hebron PC, Clinton	Heritage UPC	Hillcrest UPC
Jefferson UPC	Ken Mawr UPC	Korean UPC of Pgh
Mt. Pisgah PC	Mt. Pleasant UPC	Mt. Vernon Comm. PC
North Hills UPC	Northmont UPC	Oakmont PC
Olivet UPC	Open Door PC	Parkwood UPC
Plum Creek PC	Sampson’s Mills PC	Sewickley PC
Shadyside PC	Sharon Community PC	Southminster PC
Swissvale PC	Unity PC	Unity UPC
Waverly UPC	Wexford Community PC	

The following churches had their minutes and/or rolls and registers approved with exceptions:

Amity PC	Bellevue UPC	Bethel PC, Bethel Park
Bethel UPC, Monroeville	Bethesda UPC, Elizabeth	Bidwell Street UPC
Community PC, Ben Avon	Concord PC	East Liberty PC
East Union PC	First PC (Edgewood)	First PC (Elizabeth)
First UPC (Duquesne)	First UPC (Rennerdale)	Glenshaw PC
Hiland PC	John McMillan PC	Lincoln Place PC
Linway UPC	Logans Ferry PC	Montours PC
Mosaic Community PC	Mt. Hope Community PC	Noblestown UPC
Pleasant Hills Community PC	PC of Coraopolis	Sixth PC
Sunset Hills UPC	Third PC	UPC in Ingram
Westminster PC		

The following churches failed to have their minutes/rolls and registers read or were only partially (P) read this year:

Aspinwall PC	Beechview UPC	Bethany PC
Bethesda UPC, Pittsburgh	Brentwood PC	Buena Vista PC
Bull Creek UPC	Calvert Memorial UPC	Carnegie PC
Central PC, Tarentum	Chartiers Valley UPC	Cheswick PC
Christ Community	Community House PC	Community of Reconciliation
Crafton UPC	Cross Roads, Monroeville	Deer Creek UPC
First PC, Gibsonia	Forest Avenue UPC	Forest Hills PC
Fox Chapel PC	Friendship Community PC	Gladden UPC
Glenshaw Valley PC	Hampton UPC	Hebron UPC, Penn Hills
Hoboken PC	Homestead UPC	Hot Metal Bridge
Indianola UPC	Kerr PC	Liberty PC
McKeesport PC	New Life Community	Oakdale UPC
Pine Creek PC	Pleasant Unity UPC	Riverdale UPC
Riverview UPC	Ross Community PC	Second UPC
South Side PC	Springdale UPC	Union PC, Robinson Twp
Universal UPC	Valley View PC	Vietnamese PC

Items for Action

1. Consent Motions

The Stated Clerk recommends items #s 3, 4, 5, and 6 be approved by consent.

2. Voting on Proposed Constitutional Amendments

Under the plan approved by the Executive Committee, the following proposed amendments to the Book of Order will be voted on at the December meeting. Due to the large number of amendments, the Stated Clerk plans to move for approval in groups in five separate motions. **Any presbytery who wishes to debate a particular proposed amendment may move that it be removed from the group and debated separately.**

Motion One:

<u>#</u>	<u>Amending</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
22A	F-1.0302c	Expand gender and ability inclusive language
22B	F-1.0404	Expand gender and ability inclusive language

Motion Two:

<u>#</u>	<u>Amending</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
22C	G-1.0501	Permit electronic session meetings & alternate parliamentary authority
22M	G-3.0104	Add statement that councils may allow electronic session meetings
22N	G-3.0105	Permit electronic meetings

Motion Three:

#	Amending	Brief Description
22D	G-1.0503	Permit congregational meeting to receive disciplinary order
22R	G-3.0401	Permit synods to enroll members to establish parity and representation

Motion Four:

#	Amending	Brief Description
22T	W-3.0205	Permit baptism as a sign of reconciliation following confession
22U	W-3.0409	Add "when appropriate" to invitation to baptism or preparation at the Lord's Supper
22V	W-3.0414	Permit anyone to offer the prayer after communion
22W	W-4.0403	Permit signs & symbols of blessing including laying on of hands at installation and commissioning

Motion Five:

#	Amending	Brief Description
22X	W-5.0104	Adds language re: importance of household worship
22Y	W-5.0104	Adds language re: mealtime prayer to household worship
22Z	W-5.0201	Adds language re: "faithful discipleship" and citations to the Foundations
22AA	W-5.0204	Changes language re: pastoral care to "particular specialized pastoral care"
22BB	W-5.0204	Change language to healing "in its many forms" as more accurate and pastoral wording

The Office of the General Assembly will not be printing and distributing amendment booklets. The complete text of the proposed amendments including advice received by the committees, is available here:

<https://oga.pcusa.org/section/ga/proposed-amendments-constitution/>

***3. Dissolution of Grand View United Presbyterian Church**

The Grand View United Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission after consulting with the congregation's members and reviewing the state of its finances and the condition of its building has determined that dissolution of the congregation is appropriate. Final worship is scheduled for December 31, 2022. Accordingly, the Stated Clerk recommends that Pittsburgh Presbytery dissolve Grand View United Presbyterian Church effective December 31, 2022.

***4. Change of Authority of Grand View United Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission**

Given the recommendation that the congregation be dissolved, the Stated Clerk recommends that the Grand View Administrative Commission be granted the authority to conclude the legal, corporate, and ecclesiastical affairs of this congregation, including disposition of the property.

