



SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF NEW CASTLE PRESBYTERY

Tuesday July 14, 2020

Meeting Via Zoom

Moderator Charles Collier opened the Special Called Meeting of New Castle Presbytery with prayer at 2 PM. After welcoming people, he asked the Stated Clerk to explain the meeting format.

Missional Presbyter Rev. Tracy Keenan introduced the meeting Focus on Racism and discussed the schedule.

New Castle Presbytery Commissioners to the 224th General Assembly Emma Horn (Minister of Word and Sacrament/Lower Brandywine) and Rourke Moore (Ruling Elder/Community) shared reflections on the recent General Assembly, an assembly where the issue of structural racism was front and center. They highlighted the General Assembly discussion around the GA action, **“RESPONDING TO THE SIN OF RACISM AND A CALL TO ACTION”** (available on the New Castle Presbytery web site).

Sue Linderman (Ruling Elder/Westminster Wilmington), then shared a 30 minute presentation **“Racism in America: Exploring our History.”** That presentation is available on the New Castle Presbytery website.

Reflecting on our history people from our presbytery shared their stories to help us relearn our history and better understand our own story. Those sharing included:

Julius Jackson (Ruling Elder/Community)

Charles Knox (Ruling Elder/Dover)

John Hanson (First & Central)

Anne Ledbetter (Minister/Heron Point and Church on Main)

Paula Massie (Ruling Elder/Community)

Questions for their reflection included:

1. What do you wish more people understood about the issue of racism?
2. What's uncomfortable for you in these conversations?
3. Where do you see your own growing edge? What might you do to encourage that growth?

Tracy Keenan shared closing reflections and noted the presbytery's "Montgomery Group" has a continuing commitment to the issues of racism and white supremacy and will be meeting soon to consider next steps in our work together.

Adjournment came at 4 PM as Vice Moderator Neta Pringle led us in a Litany of Sending (below) and Closing Prayer.

Litany of Sending:

We are who we are in this moment,

loved by God, humbled by grace, called into courage.

And we have the vision of who we are called to be,

loved by God, humbled by grace, called into courage.

We are not strangers to sin, but even in sin we are

loved by God, humbled by grace, called into courage.

As followers of Jesus, confession is a necessary part of the rhythm of our lives, that we are

loved by God, humbled by grace, called into courage.

We have often shrunk back from speaking the truth,
been too energetic in justifying our comfort,
and preferred to blame others for our lack of compassion.

And yet, we are

loved by God, humbled by grace, called into courage.

May we be moved by the stories of our siblings.

May we be chastened by awareness of our own biases.

May we be inspired by the Holy Spirit to fresh courage as we seek to understand,
and work to make our homeland a place of liberty and equal justice for all.

Let us go from this place knowing that we are

loved by God, humbled by grace, called into courage.

In the name of Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit we pray.

Amen.

**This meeting was recorded and is available for viewing on the New Castle Presbytery web page
(<https://youtu.be/DXKx3nZ40T4>).**

NEXT STATED PRESBYTERY MEETING:

Tuesday September 22, 2020 @ 4:00 PM

The 852nd meeting will either be held:

Live on Zoom

THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL NOTICE OF A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OF
NEW CASTLE PRESBYTERY



DISMANTLING RACISM:
A NEW CASTLE PRESBYTERY CONVERSATION WITH FRIENDS
Our History and Context
A Call to the Church
Next Steps Along the Road

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2020 from 2 -4 PM

We sing, “Blest be the ties that bind,” but the ties that bind us together as Presbyterians are sometimes weak. We don’t know each other’s stories.

We share a belief in Jesus Christ, but we don’t know about the everyday life of people of a different race or background, and we don’t know our church’s history on issues of race.

We proudly call ourselves Presbyterian, but we don’t always know the role of our church in calling out racism and being actively anti-racist.

We have to work to strengthen those ties that bind us together and to take the next steps in dismantling racism.

This meeting is set aside to listen and to share. We will hear from friends in our Presbytery who have experienced racism and friends who strive to be anti-racist. And, we will have a chance to listen and share our own experiences in small groups. No formal Presbytery actions will be taken at this meeting.

This meeting will be held using the ZOOM Webinar format and preregistration is required.

To register, please go to this link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TIQyU68URja36U0HV6n_ew

MINISTER/CRE/ELDER SERVING CHURCHES:

CHURCH	MINISTER(s)	ELDER(s)
Beaver Dam	Vacant	
Buckingham	A-Glenn Zuber	
Calvary	P-Tom Speers	
Chesapeake City, <i>First</i>	Vacant	
Chestertown	A-Joel Tolbert A-Caitlan Gartland	
Christiana	Vacant	Paula M. Sims
Church of the Covenant	P-Kate Morgan A-Ginny Jones (CRE)	
Church on Main	P-Anne Ledbetter	
Community	P-Fred Hanna	Julius Jackson, Paula Massie
Concord	A-Steve Clark	Carol Haas, Alan Jewett
Coolspring	Vacant	David Wall
Delaware City, <i>First</i>	Vacant	
Dover, <i>Presbyterian Church of</i>	P-Duke Dixon	Reid Beveridge
Easton	Vacant	
Elkton	P-Gary Willingham-McLain	Richard Baldwin
Elsmere	A-Matt Waters (Lay)	
Faith Chapel	A-Pam Ruarke (CRE)	
First & Central	Vacant	
Frankford	P-Peter Maurer	
Georgetown	P-J. Gerald Egger	
Green Hill	Vacant	
Hanover	A-Tim Arnold (CRE) A-Andrew Jacob	
Head of Christiana	P-Hilary Livingston	Deborah Reeves
Limestone	A-Tim Bostick	
Lower Brandywine	A-Dave Lovelace P-Emma Horn	
Makemie Memorial	A-Samuel Monte	John Curtis
Manokin	Vacant	
Milford, <i>First</i>	E-Dianne Deming	Judy Adams
Newark, <i>First</i>	P-Steve Brundage	Ann Roybal, Nancy Lewis
New Castle	P-Miriam Foltz	Beverly Stoudt, Connie Reese
New Covenant	A-Carol Fisher	
Ocean City, <i>First</i>	A-Dan McKenty	
Ocean View	P-Terrence Dougherty	Bob Wolf
Olivet	P-Mawuna Gardesey (CRE)	Vivian Gyening
Perryville	P-Anne Gunn (CRE)	
Pitts Creek	Vacant	
Port Deposit	P-Rich Watters (CRE)	
Port Penn, <i>First</i>	A-Tim Arnold (CRE)	
Red Clay Creek	P-Randy Clayton P-Eric Koenig-Reinke	Dave Aument, Patricia Christel, Kim Eppheimer
Rehoboth (MD)	A-Kirk Dausman	
Rehoboth Midway	Vacant	
Riverfront (NWC)	A-Edwin Estevez	
Rock	P-Tom Euston	
St. Andrews	A-Victoria Bethel	Winnie Wagner
Seaford	P-Laurie Hiller	Melinda Thompson
Smyrna, <i>First</i>	E-John Riley	
Trinity	P-Brad Martin A-Barbara Price-Martin	Jean Bostwick, Penny Lindell

CHURCH	MINISTER(s)	ELDER(s)
West Nottingham	P-Kristin Reinhold	Susan P. Orndorf
Westminster Rehoboth	P-Doug Griffin	Ed Pillsbury
Westminster Wilmington	A-Gregory Knox Jones E-Sudie Niesen Thompson	Susan Williamson, Janet Steinwedel, Carrie Saathoff
Wicomico	P-Maggie Gillespie	Martha Swain

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

HONORABLY RETIRED:

E-Francis Ackerman	E-Jim Herrington	P-Bob Prior
E-John Ames	P-Sara Holben	E-Clifford Richards
E-Alex Ayers	E-Jim Horn	E-Eric Ruoss
P-Susan Bennett	E-David W. Jones	E-Everett Sahrbeck
E-Earl Brooks	E-David Kaminsky	E-Will Shackelford
E-Scott Burkley	P-James Kay	E-Kate Simons
E-Brian Childs	E-Debra Latture	E-Kerry Shull
E-Tom Davis	E-Richard Loring	E-Bob Snable
E-John Dean	E-Laurie Loveless	P-Bob Stoddard
E-Frank Deming	P-Barbara Macfie	E-Jane Stover
E-Beth Doty	E-Carl Mazza	E-Edward Torsch
E-Stuart Dunlap	E-James Mehler	E-Robert Undercuffler
P-Lyle Dykstra	E-John Paderson	E-Michael Williams
E-Edee Fenimore	E-David Parke	E-Francis Wolf
E-Nancy Ferguson	P-John Potter	E-Cameron Yorkston
E-Charles Gilmore	P-Neta Pringle	
E-Richard Hays		

OTHER MINISTERS ON THE ROLL:

E-Donna Bowers		
A-Elisa Diller	P-Catherine Jackson	A-Kathie Pownall
A-Marge Egger	P-Tracy Keenan	E-Tim Rodden
E-Nona Holy	P-Kai Daniel Moore	A-Emily Schwenker
A-Doug Gerds	P-Kimberly Bracken Long	P-Beth Thomas
A-Jeongju Grace Howard	A-Randy Otto	P-Jenny Warren
P-Jeffrey Howard	E-Koo Suh Pak	E-Tim Woodruff

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS: Warren LeSane, Synod of the Mid-Atlantic

ELDER COMMISSIONERS BY VIRTUE OF PRESBYTERY OFFICE:

Charles Collier, NCP Moderator	Gary Patterson, COL Chair
Terry Dykstra, Mission Advocate	Bob Schminkey, NCP Co-Interim Connectional Presbyter
Lynette Kenton, NCP Treasurer	
Rourke Moore, NCP CRE	
David Norton, NCP CRE	

GUESTS:

Maggie Alexander, Hanover	Liz Hobler, Ocean View	Mark Olson, First & Central
Beverly Bailey, Ocean View	Sy Hughes, Presbyterian Mission Agency	LaJuan Quander, National Cap Presby.
Barbara Best, Coolspring	Julius Jackson, Community	Marlene Quinn, Ocean View
Steven Bingham, West Nottingham	Marjorie Johnson, Concord	Alice Ridgill, Charlotte Presbytery
Nancy Boyer, Westminster Wilm.	Tim Jooste, Limestone	Donna Scully, NCP Administrator
Vicky Cairns, Presby. Foundation	Ken Jones, Calvary	Dale Smith, Ocean View
Olanda Carr, Presby. Foundation	Charles Knox, Dover	Sara Snowden, First & Central
Beverly Cook, Westminster Reh.	Meriam Krout, Red Clay Creek	Raymond Snyder, New Castle
Deborah DeLia	Sharon Lawrence, Georgetown	Rosemary Weiland, Wicomico
Peggy Gibson, Christiana	Warren LeSane, Syn of Mid-Atlantic	Bill Witham, Dover
George Hall, Community	Sue Linderman, Westminster Wilm.	Susan Williamson
John Hanson, First & Central	Alan Loman, West Nottingham	Linda Wolfe, Georgetown
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Greg Hills, First Newark	Jan Moody, National Cap. Presby.	
	Katherine Olinchak	

ATTENDANCE TOTAL: 116
Ministers/CRES: 37; Ruling Elders: 37;
Guests/Corresponding: 42