

**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 Member 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.