

**845th STATED MEETING OF NEW CASTLE PRESBYTERY**  
**Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay, Cambridge, Maryland**



**MINUTES**

*March 2, 2019*

**WORSHIP**

Presbyters began the day with praise and thanksgiving, including a sermon by Dr. Thomas Long, celebration of the Eucharist, and the reading/remembering of elders and Ministers of Word and Sacrament who died in 2018 (Necrology: **Attachment #3**).

**OPENING BUSINESS**

The meeting was called to order with prayer at 10:30 am by the Moderator, Rev. Dianne Deming, who declared a quorum. Vice-Moderator Charles Collier introduced first time commissioners. (Official Notice of Meeting: **Attachment #1**; Roll: **Attachment #2**. The docket was **APPROVED**. The Connectional Presbyter/Stated Clerk, Rev. Jessica MacMillan, moved to approve the minutes from the 844th Meeting of New Castle Presbytery, **APPROVED**.

**MASSANETTA SPRINGS**

Rev. Clayton Rascoe brought greetings from Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center, “a place for all people to experience the presence of God”. Programs are offered for Middle School and High School students, as well as adults and special retreats for clergy.

[www.massanettasprings.org](http://www.massanettasprings.org)

**IGNITE REPORT**

The Ignite Team presented a report coordinated by co-chairs Emma Horn and Nona Holy. The focus for this year will be building the capacity of our presbytery and congregations to join and carry out Christ’s mission in the world.

- Rev. Susan Rothenberg (Pittsburgh Presbytery) spoke about the **Unglued Church Project**, sponsored by Ignite as part of the mandate to resource our churches to become more missional. Beginning in May of this year a cohort of eight churches with eight adaptive change leaders will undertake a year-long project. The \$29,000 cost for this program, in addition to travel and adaptive change leader costs, will be covered by Ignite.
- Steven Bingham and Edwin Estevez present the **2019 Application Process** for Ignite. Ignite has decided on a different model. At each presbytery meeting, the goal is to resource churches to make the process more clear. One simple change will be- no deadlines. By the end of March, the revised application will be posted on the website. Plans are to announce the grants that Ignite funds throughout the year and to continue to bring grants in excess of \$20,000 to the presbytery.
- Rev. Duke Dixon introduced the **presbytery book launch** on *Canoeing the Mountains* by Todd Bolsinger. Copies are available at a reduced rate of \$10 per book and plans for discussions will be forthcoming.
- Checks from Ignite funds were presented to the **Synod of the Mid-Atlantic** (\$30,000) and the **Presbyterian Mission Agency** (\$80,000). Sy Hughes extended thanks on behalf of the PMA Board, staff and employees and noted:

- 25% of congregations within this presbytery support all four special offerings.
- 120% of congregations within this presbytery, including two congregations who have left the PCUSA, still support PCUSA mission. These funds contribute to supporting 50 of our 110 mission co-workers in 60 different countries.

### **BOARD OF PENSIONS**

Martha Reisner, regional representative to the Board of Pensions, brought greetings and reminders of upcoming programs. This year's Board of Pensions "*Benefits Consultation*" event is May 14 in Gaithersburg, Maryland and has a focus for helping church employers align benefits and values. It is also possible for Ms. Reisner to come to the presbytery and do a shortened version of the program, and online options are available for those who cannot travel easily. View additional information at: [www.pensions.org/benefitsconnections](http://www.pensions.org/benefitsconnections).

### **COMMITTEE ON MINISTERS & CONGREGATIONS**

Brad Martin and Marlene Quinn presented the report.

- The first item was to recognize Minister of Word and Sacrament **Sara Holben** as Honorably Retired, Chestertown congregation, effective November 30, 2018 (congregational meeting held June 10, 2018, COMC approved June 14, 2018). Members of Chestertown spoke words of appreciation.
- Welcome was extended to Minister of Word and Sacrament **James Kay** as Honorably Retired Member (COMC approved February 7, 2019) transferring from the Presbytery of New York City. The Rev. Dr. Kay presented a statement of faith and faith journey statement.
- Nancy Day spoke on behalf of the Pastor Nominating Committee from Lower Brandywine, a process which has taken two years. COMC approved at the February 7, 2019 meeting the call of Ministers of the Word **Emma Horn** and **David Lovelace** as Co-Pastors of **Lower Brandywine Church**, including terms of call, effective March 4, 2019. COMC approved the request to dissolve the pastoral relationship between Associate Pastor Emma Horn and First Presbyterian Church of Newark, effective February 28, 2019. Elder Charles Collier attested to the congregational meeting held at First Newark on February 17, 2019. COMC approved the request to dissolve the pastoral relationship between Pastor David Lovelace and Lower Brandywine effective March 4, 2019 as transition to the new Co-Pastor relationship, and a congregational meeting was held at Lower Brandywine on February 24, 2019. Statements of Faith and Faith Journey statements were presented by both pastors.

