

STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF HUNTINGDON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STATE COLLEGE, PA
January 25, 2020
9:30 A.M.

Snow date: February 1



Reminders: Annual Statistical Reports due January 31.
Please send Stated Clerk your State Sales Tax Exempt Number

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Directions to State College:

All participants are urged to park in the Beaver Ave parking garage across the street from the church. (Use elevator/stairs at the south end directly across from the post office.) Parking is 75 cents an hour. Handicapped access is available either from the main doors on the alley (by the Post Office and opposite the parking garage). Or from the Beaver Ave. metered parking lot side through the lower level doors at the front and the elevator to the sanctuary level. Only those requiring handicapped/disabled parking should park in the unmetered row of parking spaces next to the church on the east side. As a bonus, State College PC will provide registered participants vouchers good in the Beaver Ave. Parking garage for three hours free time.

From I-80: Take Exit #158 toward Milesburg. Follow PA #144 to Bellefonte (Water Street). Continue straight ahead on PA #150 to the State College Mall. Continue straight ahead on PA #26 to downtown State College. At the Atherton St. intersection, turn left onto Atherton. Turn left at the next light (Beaver Ave.) Go a block and a half, and turn right into parking garage.

From Philipsburg: Take US #322 east to State College. Take the business #322/North Atherton Street exit. The exit ramp becomes North Atherton Street. Take Atherton to the center of State College. One block beyond College Ave., turn left on Beaver Ave. Go a block and a half, and turn right (middle of the block) into parking garage

From east: Take US #322 west to State College. Take the #322 business exit through Boalsburg. #322 becomes South Atherton Street. Take Atherton to the center of State College. Turn right on Beaver Ave. Go a block and a half, and turn right (middle of the block) into parking garage

From southwest of presbytery: Take #45 east from Tyrone through Warrior's Mark to Seven Stars. [This is also #550 to Warrior's Mark, and #350 to Seven Stars.] Left on #45, to Pine Grove Mills. From the light in Pine Grove, follow #26, which is College Avenue. In State College, follow the jog (when #26 becomes one way) to Beaver Avenue. Follow Beaver Avenue across Atherton Street. Go a block and a half, and turn right into parking garage. Note: Many may find that taking I-99 to State College, while slightly more miles, is shorter in time and stress. If you take I-99, exit I-99 at business #322/N. Atherton Street and follow the Philipsburg directions.

From south of presbytery: Take #26 from Huntingdon to Pine Grove Mills. From the light in Pine Grove, follow #26, which is College Avenue. In State College, follow the jog (when #26 becomes one way) to Beaver Avenue. Follow Beaver Avenue across Atherton Street. Go a block and a half and turn right into parking garage.

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE 2020

The IRS has established
\$.575 per mile as the
business mileage
reimbursement rate for
2020.

TREASURERS AND PASTORS TAKE NOTE

**DOCKET FOR STATED MEETING
THE PRESBYTERY OF HUNTINGDON
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STATE COLLEGE, PA
January 25, 2020
(Snow date: February 1, State College)**

9:00	Registration & fellowship	1:30	Nominating Committee
9:30	Convene with prayer	1:33	Visioning Team
	Introductions: new ministers, elders and guests. Seating of corresponding members	1:35	Thai visitation update
	Committee on Arrangements	1:40	Committee on Ministry (Nancy Bostian) Placement on rolls Contract renewals Sedgwick & Lewistown
	Adoption of Docket & Consent Agenda	1:50	COPL (Carl Campbell) Overture concurrences
9:45	Installation of new moderator (Katie Hopper, Ken Raney)	2:15	College ministries (Allison Maus)
10:05	Workshops	2:20	Treasurer (Judy Black)
11:30	Brunch (Fellowship Hall)	2:30	General Presbyter (Joy Kaufmann)
	Noon: New Business Deadline	2:40	Stated Clerk (Virginia Rainey) Redress imbalance Rolls of presbytery
12:30	Worship (begins in Fellowship Hall around tables, then moves to sanctuary Certification of Lay Preachers)	3:00	New business
1:15	Reconvene (Sanctuary)	3:05	Announcements & closing prayer
1:20	Minutes review (Barry Vance) Minutes of November 9, 2019 stated meeting	3:10	Adjournment
1:25	Resources (Susan Ferguson)		Next Stated Presbytery Meeting: Tuesday, April 21, 6:00 p.m. East Kish

Late papers at registration

CONSENT AGENDA

What is a consent agenda?