***5. Corporate Resolution Regarding Authority to Sign Documents to Receive Bequest**

Pittsburgh Presbytery has been named a remainder beneficiary under a trust created by the Last Will and Testament of Mabel Lindsay Gillespie. In order to accept this remainder interest, the corporate trustee, Bank of New York Mellon Wealth Management, has requested a specific resolution authorizing officers of the corporation to sign on its behalf. Since it is not yet known when the documents will be ready for signature, the Stated Clerk recommends that either the 2022 or 2023 officers be authorized to sign. Accordingly, the Stated Clerk recommends that the corporation of Pittsburgh Presbytery adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that any of following 2022 or 2023 corporate officers of Pittsburgh Presbytery, Inc. be authorized to sign documents so that the corporation may accept its remainder interest in the Trust created under the Last Will and Testament of Mabel Lindsay Gillespie:

2022 Officers: Ruling Elder Lenore Williams, President
Rev. Dr. Trent Hancock, Vice President
Ruling Elder Christopher Martin, Treasurer
Ruling Elder Carla Campbell, Secretary

2023 Officers: Rev. Dr. Trent Hancock, President
Rev. Charissa Howe, Vice President
Ruling Elder Christopher Martin, Treasurer
Ruling Elder Carla Campbell, Secretary

***6. 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 Install Rev. Laura Bentley

BENTLEY The Administrative Commission elected by the Presbytery on September 22, 2022 to install the Rev. Laura Bentley as designated associate pastor of Southminster Presbyterian Church, comprising Moderator, the Rev. Rebecca DePoe, Rev. Don Ewing and Rev. Karen Rohrer, Elder Kristin Dillon, and Elder Bob Brown, met by appointment on November 6, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. at Southminster 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. Laura Bentley according to the direction of Presbytery and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Commission moved to the Sanctuary at 12:30 p.m. and installed the Rev. Laura Bentley as designated associate pastor of Southminster Presbyterian Church.

Moderator DePoe asked the constitutional questions which the candidate answered in the affirmative. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Don Ewing. The Rev. DePoe

offered the prayer of installation. The Charge to the Newly Installed was given by Rev. Brian Wallace and the Charge to the Community was given by Rev. Karen Rohrer.

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. Laura Bentley.

Administrative Commission to Install Rev. Dr. Harry Cooper

COOPER The Administrative Commission elected by the Pittsburgh Presbytery on September 22, 2022, to install Rev. Dr. Harry Cooper as pastor of Friendship Community Presbyterian Church, comprising Moderator, the Rev. Ben Schneider, the Rev. Ralph Lowe, the Rev. Dr. Johnnie Monroe, Elder Carla Campbell, Southminster Presbyterian Church, and Elder Marc Portnoff, Friendship Community Presbyterian Church, met by appointment on Sunday, October 16, 2022, at 1:40 p.m. at Friendship Community Presbyterian Church.

There being a quorum present, the Commission was convened with prayer by the moderator. 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 Rev. Dr. Harry Cooper according to the direction of Presbytery and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Commission moved to the Sanctuary at 1:55 p.m. and installed the Rev. Dr. Harry Cooper as pastor of Friendship Community Presbyterian Church.

Moderator Rev. Ben Schneider asked the constitutional questions which the candidate answered in the affirmative. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Dr. Ron Peters and Rev. Ben Schneider offered the prayer of installation. The Charge to the Newly Installed was given by Rev. Ralph Lowe and the Charge to the Congregation was given by Rev. Dr. Johnnie Monroe.

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. Dr. Harry Cooper.

Administrative Commission to Ordain Jason Dauer

DAUER The Administrative Commission elected by the Pittsburgh Presbytery on September 22, 2022, to ordain Jason Dauer and install him as pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood, comprising Moderator the Rev. Dr. Tyler Domske, the Rev. John Creasy, the Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy, Elder Flo Raisig, and Elder Kate Davoli met by appointment on Sunday, September 25, 2022, at 3:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood.

There being a quorum present, the Commission was convened with prayer by the moderator. 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 Jason Dauer according to the direction of Presbytery and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Commission moved to the Sanctuary at 3:50 p.m. and installed the Rev. Jason Dauer as pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood.

Moderator Rev. Dr. Tyler Domske asked the constitutional questions which the candidate answered in the affirmative. The sermon was delivered by Rev. John Creasy. Moderator Rev. Dr. Tyler Domske offered the prayer of installation. The Charge to the Newly Ordained was given by Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy and the Charge to the Congregation was given by Kate Davoli.

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 and Installation with the pronouncement of the Benediction by the Rev. Jason Dauer.

Administrative Commission to Ordain Christin Moreland

MORELAND The Administrative Commission elected by the Presbytery on September 22, 2022, to ordain Christin Moreland, comprising Moderator, the Rev. Rebecca DePoe, Rev. Dr. John Burgess, and Rev. Dr. Deborah Warren and Elders Suzanne Good and Clifford Huff met by appointment on October 30, 2022, at 3:30 p.m. at Glenshaw Valley 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 Christin Moreland according to the direction of Presbytery and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Commission moved to the Sanctuary at 4:00 p.m. and ordained Christin Moreland.

Moderator DePoe asked the constitutional questions which the candidate answered in the affirmative. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Dr. Deborah Warren. 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. Christin Moreland.

Administrative Commission to Ordain Amy Newell

NEWELL The Administrative Commission elected by the Presbytery on September 22, 2022, to ordain Amy Newell, comprising Moderator, the Rev. Rebecca DePoe, Rev. Page Creach, and Rev. Lee Nichols and Elders Jack Roach and Peggy Bonfiglio met by appointment on September 25, 2022, at 3:30 p.m. at Hoboken 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 Amy Newell according to the direction of Presbytery and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Commission moved to the Sanctuary at 4:00 p.m. and ordained Amy Newell.

