

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

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.

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.

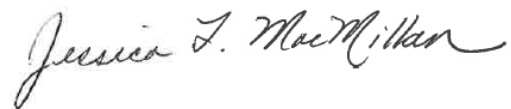
COMMITTEE ON LEADERSHIP

Gary Patterson reported on the changes in presbytery structure in the last five years. The Committee unanimously endorsed a recommendation to the presbytery at the next stated meeting to make the Committee on Preparation for Missional Ministry a stand-alone committee. They will also be proposing additional Manual revisions in May. Elder Patterson noted that today, with the election of the Missional Presbytery, 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:

***846th 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 4th

OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS ARE ONLINE:

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

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

- Approval of 844th 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:

CHURCH	MINISTER(s)	ELDER(s)
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
Smyrna, <i>First</i>	A-John Riley	

Trinity	P-Brad Martin P-Barbara Price-Martin	
West Nottingham	A-Beth Thomas	
Westminster Rehoboth	P-Doug Griffin	Judy Carton
Westminster Wilmington	A-Greg Jones A-Sudie Niesen Thompson	Mark Mosher
Wicomico	P-Maggie Gillespie	Larry McCauley; C. Marie Carter

****CHART LEGEND:** P=Present; A=Absent; E=Excused

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS SERVING PRESBYTERY:

P-Mark Douyard
P-Rourke Moore

P-David Norton
A-Richard Watters

HONORABLY RETIRED:

E-Francis Ackerman	P-Charles Gilmore	E-Cliff Richards
E-Alex Ayers	E-Richard Hays	E-Eric Ruoss
E-Earl Brooks	E-Jim Herrington	E-Everett Sahrbeck
E-Scott Burkley	P-Sara Holben	E-Julius Schiedel
E-Brian Childs	E-Jim Horn	E-Bob Snable
P-Tom Davis	E-David Kaminsky	E-Bob Stoddard
E-John Dean	P-James Kay	E-Jane Stover
P-Frank Deming	E-Richard Loring	E-Arthur Thompson
E-Beth Doty	P-Laurie Loveless	E-Edward Torsch
E-Stuart Dunlap	E-Barbara Macfie	E-Will Shackleford
E-Lyle Dykstra	E-Carl Mazza	E-Robert Undercuffler
P-J. Gerald Egger	P-John Potter	E-Francis Wolf
E-Edee Fenimore	P-Neta Pringle	E-Cameron Yorkston
E-Nancy Ferguson	E-Bob Prior	E-Al Yuninger

OTHER MINISTERS ON THE ROLL:

P-Donna Bowers	P-Tracy Keenan	A-Randy Otto
A-Elisa Diller	A-Debra Latture	E-Koo Suh Pak
P-Marge Egger	A-Anne Ledbetter	A-Kathie Pownall
P-Nona Holy	E-Kai Moore LeFranc	P-Tim Rodden
P-Emma Horn	P-Kimberly Bracken Long	A-Emily Schwenker
A-Catherine Jackson	P-Jessica MacMillan	A-Kate Simons
		E-Tim Woodruff

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS: N/A

ELDER COMMISSIONERS BY VIRTUE OF PRESBYTERY OFFICE:

Steve Bingham, IGNITE	Gary Patterson, COL Chair
Charles Collier, NCP Vice Moderator	Marlene Quinn, COMC Co-Chair
Julius Jackson, IGNITE	

GUESTS:

Barb Bayers, Dover
Terri Gloyd, Chestertown
Betty Lewis Kasperski, Georgetown
Martha Reisner, Board of Pensions
Bob Schminkey, Chestertown
Donna Scully, NCP Staff
Ruth Vietri-Green, Chestertown

ATTENDANCE TOTAL:

83 (Ministers/CRES: 52; Ruling Elders: 24; Guests: 7)



NEW CASTLE PRESBYTERY

2018 NECROLOGY

as observed at the 845th 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 845th 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.*

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>
BUCKINGHAM	Elder David Rouch	<i>September 24, 2018</i>
CHESAPEAKE CITY	Elder Nelson Stubbs	<i>July 14, 2018</i>
CHESTERTOWN	Elder Thalia Stalls	<i>August 12, 2018</i>
CONCORD	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>
COOLSPRING	Elder Carol M. Short	<i>September 20, 2018</i>
DOVER		
EASTON	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>
ELKTON	Elder Frances D. Collins Elder Sidney Campbell	<i>May 11, 2018</i> <i>August 9, 2018</i>
FIRST & CENTRAL	Elder Nancy S. Mahoney	<i>May 28, 2018</i>
GEORGETOWN	Elder Stephen Kasperski	<i>July 4, 2018</i>
LIMESTONE	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>
LOWER BRANDYWINE	Elder Dale Brendle Elder Margaret (Peg) Ely Bartels	<i>January 7, 2018</i> <i>July 9, 2018</i>
MILFORD	Elder Barbara Taylor Carnright	<i>July 16, 2018</i>
NEW CASTLE	Elder Robert A. Appleby Elder Joanne M. Hopkins	<i>January 27, 2018</i> <i>August 24, 2018</i>
NEWARK	Elder Majorie Truitt Elder Neil Keihm Elder Luther Herman	<i>February 22, 2018</i> <i>July 15, 2018</i> <i>October 11, 2018</i>
PORT PENN	Elder Doris Betty Blansfield	<i>October 20, 2018</i>
REHOBOTH OF MIDWAY	Elder Edna Best	<i>January 30, 2018</i>
SMYRNA	Elder David Copelton	<i>July 7, 2018</i>
TRINITY	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>

WESTMINSTER - Rehoboth	Elder Philip Walter Coombe	<i>January 12, 2018</i>
WESTMINSTER - Wilmington	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>
WICOMICO	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

