

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK
September 28, 2023

Items for Information

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

The Ecclesiastical Committee has announced that all requests for docket time at the December 7, 2023 presbytery meeting must be made to the Ecclesiastical Committee via the Stated Clerk's office no later than **noon on Wednesday, November 1, 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.**

2. Acceptance of Reference of Disciplinary Actions Filed in Sessions

The Permanent Judicial Commission received requests from two different sessions that Pittsburgh Presbytery take disciplinary actions on reference and accepted both of them pursuant to D-7.0404a.

3. Appointment of Investigative Committee in Disciplinary Matter DM2023-01

The Permanent Judicial Commission having agreed to accept Disciplinary Matter DM2023-01 on reference from a session, pursuant to the Manual of Pittsburgh Presbytery, the Moderator appointed the following individuals to constitute the Investigating Committee in this matter:

Rev. Emily Cooper
Rev. Derek Davenport
Rev. Dr. Kyle Erikson
Ruling Elder Nancy Stanny
Ruling Elder James Weikel

The Investigating Committee has scheduled its first meeting in early October.

4. Status of Grand View United Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission

Because of the poor condition of the building and the fact that persons experiencing homelessness have been inhabiting the porches, the presbytery staff is pursuing having the premises fenced for safety. This project is in the permitting stage and will require drawings with an engineer's or architect's stamp. Work of the genealogist to find the heirs of the reverter interest continues.

Items for Action

1. Consent Motions

The Stated Clerk recommends items #2 and 3 be approved by consent.

***2. Corporate Resolution Regarding Authority to Sign Documents to Receive Death Benefit**

Pittsburgh Presbytery has been named a beneficiary of a life insurance policy for a policy on Mary Scott, deceased. In order to accept this beneficiary payment, the insurance company, Jackson National Life Insurance Company, has requested a specific resolution

authorizing officers of the corporation to sign on its behalf. Accordingly, the Stated Clerk recommends that the corporation of Pittsburgh Presbytery adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that any of following corporate officers of Pittsburgh Presbytery, Inc. be authorized to sign documents so that the corporation may accept a beneficiary payment from a policy on the life of Mary Scott, deceased:

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

***3. Ecclesiastical Administrative Commissions to Ordain**

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 Rebecca Abbott

ABBOTT The Administrative Commission appointed by the Moderator of Pittsburgh Presbytery, at the request of the Commission on Preparation for Ministry of Pittsburgh Presbytery, on August 16, 2023, to ordain Rebecca Abbott, comprised of Moderator Rev. Sarah Robbins, Rev. Dr. Karen Claassen, Rev. Steve Werth, Ruling Elder Nicholas Genger-Boeldt, and Ruling Elder Pam Frost met by appointment on August 20, 2023, at 2:30 p.m. at Unity Presbyterian Church.

There being a quorum present, the Commission was convened with prayer. 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 Rebecca Abbott 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 Rebecca Abbott.

Rev. Sarah Robbins asked the constitutional questions which the candidate answered in the affirmative. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Dr. Karen Claassen. Rev. Sarah Robbins offered the prayer of installation. Rev. Christin Moreland offered the charge to the pastor.

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 Rev. Rebecca Abbott.

Administrative Commission to Ordain Glenn Michael Creamer

CREAMER The Administrative Commission appointed by the Moderator of Pittsburgh Presbytery, at the request of the Commission on Preparation for Ministry of Pittsburgh Presbytery, on August 16, 2023, to ordain Glenn Michael Creamer, comprised of the moderator, Ruling Louise Schoppe, Ruling Elder Linda Ewing, Rev. Brian Wallace, Rev. Ralph Lowe, Ruling Elder Jenna Stevenson, Rev. Jason Freyer, and Rev. Emily Miller met by appointment on August 27, 2023 at 1:30 pm at the Sewickley Presbyterian Church.

There being a quorum present, the Commission was convened with prayer by Louise Schoppe. 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 Glenn Michael Creamer according to the direction of Presbytery and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Commission moved to the sanctuary at 2:00 p.m. and ordained Glenn Michael Creamer.

Moderator Louise Schoppe asked the constitutional questions which the candidate answered in the affirmative. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Derek Davenport. Elder Linda Ewing offered the prayer of ordination. Rev. Emily Miller offered the charge to the congregation. Rev. Jason Freyer offered the charge to the pastor.

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 newly ordained Rev. Glenn Michael Creamer.

Administrative Commission to Ordain Ruling Elder Lam Nguyen

NGUYEN The Administrative Commission appointed by the Moderator of Pittsburgh Presbytery on May 26, 2023, at the request of the Commission on Preparation for Ministry of Pittsburgh Presbytery, to ordain Ruling Elder Lam Nguyen as a Minister of Word and Sacrament, comprising the Moderator's designee, the Vice Moderator for the East, Ruling Elder Andrew Wilson, Rev. Don Dawson, Rev. Sharon Stewart, and Ruling Elders George Tichi, Deacon Dressing, and Don Barnes met by appointment at 10:30 a.m. on July 9, 2023, in the Fellowship Hall at Pleasant Hills Presbyterian Church.

There being a quorum present, the Commission was convened with prayer by the vice moderator. 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 Lam Nguyen according to the direction of the Presbytery and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The Commission moved to the Sanctuary at Pleasant Hills Presbyterian Church and ordained Rev. Lam Nguyen.

The Vice Moderator asked the constitutional questions which the candidate answered in the affirmative. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Dr. Minh Dang from the Akron Vietnamese Church. Rev. Sharon Stewart offered the prayer of installation. The Charge to the Newly Installed was given by Rev. Don Dawson, and the charge to the congregation was given by Ruling Elder George Tichi.

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. Lam Nguyen.