Moderator DePoe asked the constitutional questions which the candidate answered in the affirmative. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Page Creach. 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 Installation with the pronouncement of the Benediction by Rev. White.

**Commission on Preparation for Ministry Report to Pittsburgh Presbytery
December 2022**

Regular Meeting of the Commission on Preparation for Ministry

Pittsburgh Presbytery's Commission on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) met in a regular meeting on Monday, November 7, 2022 at 4:00 pm. With a quorum being present, Outgoing Chair, Elder Peggy Bonfiglio opened the meeting with prayer.

Items for Information

1. Sermons Heard

The commission reports sermons were heard from the following Candidates:

Michael Creamer – 10/30/2022

Tor Voller – 10/30/2022

2. Certified Ready to Receive a Call & Circulate PIF

The commission reports the following Candidates were examined and approved to be Certified Ready to receive a call and approved to circulate their Personal Information Forms:

Erin Angeli

Michael Creamer

Items for Action

1. Consent Motion

The Commission on Preparation for Ministry recommends that the following item be approved by consent: **# 2.**

***2. Request to Appoint Commissions for Ordination**

The commission requests the following commissions to ordain the stated Candidates, with full authority to arrange and conduct the service subject to the requirements of the constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The moderator or his/her appointee shall be moderator of the commission and the first named minister after the moderator shall be the clerk:

ASHLEY Brendan Ashley's service of Ordination is scheduled **for 3:00 p.m.** at Cross Roads Presbyterian Church, Monroeville, on Sunday, January 15, 2023, with the following commissioners: The Moderator or her designee, Rev. Brandon Woodworth, Rev. Alina Kanaski, Vera White (Hiland PC), and Jim Weikel (Ken Mawr UPC)

LARSON Jane Larson's service of Ordination is scheduled **for 3:00 p.m.** at Open Door Presbyterian Church on Sunday, February 5, 2023, with the following commissioners: The Moderator or her designee, Rev. Karen Rohrer, Rev. Cheryl Khylllep, Scott Hagley (Open Door PC), Katelynn Fischer (Mosaic)

3. Authorization Request

At the request of Commission on Preparation for Ministry, Pittsburgh Presbytery authorizes its Moderator to appoint an Administrative Commission with full power to act upon appointment to ordain a candidate for ministry when the proposed date of ordination is prior to the next stated meeting of the presbytery. The Commission on Preparation for Ministry shall report the appointment at the next stated meeting of presbytery.

4. Approval of Candidates for Ordination

The commission recommends the following Candidate be approved for ordination (biographical sketch, call statement, and Statement of Faith included in packet materials):

LARSON Jane Larson is a candidate under care of Pittsburgh Presbytery who is certified ready pending call. If the way be clear, Jane will serve in a validated ministry role as program and enrollment coordinator for the Center for Adaptive and Innovative Ministry and the Doctor of Ministry Program at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

5. Approval of Candidates for Ordination, Pending Call

The commission recommends the following Candidates be approved for ordination (biographical sketch, call statement, and Statement of Faith included in packet materials):

Erin Angeli
Michael Creamer

**Commission on Preparation for Ministry
Personal Profile Form for Candidates Ready for Examination**

Name: Jane Larson

Status: Certified Ready, Pittsburgh Presbytery

Biographical Statement

I grew up in Warren, PA alongside the Allegheny National Forest, where my parents fostered a love for being outside in me and my two siblings. Our childhood was filled with camping and canoeing trips, biking and hiking, and countless hours on the tennis court. Coming from a line of faithful United Methodist church goers, First United Methodist Church of Warren, PA became our third home (the outdoors being our second). From a very young age, I was deeply curious and forever trying to make-sense of the Scriptures in light of mine and others experiences of church and faith.



My curiosity got the best of me when I decided to study Religion at Westminster College. Several professors, classmates, and pastors encouraged me to consider seminary. Naive to the world of theological education and having few examples of female pastors in my life, I deferred for a year and worked as the Assistant Summer Camp Director at Ligonier Camp and Conference Center, where I had spent many summers on staff as a college student.

Guiding young adults and campers in navigating their own life of faith through experiential learning solidified my call to seminary and I enrolled at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. It was not long before I encountered Open Door Presbyterian Church, and it was also with great joy I became a member of the Presbyterian Church in June 2015. During seminary, I interned at Upper Room Presbyterian Church, joined the Church Planting Initiative, co-led Sanctuary Faith Community alongside Rev. Laura Bentley, traveled the world with the World Mission Initiative, and fell in love with the East End of Pittsburgh.

I now reside in Highland Park with my husband, Will DeLair, and work at the seminary as the Program and Enrollment Coordinator for the Doctor of Ministry Program and the Center for Adaptive and Innovative Ministry.

Current Sense of Call

My sense of call is rooted in the faithfulness of my family, and a longing to extend these experiences of belonging, healing, and wholeness to a wider community.

Having grown up in the traditional church, I encountered God in high-church liturgy, and I also wrestled with strict containers for God that failed to translate the good news outside its walls. My community outside the church provided space to ask deeper questions, helped me to see beauty in the world, and taught me the importance of hospitality.

When I discovered the Church Planting Emphasis, I began to understand my call in the merging of these two worlds and in developing a more holistic understanding of what it means to be the church of Jesus Christ. While co-leading Sanctuary, and working part-time at PTS, I felt a pull to lean into the world of theological education.