COMC reported the following items for information:

- On February 7, 2019 COMC approved Minister of Word and Sacrament Glenn Zuber, Interim Pastor, Buckingham Church, including terms of remuneration. Transfer from National Capital Presbytery. Effective February 19, 2019, one year contract.
- On February 7, 2019 COMC approved Minister of Word and Sacrament Samuel Monte, Pastor, Makemie Memorial, including terms of call. Congregational Meeting held February 10, 2019. Transferring from Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery. Effective March 4, 2019. Mr. Monte will be welcomed at the May meeting of presbytery.
- On February 7, 2019 COMC approved Minister of Word and Sacrament Gary Willingham-McClain, Pastor, Elkton Church, including terms of call. Congregational Meeting held February 17, 2019. Transferring from Pittsburgh Presbytery. Mr. Willingham-McClain will be welcomed at the May meeting of presbytery.

COMC Updates:

- COMC approved a three-month contract extension between Interim Consultant Minister of Word and Sacrament Alison Halsey and the Chestertown Session, April 7, 2019 – July 6, 2019.
- Inquirer Lisa Chase and Honorably Retired Members Susan Bennett and James Kay have been added to the Pulpit Supply List.

**WORLD VISION**

Javy Diaz introduced the opportunity for churches and individuals to walk or run in World Vision's Global 6K for Water on May 4, 2019. The cost to register is \$50 per person for individuals over twenty five years of age.

**COMMITTEE ON LEADERSHIP**

Gary Patterson reported on the changes in presbytery structure in the last five years. Today is a marker in our time of transition. He extended special thanks to Office Administrator Donna Scully.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Tracy Keenan at 12:00 pm.

*Respectfully Submitted, Jessica MacMillan  
(Connectional Presbyter / Stated Clerk)*



**Next Stated Presbytery Meeting:**

**846<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting – Tuesday, May 21, 2019 @ 4 pm  
First Presbyterian Church, 118 W. Commerce Street, Smyrna DE**

**ATTACHMENTS**

- #1 Official Notice of Meeting
- #2 Roll
- #3 Necrology



*This is your official notice of  
Stated Meeting of the New Castle Presbytery*

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 2, 2019

**WHERE:** Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay,  
100 Heron Boulevard, Cambridge, MD



*Worship begins at 9:15 a.m.  
Choptank Conference Room  
including:*

- *The Lord's Supper*
- *Offering for Presbyterian Mission Agency's "One Great Hour of Sharing"*
- *2018 Necrology of Elder Members*



**Moment for Mission**

*World Vision hosts*

World's largest 6K for water on May 4<sup>th</sup>

OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS ARE ONLINE:

<https://www.ncpresbytery.org/docket/>

**The business meeting commences  
at 10:30 a.m.**

- Approval of 844<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting Minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- IGNITE Report
  - 2019 Grant Application Process
  - Unglued Church Project
  - Book Study launch
  - Presentation of funds to Synod and PC(USA)
- Committee Reports
  - COMC recognizes Honorably Retired member Rev. Sara Holben, welcomes new members James Kay (*Honorably Retired*) and Glenn Zuber (*Interim, Buckingham PC*), and announces approved Co-Pastors at Lower Brandywine PC
  - COL represents report
- Board of Pensions Update with Church Consultant, Martha Reisner

**MINISTER/CRE/ELDER SERVING CHURCHES:**

<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>MINISTER(s)</b>	<b>ELDER(s)</b>
Beaver Dam	Vacant	
Buckingham	A-Glenn Zuber	Paul D. Cook
Calvary	A-Holly Clark-Porter	
Chesapeake City, <i>First</i>	Vacant	
Chestertown	P-John Ames P-Caitlan Gartland	Robert Jackson
Christiana	Vacant	Paula Sims
Church of the Covenant	P-Ginny Jones (CRE)	
Church on Main	Vacant	
Community	A-Fred Hanna	
Concord	P-Elizabeth Lyman	Marjorie Johnson; Judy F. Hayes
Coolspring	Vacant	David Wall
Delaware City, <i>First</i>	P-Grace Howard	
Dover, <i>Presbyterian Church of</i>	P-Kim Jackson	
Easton	P-Duke Dixon	Kim Cassady
Elkton	P-John Paderson	
Elsmere	P-Matt Waters (Lay)	
Faith Chapel	P-Pam Ruarke (CRE)	
First & Central	P-Doug Gerdts	
Frankford	P-Peter Maurer	
Georgetown	P-Mike Williams	Linda Williams
Green Hill	E-Tom Speers	
Hanover	A-Tim Arnold (CRE) E-Andy Jacob	Alice Davis
Head of Christiana	P-Hilary Livingston	
Limestone	A-Nancy Conklin	
Lower Brandywine	P-Dave Lovelace	Nancy Day
Makemie Memorial	A-David Jones A-Pat Schang E-Kerry Shull	
Manokin	P-Lee Johnson (CRE) P-David Parke	
Milford, <i>First</i>	P-Dianne Deming	Judy Adams
Newark, <i>First</i>	P-Steve Brundage	Dave Berkebile
New Castle	P-Jenny Warren	
New Covenant	P-Jeff Howard	
Ocean City, <i>First</i>	P-Dan McKenty	
Ocean View	P-Terrence Dougherty	Mike Quinn
Olivet	E-Mawuna Gardesey (CRE)	
Perryville	P-Anne Gunn (CRE)	
Pitts Creek	Vacant	
Port Deposit	Vacant	
Port Penn, <i>First</i>	A-Tim Arnold (CRE)	
Red Clay Creek	P-Randy Clayton	
Rehoboth (MD)	P-Kirk Dausman	
Rehoboth Midway	Vacant	
Riverfront (NWC)	P-Edwin Estevez	
Rock	A-Tom Euston	
St. Andrews	Vacant	Winnie Wagner
Seaford	P-Laurie Hiller	M. Melinda Thompson