A consent agenda is made up of items that may be considered routine business that need action, but are unlikely to require debate. Items for inclusion on the consent agenda must be sent out in advance with the pre-presbytery mailing and clearly marked for the consent agenda.

Why is a consent agenda useful?

When the consent agenda is called for, the moderator will call for a motion to approve the entire consent agenda in one vote, thus saving presbytery time for items requiring more discussion.

BUT What if I wish to debate, discuss, ask for clarification on some part of the consent agenda?

Simply, rise to be recognized and request that that item be removed from the consent agenda. One person's request is all that is required. No second is required, no vote need be taken to remove the item.

Do not give the explanation of your concern, need for clarification, points to be emphasized or opposed at this time. The item will come up for consideration at the time when the remainder of that committee's report is made, and you will be afforded the opportunity to speak to the motion at that time.

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Items for the January 25, 2020, Consent Agenda:

COM report: Item 1, p. 9, Validatable ministries; Item 2, p. 9, Members-at-large; Item 3, p. 9, permission to labor within the bounds (APS); Item 4, p. 9, permission to labor outside the bounds; Item 5, pp. 9-10, Juniata and Kephart renewal; Item 6, pp. 10-11, Logan Valley and Curley renewal; Item 7, pp. 11-12, MountainTop and Peters renewal; Item 8, p. 12, Tyrone and Liller renewal; Item 9, pp. 12-13, West Kish and St. John Lutheran and Robertson renewal; Item 10, p. 13, Kester retirement; Item 11, p. 13, Bloom retirement; Item 12, pp. 13-14, Curwensville and Jewart renewal; Item 13, pp. 14-15, Winburne and Jewart renewal; Item 14, p. 15, East Kish and Roller terms of call adjustment.

CPM: Item 1, p. 16, Certification of lay preachers

Stated Clerk report: Item 1, p. 20, Adjust imbalance of teaching and ruling elders; Item 3, p. 21, Madera relief from rotation of elders.

**INSTALLATION SERVICE
FOR
KEN RANEY AS MODERATOR**

**HUNTINGDON PRESBYTERY
January 25, 2020**

Opening sentences: Rev. Carl Campbell Psalms 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

People: Know that the Lord is God! It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him, bless his name!

People: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Opening Hymn: “The Church’s One Foundation”
321

Words of Scripture: Rev. Carl Campbell Ephesians 4:4-7 and 11-12

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

INSTALLATION QUESTIONS: Outgoing Moderator (Katie Hopper)

Ken, you have been called to serve as Moderator. The grace bestowed on you in baptism is sufficient for your calling because it is God’s grace. By God’s grace we are saved, and enable to grow in the faith and to commit our lives in ways which serve Christ. God has called you to particular service. Show your purpose by answering these questions:

OM: Who is your Lord and Savior?

Incoming Officer: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

OM: Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

IO: I will, with God’s help.

OM: Do you welcome the responsibility of this service because you are determined to follow the Lord Jesus, to love neighbors, and to work for the reconciling of the world?

IO: I do.

OM: Will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, relying on God’s mercy and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit?

IO: I will, with God's help.

OM: Do you, members of the Presbytery of Huntingdon, confirm the call of God to our brother Ken as Moderator in the service of Jesus Christ?

People: We do.

OM: Will you support and encourage him in these ministries?

People: We will.

Installation Prayer: Carl Campbell

Leader: Faithful God, in baptism you claimed us, and by your Holy Spirit you continue to work through us. We thank you for leading Ken to this time and place. Guide them that they may grow in faith, hope and love through service, that all glory and honor may be given to you, now and forever.

People: Almighty God, Let your Spirit rule your church, so that we may be joined in love and service to Jesus Christ, who, having gone before us, is coming to meet us in the promise of your kingdom. Amen.