In AIM and the DMin Program, I work in the growing edge of theological education and support students who are forming and gathering the sort of faith community I had desperately needed. Once naive to this world, I now spend my days attentively listening to students reflect on their sense of call and offering encouragement as they navigate theological education. Designing course intensives, I have the opportunity to craft experiential learning opportunities with partners in the local community and to keep a close ear to the ground on what is emerging in innovative church and integrate what we hear into our curriculum.

I have uncovered my vocational call standing in the margins of adaptive ministry, the local community, and theological education. I see this work as essential to reclaiming the roots of the Christian tradition, and creating new pathways for people to meet God and to be welcomed into community and the transforming work of Jesus Christ. It is with this affirmed sense of call I am pursuing ordination to be a minister of word and sacraments in the PCUSA.

- 1 I believe in God, the Creator of all things, seen and unseen.
- 2 I believe in the Triune nature of God, existing as Guardian, Jesus, and Spirit. I believe that God
3 the Guardian sent the Child, Jesus, to earth to liberate humankind from our sins. Jesus came to
4 earth as the divine incarnate, fully human and fully divine, to defeat death, restore our union with
5 God, and to heal our relationship with all of creation.
- 6 I believe humankind was created in God's image and created very good. As finite beings, we
7 stray from our original purpose of bearing the image of God. We struggle to accept God's love
8 for us and we let our sin, our perceived separation from God, act as a barrier not only in our
9 union with God, but in our ability to care for ourselves, others, and creation. Instead of affirming
10 the dignity of others and our own need for God, we seek to save ourselves, even though we are
11 incapable.
- 12 We reject God and we are undeserving of God's grace. Nevertheless, God came to live among us
13 in the embodied person of Jesus. Even when we reject God to the point of crucifying Jesus on the
14 cross, God defeated death through the resurrection of Jesus to proclaim that nothing, not even
15 death, would separate us from God's love. In thanksgiving for the healing work of Jesus and
16 God's abundant mercy, we continue to confess our individual and communal sins and seek to
17 follow in the way of Jesus.
- 18 I believe we are invited by God to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism and Communion, as
19 visible signs and seals of God's grace and promise of restoration. The act of Baptism serves as a
20 sign and seal of one's covenantal enfolding in the body of Christ. Although an act of God and
21 not necessary for salvation, Baptism provides a way for one to mark their identity in the broader
22 body of Christ and to recognize the commitment of the church to nurture and encourage one
23 another in the faith. The water serves as a symbol of the cleansing, dying, rising, and sustaining
24 of our failing bodies as they are met with the living water offered by Jesus.
- 25 In the same way that Jesus shared a meal with his disciples on the night he was arrested, we are
26 invited to partake in the sacrament of Communion: a continual sign and seal of God's grace
27 through the abundant hospitality of Jesus. In the breaking of the bread and pouring out of the
28 cup, we remember the new covenant we enter through Christ's death, resurrection, and
29 ascension. Open to all, the table is a source of nourishment and reminds us of the abundance of
30 God that joins individuals in community and unites us with Christ.
- 31 I believe in the Scriptures, the Old and New Testament, to be inspired by God and written by
32 human hands. This inspired collection of writings serves as a foundation of our faith and
33 witnesses to the persistent presence of God in the world and reveals Jesus Christ, the Word of
34 God. Through the power of the Holy Spirit we interpret and dwell in the Scriptures as a way of
35 discerning the ongoing presence and revelation of God in the world. The Scriptures equip the
36 church to proclaim the good news of God's love and mercy.
- 37 I believe the Church is the gathered Body of Christ. Molded by the Word of God and guided by
38 the Confessions, the church is called to bear witness to God's love for the world through our love
39 for one another. Reformed and always reforming, the church is also called to continually
40 examine how we confess and practice our faith.

41 As siblings in Christ, we seek to create space to meet God in one another's embodied
42 experiences and to encourage one another to rest in God. We lament the pain and brokenness in
43 the world and point one another to the hope of the kingdom of God, which will be fully realized
44 in the revelation of the new heaven and new earth.

45 I believe the Triune nature of God reveals both the loving and sending nature of God. As the
46 Guardian and Jesus sent the Spirit, Jesus sent the apostles to participate in God's mission. We
47 come to know God through the sending of Jesus, and we grow in our understanding of God
48 through witnessing the Spirit in our lives and among our communities. Rooted and motivated by
49 love, God calls us to live as apostles: participating, witnessing, and discerning the mission of
50 God in the world.

51 We are invited by God to participate in the transforming and restorative work of Jesus through
52 the sustaining power of the Spirit. We live in the hope God is making all things new and the hope
53 that death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more.¹ It is in this hope we
54 bear witness to the hospitality, mercy, and love of Christ.

¹ Revelation 21:4.

**Commission on Preparation for Ministry
Personal Profile Form for Candidates Ready for Examination**

Name: Erin Angeli

Status: Certified Ready Pending Call, Pittsburgh Presbytery

Biographical Statement

I grew up in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, a seldom acknowledged region nestled between Lake Superior and Wisconsin. Marquette, my home town, is a beautiful place surrounded by water and wilderness. Through the Holy Spirit and my own curiosity I came into the Presbyterian church as a young teenager and promptly fell in love with communal life. I stayed in the church until early college, when I attended Northern Michigan University in Marquette studying history.



After I graduated I wandered around a bit vocationally, working in the outdoor adventure industry taking students on wilderness hikes; for a while this worked well for me as I have often found my faith is rooted in Creation. I continued that work until I was called back by the Spirit's leading to seminary.