# NEW CASTLE PRESBYTERY

## 2018 NECROLOGY

as observed at the 845<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting,  
March 2, 2019  
at  
Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay  
Cambridge, Maryland



*\*Grant us grace to follow them in so far as they followed Christ.  
Bring us, with them, to those things which no eye has seen,  
nor ear heard, which you have prepared for those who love you.  
To your name, with the church on earth and church in heaven,  
we ascribe all honor and glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.*

*\*From the Book of Common Worship*



## **2018 RULING ELDER NECROLOGY**

*As observed at the 845<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of Presbytery, March 2, 2019*

*\*We give you thanks, O God, for all who have fought the good fight, finished their race,  
and kept the faith, and for those dear to us who are at rest with you.*

<b><u>CHURCH</u></b>	<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>DATE OF DEATH</u></b>
<b>BUCKINGHAM</b>	Elder David Rouch	<i>September 24, 2018</i>
<b>CHESAPEAKE CITY</b>	Elder Nelson Stubbs	<i>July 14, 2018</i>
<b>CHESTERTOWN</b>	Elder Thalia Stalls	<i>August 12, 2018</i>
<b>CONCORD</b>	Elder Frank Moore Dougherty Elizabeth A. Millar Willard W. White	<i>May 3, 2018</i> <i>June 19, 2018</i> <i>June 12, 2018</i>
<b>COOLSPRING</b>	Elder Carol M. Short	<i>September 20, 2018</i>
<b>DOVER</b>		
<b>EASTON</b>	Elder Lee Denny Elder Edward Hubbard Stewart Elder Charles Boyd Madary Elder Charles Hager	<i>January 16, 2018</i> <i>February 21, 2018</i> <i>June 30, 2018</i> <i>December 30, 2018</i>
<b>ELKTON</b>	Elder Frances D. Collins Elder Sidney Campbell	<i>May 11, 2018</i> <i>August 9, 2018</i>
<b>FIRST &amp; CENTRAL</b>	Elder Nancy S. Mahoney	<i>May 28, 2018</i>
<b>GEORGETOWN</b>	Elder Stephen Kasperski	<i>July 4, 2018</i>
<b>LIMESTONE</b>	Elder Richard L. Herman Elder Barbara Hatch Elder William J. Stout Elder John A. Mills Elder Tom Mathew	<i>February 13, 2018</i> <i>March 11, 2018</i> <i>April 18, 2018</i> <i>April 20, 2018</i> <i>October 11, 2018</i>
<b>LOWER BRANDYWINE</b>	Elder Dale Brendle Elder Margaret (Peg) Ely Bartels	<i>January 7, 2018</i> <i>July 9, 2018</i>
<b>MILFORD</b>	Elder Barbara Taylor Carnright	<i>July 16, 2018</i>
<b>NEW CASTLE</b>	Elder Robert A. Appleby Elder Joanne M. Hopkins	<i>January 27, 2018</i> <i>August 24, 2018</i>
<b>NEWARK</b>	Elder Majorie Truitt Elder Neil Keihm Elder Luther Herman	<i>February 22, 2018</i> <i>July 15, 2018</i> <i>October 11, 2018</i>
<b>PORT PENN</b>	Elder Doris Betty Blansfield	<i>October 20, 2018</i>
<b>REHOBOTH OF MIDWAY</b>	Elder Edna Best	<i>January 30, 2018</i>
<b>SMYRNA</b>	Elder David Copelton	<i>July 7, 2018</i>
<b>TRINITY</b>	Elder Arthur W. Joyce, Jr. Elder Thomas H. Hudgins Elder V. Eugene McCoy	<i>January 30, 2018</i> <i>April 5, 2018</i> <i>July 16, 2018</i>

<b>WESTMINSTER - Rehoboth</b>	Elder Philip Walter Coombe	<i>January 12, 2018</i>
<b>WESTMINSTER - Wilmington</b>	Elder Jim Bercaw Elder Frank Pickering Elder Fred Carspecken Elder Emmet Jacobs	<i>March 9, 2018 June 11, 2018 October 14, 2018 December 21, 2018</i>
<b>WICOMICO</b>	Elder John Franklin Eiker	<i>February 25, 2018</i>

**2018**  
**MINISTER OF WORD & SACRAMENT NECROLOGY**

The Rev. Matthew Trask, Sr. – February 25, 2018  
The Rev. Gary Baer – August 31, 2018  
The Rev. Jon Chapman – October 12, 2018  
The Rev. Kevin Bowers – November 1, 2018  
The Rev. Herbert Hoeflinger – November 10, 2018