OM: Ken Raney, you are now installed as Moderator of Huntingdon Presbytery.
Invest the new Moderator with the cross and the stole.

OM: Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him.

Closing Hymn: "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

700

Blessing: (Ken Raney) May the God of peace make you holy in every way and keep your whole being: spirit, soul and body, free from every fault at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Participants in service: Ruling elder Ken Raney; Teaching elder Katie Hopper; Teaching elder Carl Campbell

the session. Such service may only be performed within the geographical bounds of the presbytery. In performing such service of Christian marriage, the commissioned lay pastor shall follow all provisions of the Directory for Worship regarding marriage.

Note: The Rev. Rob Bruinooge remains the commissioned lay pastor's mentor.

Summary of terms of service.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES OF PASTOR

- A. **Worship:** Lead worship on Sundays, plus special services including services on Christmas Eve and Maundy Thursday.
- B. **Visitation:** The commissioned ruling elder will, with the help of session, determine a visitation schedule of those that are shut-ins, hospitalized and nursing home residents. Visitation will be a joint effort of members and commissioned ruling elder.
- C. **Sacraments:** The commissioned ruling elder will officiate at baptisms and the Lord's Supper. The commissioned ruling elder will take communion, if requested, to the homebound, with an accompanying ruling elder.
- D. **Weddings and funerals.** The commissioned ruling elder is authorized to perform a service of Christian marriage of members of the congregation or of the local community when invited by the session. Such service may only be performed within the geographical bounds of the presbytery. In performing such service of Christian marriage, the commissioned ruling elder shall follow all provisions of the Directory for Worship regarding marriage. As pastor, the commissioned ruling elder has the privilege of first refusal of any wedding or funeral held at the church.
- E. **Administration:** To provide active leadership to the session and congregation as moderator.
- F. **Presbytery:** To attend presbytery meetings and presbytery-sponsored lay pastor training events.

Financial Terms of Service

- A. Cash salary: \$175 per week. \$485 per month to be considered housing. This is based on ten hours per week.
- B. Car allowance: Mileage at presbytery-approved rate, currently \$.575 per mile
- C. Continuing education: The commissioned ruling elder is encouraged to engage in continuing education.
- D. Vacation: One month vacation per year, calculated at half time, including at least four Sundays.

TERMINATION, SEVERANCE, AND EXTENSION OF CONTRACT

- A. Any party to this agreement may terminate this contract upon thirty days written notice to the other. Notice is to be delivered in person or by certified mail.

6. **Bellwood Logan Valley & the Rev. Charles Curley:** that presbytery concur in the request of the session of the Logan Valley Presbyterian Church and The Rev. Chuck Curley to extend the temporary supply contract between the Rev. Charles Curley and the session of the Logan Valley Presbyterian Church, beginning January 1, 2020, for up to twelve months. Rev. Curley remains moderator of the session. (*See COM minutes, December 11, 2019, Appendix A, pp. 96-97, for full terms of contract.*)

Terms of service: (15 hours per week for 40 weeks per year)

Cash salary (pro-rated pby min.) \$ 16,924

Other Items as Negotiated:

Medical supplement allowance \$ 1,800

Effective Salary \$ 18,724

SECA offset (7.65%) \$ 1,432

Mileage reimbursement at standard I.R.S. rate vouchered.

7. MountainTop Parish & Ruling Elder Leanne Gill Peters: that presbytery concur in the request of the MountainTop Parish to approve the extensions of the temporary supply relationship between ruling elder Leanne Gill Peters and the MountainTop Parish Council and the sessions of the Grace United and Fruit Hill Presbyterian Churches, beginning February 1, 2020 for twelve months. (*See COM minutes, December 11, 2019, Appendix A, pp. 94-96, for full contract.*):

a. Summary of Terms of service:

Cash salary: On the Sundays when the part time CLP is serving as worship leader and when special worship services are scheduled salary payment will be \$300 per week. On weeks the CLP is not leading worship services the salary payment will be \$225 per week. One third of the total salary is designated as housing allowance.

Other financial terms:

Car allowance: Mileage at IRS and presbytery-approved rate.