When I visited Pittsburgh Theological Seminary it felt like home! Though seminary turned out to be a difficult journey for me, I was well-supported by the seminary's community and staff. When I went to school I didn't know I had ADHD as well as some underlying learning disabilities, and a post traumatic stress disorder diagnosis also complicated my ability to perform well. But, I was still able to graduate in 2018! Directly after graduation I was approached about working with the then just a germ of an idea church plant, Commonwealth of Oakland, which I have been called to accompany ever since. My wife Sarah and I now reside in the borough of Sharpsburg together, where we are making a home out of gardens, animals, and carpentry projects. We have been truly blessed.

Current Sense of Call

I didn't go through seminary thinking that I would end up a church planter. I had my own ideas about completely different areas of this field that I wanted to pursue. However as I was preparing to graduate from PTS a dear friend, Karen Rohrer, asked me to meet with her in her office to talk. As we chatted she asked me why I hadn't considered church planting more. It turns out she had a project in mind that she thought would be perfect for me. I was hesitant, but the more I heard about the project that would eventually become Commonwealth the more my interest grew. It seemed to encompass the things that were most important to me: connective, meaningful community trying to follow the Spirit into whatever mission She holds, while honoring people's LGBTQ+ identities. At the time I recalled my missiology class, where we performed exercises in

community discernment and how happy I had been in that unpredictable and creative work. The Spirit was leading me from what I thought I should be doing to what I was actually made to do.

As Commonwealth has evolved into the beautiful community it is today I've fallen in love with the adventure of that evolution. My job is exciting, thought-provoking, tender and sometimes heart-rending and I like it that way. The Spirit has revealed gifts to me I didn't know I had. I didn't know I would be so passionate about working with our neighbors in Oakland or that I would be counseling quite this many Queer people struggling with their relationship to the Church. All the while I've been dreaming of when I would be able to bless the people that God has given me to care for. It's not lost on me what it will mean for my congregants to receive communion from a gay woman, especially since some of them have been denied communion or community because they themselves are gay.

1 I believe in the Triune God as Creator, Christ as Liberator and Holy Spirit as the wild, tender
2 presence of God at work in the world. This triune God spoke us and all of creation into being. All
3 three are one and yet distinct in their expression in the world.

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5 Jesus Christ is God in a human body, which He inhabited in order to truly know us, part of His
6 beloved creation, and join us back to God. Throughout Christ's life Christ set the healing of the
7 world in motion through His teachings and love. The Holy Spirit is God dwelling among us,
8 carrying forth Jesus' work after His ascension, giving us provision and inspiration for the road
9 ahead. Through discernment of the movements and beckonings of the Holy Spirit we try to find
10 ways to help bring God's kin-dom into the world.

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12 Jesus Christ is God who was born a person to a human family, thus in His very being rejoining
13 God to God's people on our behalf which is our salvation. In the person of Jesus Christ we
14 experience perfect union with God once again. This union mends the chasm wrought between
15 God and God's people in the violence of the Fall. Through His life and resurrection Jesus
16 conquered the bodily and spiritual death our ancestors experienced, ensuring for us and all
17 people a place at God's side for all time marked by intimacy, grace, and love.

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19 We, God's children and the recipients of this love, are part of God's beloved creation, made in
20 God's own image and for the purpose of being in a loving relationship with God and caring for
21 God's world. For this reason you and I, along with every human being created, are precious to
22 God not in spite of, but because of the attributes that God has gifted to us.

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24 Sin is the perversion of love. Thus, love is never truly absent from the world but often is
25 misdirected. Our God is Love itself and the source of all love, and so we can take comfort that
26 even in the most sinful of places and situations God is still present, endeavoring to break
27 through to us. The perversion or misdirection of love manifests in human love of self, love of
28 objects or love of ideas rather than a love of God. Individual and systemic sin cause distance
29 between God and ourselves as well as between ourselves and our neighbors and creation.
30 Though we have been given a Savior and Perfecter of our faith in the life of Jesus Christ,
31 humans still struggle to live a life marked by love rather than sin. This is a difficult task. We are
32 not punished for our lack of fortitude, but are met with grace and compassion from a loving God.
33 Ultimately we are not made whole by the things that we do but by who God is for us.

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35 Scripture is inspired by God and recorded by humanity in a particular time and context. It
36 continues to tell the story of God's love and who God is, and who we are as God's people. This
37 shapes what we believe. Our scripture is humanity's Spirit-guided attempt to say something true
38 about who God is. It is our responsibility as believers to consistently examine the scriptures in
39 order to hear the Holy Spirit's guidance for us. Though some people and institutions have
40 interpreted portions of scripture to exile some of God's beloved children, the life of Jesus Christ
41 and the enormity of God's love for us leaves no one outside the gates.

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43 The sacraments are baptism and communion. These are physical signs and symbols of the
44 unseen truth that we are held and provided for by God throughout our lives. Through our
45 baptism we are claimed by God as part of the church and engrafted into the host of saints who
46 came before us in the faith. Together with these saints we are set apart to do the work of Christ
47 with guidance from the Holy Spirit. Our baptism is a sign of the promise of God's grace over our
48 lives, regardless of the paths we may take. Communion similarly binds us to a community that
49 expands throughout time. In the act of breaking the bread and pouring the cup together our
50 earthly bodies are provided for and Christ is remembered. All are preparation for the
51 Resurrection.

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53 The church is the multitude of people, past and present, who follow in the way of Jesus as
54 disciples of His work and expressions of Him in the world. The church now and the church to
55 come all pursue a mission to midwife the Kin-dom of God. The eschaton is the return of Christ
56 which unites us fully with the One who knows and loves us completely. In this time I pray that
57 the world will be made whole again, feeding every soul and setting every prisoner free. In this
58 time God's love will heal us of the injuries we have done to ourselves, others, and creation, and
59 bring us into full communion with God.

