



The Presbytery of Huntingdon

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Presbytery friends:

This is your call to a special presbytery meeting on Tuesday July 9, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., via ZOOM videoconference only. The meeting was called at the request of the presbytery at its meeting of June 18, 2024. The purpose of the meeting is to consider any matters that may properly be brought before the meeting by Committee on Ministry. The primary matters of COM include examination of the Rev. Hilary E. Livingston, a teaching elder of New Castle Presbytery, and consideration of the call of the Altoona Providence Presbyterian Church to Rev. Livingston; and to act upon the request of the Rev. Janie McElwee-Smith and the Hollidaysburg Presbyterian Church for dissolution of their call in order that Rev. McElwee-Smith may accept the call of the Grace Presbyterian Church of El Paso Texas. Terms of call and statement of faith for the Rev. Hilary E. Livingston are attached.

TECHNOLOGY & PARTICIPATION:

- a. To participate, you must register using link <https://forms.gle/bCtrwrTEKbbpBZuz8>
Link is also available in Connections, or contact me at (814) 867-7878, or Susan Ferguson at 814-682-7289 Ext. 0.
- b. To log on to Zoom – Zoom will be on at 10:30 AM on July 9th
Zoom Meeting ID 934 797 9643
Passcode 9643
or cut and paste this in your browser
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9347979643?pwd=bXFxelhTeEJwK0M2UjdISmQ4Ny9HOT09&omn=89628463311>
- c. During the meeting, please keep yourself muted when you don't have the floor and keep your camera on. Keeping your camera on allows tech people to count votes of participants and to determine a quorum. If we can't see you, we will count you as absent.

We hope to see many of you at the meeting to engage in this important task.

Yours in Christ,

Virginia F. Rainey, stated clerk

**DOCKET: SPECIAL PRESBYTERY MEETING, JULY 9, 11:00 A.M.
ZOOM ONLY**

Opening with prayer (Janet Kephart)

Declaration of a quorum (Ginny Rainey)

Committee on Ministry Report (Nancy Bostian)

ZOOM INFORMATION
Meeting ID: 934 797 9643
Passcode: 9643

The Committee on Ministry recommends:

- a. That presbytery examine the Rev. Hilary E. Livingston, a teaching elder member in good standing of New Castle Presbytery, for membership in the Presbytery of Huntingdon, and approve the call of the Providence Presbyterian Church of Altoona, PA to the Rev. Hilary E. Livingston to be its full-time pastor, effective September 16, 2024, if the way be clear. The congregation will meet on July 7 to consider the call. All background checks and certificate of Mandated Reporter training have been received.
- b. That presbytery authorize Committee on Ministry to set a time and form an administrative commission to install the Rev. Hilary E. Livingston as pastor of the Providence Presbyterian Church.
- c. That presbytery dismiss ruling elder Nancy Bostian as moderator of Providence Presbyterian Church, effective September 16, 2024, with thanks.
- d. That presbytery grant the request of the First Presbyterian Church of Hollidaysburg, PA, and the Rev. Janie McElwee-Smith for the dissolution of their call, effective July 31, 2024, in order that Rev. McElwee-Smith might accept the call of the Grace Presbyterian Church of El Paso, Texas; and that the stated clerk be authorized to transfer the Rev. Janie McElwee-Smith to Tres Rios Presbytery upon receipt of request for transfer; and that the resignation of the Rev. Janie McElwee-Smith from the Committee on Ministry, class of 2026, on account of removing from the presbytery, effective immediately, be accepted with regrets.
- e. That Committee on Ministry be authorized to appoint a moderator of the First Presbyterian Church of Hollidaysburg, effective August 1, 2024.

For information:

Lewistown Presbyterian Church: Rev. Chuck Curley has been appointed moderator of the Lewistown Presbyterian Church, effective July 1.