Continuing education: The commissioned ruling elder is encouraged to engage in continuing education. Participation in events beyond one-day workshops should be determined in advance in consultation with the Council. Reimbursement of costs associated with continuing education should be negotiated in advance with Council.

Vacation: One month vacation per year, calculated at half time, including at least four Sundays.

One half of the SECA costs will be paid by the Parish.

b. That presbytery approve the renewal of the commission to ruling elder Leanne Gill Peters to be commissioned lay pastor and temporary supply of the MountainTop Parish Churches for a period of up to twelve months, beginning February 1, 2020. The commissioned lay pastor remains a member of the Grace United Presbyterian Church.

c. That presbytery authorize ruling elder Leanne Gill Peters as the commissioned lay pastor of the MountainTop Parish to administer the Lord's Supper, administer the sacrament of baptism, moderate the sessions of the Grace United and Fruit Hill Presbyterian Churches, and have voice and vote in meetings of presbytery (such vote to be counted as an elder commissioner).

d. That presbytery re-appoint ruling elder Leanne Gill Peters as moderator of the sessions of the Grace United and Fruit Hill Presbyterian Churches and the MountainTop Parish Council for the duration of her commission, beginning February 1, 2020.

e. That presbytery authorize ruling elder Leanne Gill Peters as commissioned lay pastor to perform a service of Christian marriage of members of her congregations or of the local community when invited by the session. Such service may only be performed within the geographical bounds of the presbytery. In performing such service of Christian marriage, the commissioned lay pastor shall follow all provisions of the Directory for Worship regarding marriage.

TERMINATION: Any party to this agreement may terminate this contract upon thirty days written notice to the other.

The Rev. Katie Hopper remains the commissioned lay pastor's mentor and supervisor.

8. Tyrone & the Rev. Mark Liller: that presbytery extend the temporary supply contract between the Rev. Mark Liller and the session of the Tyrone Presbyterian Church, for up to twelve months, effective April 1, 2020. The Rev. Doug McGaffin continues as moderator. The Rev. Mark Liller is a minister member in good standing of the Middle District of the Church of the Brethren and has the permission of his district to serve our church.

Summary of terms of service: (*See COM minutes, December 11, 2019, Appendix A, pp. 97-101, for full terms of contract.*)

This is a 2/3 time contract, assuming the workweek to be 27 hours. Additional hours to be negotiated as needed by Pastor and Session with compensation paid at a rate at least equal to \$15.00/hour.

Cash salary	\$39,115
(Portion of cash salary designated as housing	\$23,000)

SECA

Mileage reimbursement at standard I.R.S. rate vouchered
Study leave expenses \$1,000, cumulative to \$3,000 over three years
Annual conference expenses \$1,000
Professional subscriptions and resources \$ 250
Governing body service: one week, including Sunday
Vacation: One month per year, including at least four Sundays
Study Leave time: Dates and content set in consultation with session, two weeks per year, including two Sundays.
Sick/Family Leave Policy
Participation in Board of Pensions, calculated for two-thirds time call, for retirement, life insurance, and death and disability insurance.
Medical insurance coverage will be from Rev. Liller's wife's medical plan. The session will reimburse the amount of dependency medical costs.

Termination clause of thirty-days notice by any of the parties.

9. Belleville West Kish & Belleville St. John's and the Rev. Ela J. Robertson: that presbytery approve the renewal of the full-time contract of the session of the Belleville West Kishacoquillas Presbyterian Church and the council of the Belleville St. John's Lutheran Church for temporary pastoral services with Rev. Ela Robertson, effective January 1, 2020, if the way be clear. (*See COM minutes, December 11, 2019, Appendix A, p. 102, for full terms of service.*) Ms. Robertson will serve half-time in each congregation. St John's will reimburse West Kish Presbyterian for its share of her salary and benefits package.

Terms of service: This contract will be for a period of one year and may be renewed annually. Each congregation will be responsible for 50% of the total cost.