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61 *Word Count: 844*

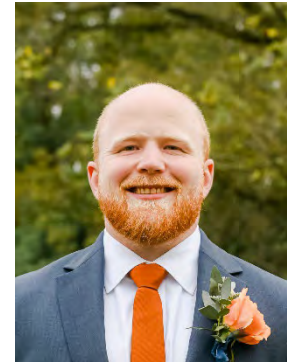
**Commission on Preparation for Ministry
Personal Profile Form for Candidates Ready for Examination**

Name: Mike Creamer

Status: Certified Ready Pending Call, Pittsburgh Presbytery

Biographical Statement

I grew up in a large family with four siblings in northern Delaware. Over the years we attended a few churches that were typically Baptist, and ended up enrolled in a Christian School connected to the church we attended for middle school and high school. While there I got very involved with my youth group, which is when I first discerned my call to go into ministry. I was also involved in a Chrysalis community where I got to explore different approaches to the faith in a more ecumenical setting. I decided to attend Eastern University where I double majored in Youth Ministry and Theology, finding a deep love for church history and the various great thinkers and leaders of our faith through the ages. I was fortunate to have four internships with youth ministries while in college, giving me some clear and practical experience with what pursuing a life in ministry could look like.



As graduation approached, I was fortunate to be contacted by my current church amidst their search for a youth director. When I arrived to interview, I felt I was in a kind of denominational limbo as I had learned of so many traditions throughout college. But beginning my work here helped bring clarity to the path God was revealing to me along the way. For the last six years I have had the joy and privilege of leading the youth ministry at SPC, and in that time I completed the MDiv program at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, worked with various ministries around the Pittsburgh area, and further explored and developed my sense of call. As time has gone on, I have discovered that God's call continues to expand and take me to new places, which has brought me before all of you today.

Current Sense of Call

Ministry has been something I have felt called to since the end of high school, and over the last ten years I have been fortunate enough to be mentored by many people in all kinds of ministries and traditions as I have tried to discern my call. For six years I have worked in my church, and I have been moved by the people I have encountered, humbled by their stories of faith, and challenged to see and know God in new ways. I have been able to mentor young people in the faith the way that I have been by so many in my faith journey, but along the way I have been drawn to so many other people too. The idea of limiting my call to teenagers alone now seems incompatible with my understanding of what it means to be the Church, and I believe I am being called to help

churches pursue a more intergenerational, communal identity rather than one defined merely by age.

For me, pursuing ordination is driven by a desire to help the church see the importance of raising disciples of all ages and cultivating spaces where we all learn from one another. Youth ministry is sometimes viewed as a waiting game defined by entertainment, keeping kids occupied until they are older since they are “the church of tomorrow.” I believe they are a part of the church now and should be disciplined as such. Conversely, I see many adult ministries turn into mere intellectualism, disconnected from the world beyond the walls of the church. My hope in pursuing ordained ministry is to help bridge these realities so that we might live into our collective call as believers more faithfully. I believe ordination is where God is calling me to join in building this.

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1 I believe in the God of Christian Scripture, YHWH—the Creator and Sustainer of our
2 lives. God is triune, an internal community of three distinct Persons but sharing the
3 same being. God's Trinitarian nature shows humankind a glimpse of God's intention
4 for us to exist in community rather than isolation. I believe that the Godhead
5 includes three Persons: Father, Son, and Spirit.

6 I believe God the Father Almighty to be the Creator of all we know to be and the
7 Sustainer of all things.

8 I believe that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God, the Word from before
9 Creation, fully human and fully God, through whom all things were made, and the
10 One Who came to Earth in human flesh. I believe Jesus is the Way, Truth, and Life,
11 and spent His time on Earth showing humanity how to live as we were meant to. In
12 doing so Jesus was persecuted, killed on a cross, and three days later he rose from
13 the dead.

14 I believe that the death and resurrection of Christ, in some mysterious way, has
15 redeemed and freed us from the grip of sin and death, ushering in the kingdom of
16 God in a powerful way, creating a period of "already but not yet" which shows us
17 glimpses of what the kingdom of God is like. After 40 days I believe Jesus ascended
18 into heaven and is now sitting on the right hand of the Father. In that seat I believe
19 Jesus advocates for us, prays for us, and leads us in God's kingdom work.

20 I believe the Holy Spirit is our Advocate and Comforter, showing us the movement of
21 God's presence among us. The Holy Spirit actively shapes our hearts and wills to
22 become like Christ's and guides us in that pursuit.

23 I believe that humankind was created as God's image-bearers and that our ultimate
24 purpose is to be in the loving presence of God, living out His will wherever we find
25 ourselves and drawing others into this identity. As image-bearers, we are called to
26 help one another live together into the life and mission of the Church by pursuing
27 peace and justice, seeing that we are striving to embody love, peace, humility, and
28 joy in all we do.

29 In pursuing that calling, I believe that sin has hindered humanity from knowing and
30 communing with God and one another the way we were intended to. I believe that
31 sin is the distortion of the Good—missing the mark of what it means to be image-
32 bearers—and that we need the redemptive work of Christ to cover our sin and save

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33 us from its tireless attack on our identity as God's people. In Christ we have been
34 gathered together, made new, and empowered to live as God intended.

35 I believe that the Church is collectively the Body of Christ, made up of many
36 members of all ages, races, genders, ethnicities, giftings, and callings. It is in our
37 communal existence that we reflect the image of God. The Church is called to spread
38 the good news of the Gospel to all people, caring for those most vulnerable and
39 advocating for those without a voice.