**HILARY E LIVINGSTON
STATEMENT OF FAITH**

I believe in God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three persons, yet one God. God created the heavens and the earth, and lovingly governs and sustains creation. Human beings were created in God’s own image and reflect God’s glory. The first human beings chose to disobey God and rebel against God’s loving, righteous rule. They fell into a state of sin and separation from God. With their first act of rebellion against God, all humanity was plunged into a state of sin which led to hostility toward God, suffering, dysfunctional relationships, abuse of the physical creation, societal injustice, evil, and ultimately death. Because of God’s great love for humanity, God sought to redeem human beings from this state. The Bible, God’s Word, inspired by the Holy Spirit, tells the story of God’s creation, redemption, and transformation of humankind through the stories of the people in the Old and New Testaments, and especially through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. The Bible is an authoritative witness of what we are to believe and do.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, who came to earth as a human being to reveal the Kingdom of God, teach us God’s way through word and example, feed the hungry, heal the sick, set those in bondage free, confront hypocrisy, befriend the marginalized, and reveal God’s love for all humanity. Jesus took upon himself the evil, pain, suffering and sin of the world, and was crucified on the cross. Jesus rose from the dead, triumphing over sin and death, giving us the promise of everlasting life in him. Jesus ascended to heaven, and reigns at God’s right hand. We look forward to Christ’s glorious return at the end of the age. In Christ, we are invited into God’s kingdom to live a new way of life and experience transformation into Christlikeness—a way of life where we exhibit grace, love, humility, and service to one another. This new life is a free gift of God—we do nothing to earn it by our own merits, but receive it only by God’s grace.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who empowers us for godly living and gifts us for ministry. The Spirit also encourages, convicts, and guides us in our faith journeys until we come to full maturity in Christ. I believe in the Church, Christ’s body, to whom all the redeemed in Jesus belong. The Church seeks to exhibit God’s kingdom on earth and share the good news of redemption in Jesus Christ to all people. The sacraments of baptism and the Lord’s Supper are means of grace that strengthen Jesus’ followers to do the work we are called to do. Baptism is the act of initiation into God’s family whereby God’s children are sealed by the Holy Spirit forever. In the Lord’s Supper, Christ’s followers remember his saving death and resurrection by partaking of his body and blood through the symbols of bread and cup. At the end of the age, God will reveal the new heavens and the new earth, where redeemed human beings will live forever in unbroken relationship with God and one another.

TERMS OF CALL HILARY E. LIVINGSTON & PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

This is a full-time call, which begins on September 16, 2024

TERMS OF CALL

Cash salary	\$75,000
Total Effective Salary	\$75,000
Full participation in the Board of Pensions <i>See Note 1 below.</i>	\$29,205
Other	
SECA offset (an amount equivalent to an employer’s share of the FICA tax, or 7.65% of the Total Effective Salary)	
Vacation time:	One month including at least 4 Sundays
Study Leave time:	2 weeks per year, cumulative to 6 weeks over 3 years
Study Leave expenses:	\$1000 per year, cumulative to \$3,000 over 3 years
Travel expenses: \$ rate	1,500, Reimburse actual vouchered expenses at current I.R.S.
Governing Body Service beyond normal committee or task force work and stated meetings:	1 week
Professional expenses	\$300
Parental, Family, Medical, and Traumatic Leave (2 weeks per year). <i>See Note 2 below.</i>	
Severance:	Presbytery policy

Notes: 1. The expense listed as Board of Pensions will be reduced from \$29,250 to \$19,500 as of January 1, 2025. This is due to a change in the way our Board of Pensions will be calculating their Benefits Plan Premium.

Under this new system, a single pastor with no children will pay 26% of their effective salary for the benefits plan.

2. The Parental, Family, Medical, and Traumatic Leave will be amended to 12 weeks per year after completing one year of employment, as per the Book of Order (G-2.0804) and the Huntingdon Presbytery's Parental, Family, Medical, and Traumatic Leave Policy.

CLOSING & PRAYER

Next stated meeting: Tuesday, September 24, 5:30 p.m. Upper Spruce Creek