40 As image-bearers, I believe that our calling is to join God in the work of the Spirit and
41 look with hope for God's kingdom to come to complete fruition, helping us to see
42 clearly and fully rather than "through a mirror dimly." To that end, I believe God will
43 make all things right, wiping away all evil, pain, and injustice from creation.

44 I believe that the Bible is the Word of God, inspired by God and come to fruition by
45 the faithful efforts of humankind. Scripture, like Jesus, is both fully human and fully
46 Divine. Knowing Scripture has a human element, we must strive to understand the
47 culture and context in which God communicated these sacred texts and humbly
48 discern how the Spirit is leading us to understand those words in the present.

49 I believe that Sacraments are the acts that seal God's promises in us, and I affirm the
50 two Sacraments celebrated by all Christian traditions: Communion and Baptism.

51 I believe that Communion is the mysterious event in which we celebrate the Passion
52 of Christ, remembering the events of the Last Supper and celebrating the redemptive
53 work accomplished in Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension. In some mysterious
54 and paradoxical way, Christ is present with us in the act of celebrating the Lord's
55 Table with the elements of bread and wine, and communes with us in that great
56 feast.

57 I believe that Baptism is the act by which we participate in Christ's death, burial, and
58 resurrection. In doing so, we celebrate our forgiveness of sin and our faith in our
59 baptism. This action is both a public profession of our faith and a statement that our
60 identity is in Christ. In Baptism we are reminded that it is God Who chooses us
61 before we ever began to pursue or consider God, and as such we celebrate baptism
62 as early as infancy to indicate that loving and choosing.

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Committee on Nominations

Report to Presbytery
December 8, 2022

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The Standing Committee on Nominations is **nominating Reb. Sarah Robbins, Glenshaw Presbyterian Church for Senior Vice-Moderator in 2023.**

The Standing Committee on Nominations is announcing the following nominations for election at the December meeting. Nominations from the floor shall be in order for all of the Standing Committees of Presbytery at the September meeting provided the nominator has affirmed the nominee's willingness to serve if elected.

Standing Committees/Commissions:

Executive Committee

The Rev. Cathie Smith, Bethel Park (2025B) – South
The Rev. Tom Hall, First, Pittsburgh (2025B) – South
The Rev. James Ramsey, East Union (2025A) – North
Elder Alan Perry, Riverview (2025A) – North
Elder Peter Pross, Mosaic Community – North
Elder Alex Matthews, Grace Memorial – East
Elder Nancy Bunce, Sewickley (2025B) – West
Elder John Van Cleve, Westminster (2025B) – West

Commission on Ministry

The Rev. Dr. Vincent Kolb (2025A) – East
The Rev. Sarah Robbins, Glenshaw (2025A) – North
The Rev. Stephen Hodges, Pleasant Valley (2025A) – North
The Rev. Susan Rothenberg, Validated (2025A) – West
The Rev. Colleen Molinaro, Carnegie (2025B) – West
Elder Holly Wray, Waverly (2025A) – East
Elder Sharon Taylor, Shadyside (2025A) – East
Elder Anita Perry, Riverview (2025B) – North
Elder Ken Yoest, Northmont (2025A) – North
Elder Karl Casey, Hot Metal (2025A) – South
Elder Bucky Savatt, Ken Mawr (2025A) – West
Elder Mary Jo Buffo, Ben Avon (2025B) – West

Commission on Preparation for Ministry

The Rev. Dr. Harry Cooper, Friendship (2025A) – East
The Rev. Lindsay White, Cross Roads, Monroeville (2025A) – East
The Rev. Matt Fricker (2025A) – South
The Rev. Dr. Ted Martin (2025B) – North
The Rev. Jo Ramsey, East Union (2025A) – North
Elder Lin Ewing, Oakmont (2025A) - East
Elder Jim Weikel, Ken Mawr (2025B) – West
Elder Amanda Wade, Clinton (2025B) – West
Elder Molly Childs, Fox Chapel (2025A) – North

Foundation

The Rev. Dr. Daniel Merry, HR (2025A) – South
The Rev. Eric Dennis, Linway (2025B) – East
Elder Lenore Williams, East Liberty (2025B) – East
Elder Christine Farrell (2025B) – North

Response Team

The Rev. Caitlin Werth (2025B) – East
Elder Cathy Fullmer, Hot Metal (2025A) - South

Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC)

The Rev. Dr. Bruce Ford (2028) – West
The Rev. Deborah Warren (2028) – East
Elder Karen Timko (2028) - South

Synod Commissioner

The Rev. Susan Rothenberg, Validated (2025A) – West

New Worshipping Communities Commission (NWCC)

The Rev. Dr. Graham Standish (2025A) – West
Elder Stephanie Simmons, Grace Memorial (2025A) – East

Administrative Commission for Transformation (ACT)

Elder Louise Schoppe, Ken Mawr (2025B) – West
The Rev. Laura Bentley, Southminster (2025B) - South
The Rev. Walt Pietschmann, Olivet/Bethesda Eliz (2025B) – South

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The Committee on Nominations is grateful to all who have submitted names of interested ministers and elders to serve on the committees and commissions of Presbytery. Any member of Presbytery who has an interest in being considered for nomination to any Standing Committee or Council, or who knows of any other person who has such an interest, is strongly encouraged to relay the names and contact information for suggested nominees to the Committee on Nominations in care of cnelson@pghpresbytery.org. Information concerning the functions of the committees of Presbytery may be found in The Manual of Pittsburgh Presbytery available under Stated Clerk Resources on the Presbytery website, www.pghpresbytery.org.

**REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON MINISTRY
TO PRESBYTERY**

November 29, 2022 Meeting

The committee met on November 29, 2022 at the presbytery center. A quorum was present.

Part I - Items for Information

- 1. Positions Available** For the information of members of the Presbytery, the Commission lists the following positions within the Presbytery that are thought to be available.

Pastor	(PT) Bull Creek United Presbyterian Church, Tarentum
Pastor	(FT) Unity United Presbyterian Church, Plum
Pastor	(FT) Sewickley Presbyterian Church, Sewickley
Pastor	(PT) Southside Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh
Associate Pastor	(FT) Shadyside Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh
Interim Pastor	(FT) East Liberty Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh
Covenant Pastor	(PT) Heritage United Presbyterian Church, Franklin Park
Covenant Pastor	(FT) Shared-Mt. Hope PC & UPC Universal, Pittsburgh
Designated Pastor	(FT-share) Crafton United Presbyterian Church, Crafton
Temporary Pastor	(PT) Covenant Community Presbyterian Church, Greentree

2. Completion of Temporary/Interim/Covenant Contracts

The completion of the contract between **Rev. Kellie Weekly Mills** and Covenant Community Presbyterian Church effective October 31, 2022.

3. Parish Associate

The **Rev. Elizabeth Michael Ross** is serving as Parish Associate at Shadyside Presbyterian Church effective September 26, 2022.

Items for Action

1. Consent Motions

The Commission recommends that the following recommendations be adopted by consent: **#’s 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10**

***2. Temporary/Covenant/Interim Pastors**

The request of the Swissvale Presbyterian Church for the services of **Rev. Deb Warren** as Covenant Pastor effective November 1, 2022 for one year. (Swissvale and Second UP have signed a shared pastor agreement as Rev. Warren will continue to serve as installed pastor at Second UP. Rev. Warren will serve half time at each church and they will split her compensation equally).

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The request of the McKeesport Presbyterian Church for the renewal of the services of **Rev. Michael Stanton** as Covenant Pastor effective October 1, 2022 for one year.

The request of the Southminster Presbyterian Church for the renewal of the services of **Rev. Dr. Don Ewing** as Interim Pastor effective January 6, 2023 for one year.

***3 Letters of Reception**

The Rev. Jason Freyer from Washington Presbytery effective November 1, 2022.

***4. Letters of Dismissal**

The request of the **Rev. Dennis Molnar** to be dismissed to Beaver-Butler Presbytery, effective September 27, 2022.

***5. Letters of Dissolution**

The request of the **Rev. Dr. Donna Giver-Johnson** to be dissolve the call at Community Presbyterian Church of Ben Avon effective January 9, 2023.

***6. Members At-Large**

The request of the **Rev. Kellie Weekly Mills** to be enrolled as a member at large of Pittsburgh Presbytery effective October 31, 2022.

The request of the **Rev. Dr. Donna Giver-Johnson** to be enrolled as a member at large of Pittsburgh Presbytery effective January 9, 2023.

***7. Validated Ministry**

Jane Larson's position as Program and Enrollment Coordinator for the Doctor of Ministry program and the Center for Adaptive and Innovative Ministry (AIM) at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary will be considered a validated ministry.

***8. Commissioned Pastors**

The request of Valley Presbyterian Church for the renewal of the services of **Elder Nancy Stanny** as Commissioned Pastor for one-year effective January 1, 2023 and authorized to perform the following functions at Valley Presbyterian Church:

- Administer the Lord's Supper.
- Administer the Sacrament of Baptism.
- Moderate the session.
- Have a voice in meetings of the Presbytery
- Have a vote in meetings of the Presbytery (such vote to be counted as an elder commissioner for purposes of parity).

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- Perform a service of Christian marriage when invited by the session and permitted by state law.
- Perform a service of Christian burial when invited by the session.

The request of Hawthorne Avenue Presbyterian Church for the renewal of the services of **Elder Paul Nigra** as Commissioned Pastor for one-year effective January 1, 2023 and authorized to perform the following functions at Hawthorne Avenue Presbyterian Church:

- Administer the Lord's Supper.
- Administer the Sacrament of Baptism.
- Moderate the session.
- Have a voice in meetings of the Presbytery
- Have a vote in meetings of the Presbytery (such vote to be counted as an elder commissioner for purposes of parity).
- Perform a service of Christian marriage when invited by the session and permitted by state law.
- Perform a service of Christian burial when invited by the session.

***9. Administrative Commissions to Install**

The election of the following ministers and elders of Pittsburgh Presbytery to serve as an Administrative Commission to install the **Rev. Jason Freyer** as Pastor of Beulah Presbyterian Church on February 5, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. **The first named minister after the moderator to be clerk of the commission.** Moderator Elder Louise Schoppe or her designee to moderate. Ministers Ryan Pixton and Laura Bentley Nusser. Elders Phyllis Rinsma of Beulah United Presbyterian Church and Luke Walker of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

***10. Honorable Retirement**

The request of the **Rev. Dr. Craig Barnes** for honorable retirement effective January 1, 2023.

The request of the **Rev. Dr. Sheldon Sorge** for honorable retirement effective January 1, 2023.

Those Who Have Entered the Church Triumphant	
The Rev. Dr. Richard Szeremany	October 14, 2022
The Rev. Sarah Heppenstall	October 15, 2022
The Rev. Dr. Robert Downs	November 1, 2022
The Rev. Dr. James Donnell	November 28, 2022

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