Breakdown by church	Annual total	Annual per church
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Cash salary and housing allowance	\$ 57,544.00	\$ 28,772.00
403b retirement contribution	\$ 6,329.84	\$ 3,164.92
Medical coverage for pastor & spouse	\$ 11,661.12	\$ 5,830.56
Study leave expenses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00
Total package (salary, housing, and benefits)	\$ 76,534.96	\$ 38,267.48

Other terms of service:

- Vacation: One month, including at least four Sundays
- Continuing Education: two weeks per year, cumulative to six weeks over three years
- Continuing Education expenses: \$1000 per year, cumulative to \$3,000 over three years, vouchered
- Travel expenses: vouchered, reimburse at current IRS rate
- Governing Body Service (beyond normal committee or task force work and stated meetings) : two weeks (one week for each denomination) including two Sundays

Termination: This agreement may be terminated upon 60 days' notice given either by the session of the West Kishacoquillas Presbyterian Church, the council of the St. John's Lutheran Church, the temporary supply pastor, the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of Huntingdon, or the Lutheran bishop. If notice is given by other than the temporary supply pastor, thirty days of additional severance pay will also be given.

10. **Rev. Helen Kester:** That the Rev. Helen Kester be honorably retired effective January 1, 2020.

11. **Commissioned pastor Martha Bloom & Winburne:** that presbytery dissolve the contract between Commissioned Lay Pastor ruling elder Martha Bloom and the session of the Winburne Presbyterian church, effective December 31, 2019 and grant her honorable retirement as a lay pastor. She remains a certified lay preacher.

12. **Commissioned pastor Gary Jewart & Curwensville:** that presbytery

- a. grant the extension of the temporary supply contract for pastoral services between ruling elder Gary Jewart and the session of the Curwensville Presbyterian Church for a period of up to twelve months, beginning January 1, 2020.
- b. approve the renewal of the commission to ruling elder Gary Jewart to be commissioned lay pastor and moderator of the Curwensville Church. The commissioned lay pastor remains a member of the Curwensville United Presbyterian Church.
- c. authorize ruling elder Gary Jewart as the commissioned lay pastor of the Curwensville Presbyterian Church to administer the Lord's Supper, administer the sacrament of baptism, moderate the session of the Curwensville Presbyterian Church, and have voice and vote in meetings of presbytery (such vote to be counted as a ruling elder commissioner).
- d. authorize ruling elder Gary Jewart to perform a service of Christian marriage of members of the congregation or of the local community when invited by the session. Such service may only be performed within the geographical bounds of the presbytery. In performing such service of Christian marriage, the commissioned lay pastor shall follow all provisions of the Directory for Worship regarding marriage.
- e. The agreement may be terminated by any party by giving 30 days written notice from the session or from the commissioned lay pastor or from the Committee on Ministry.

The Rev. Chuck Swenson and Reverends Jimmy and Katie Hopper remain the commissioned lay pastor's mentors and supervisors. (*Full terms of service in COM, December 11, 2019, Appendix A, p. 103.*)

TERMS OF SERVICE:

Cash salary: \$185 per week,

Vacation: one month, including at least four Sundays, accrued monthly.

Study leave: seven days per year (dates and content set in consultation with Curwensville session)

Continuing Education allowance of a maximum of \$500 accumulated up to 3 years: Per request and approval by Curwensville session. To be reimbursed by voucher.

Book allowance: \$300

One week for Governing Body Service (beyond normal committee or task force work and stated meetings)

Car allowance: travel expenses at current I.R.S. standard, vouchered

SECA reimbursement: 7.65 percent of cash salary.

Additional hours for CLP beyond the normal ten hours per week, will be reimbursed at \$16 per hour plus SECA offset.

13. Winburne & ruling elder Gary Jewart:

- a. That presbytery renew the commission to ruling elder Gary Jewart to be commissioned pastor and temporary supply of the Winburne Presbyterian Church for a period of up to twelve months, beginning January 1, 2020. Ruling elder Gary Jewart remains a member of the Curwensville Presbyterian Church.
- b. That presbytery authorize ruling elder Gary Jewart as the commissioned pastor of the Winburne Presbyterian Church to administer the Lord's Supper, administer the sacrament of baptism, moderate the session of the Winburne Presbyterian Church, and have voice and vote in meetings of presbytery (such vote to be counted as a ruling elder commissioner).
- c. That presbytery re-appoint ruling elder Gary Jewart as moderator of the session of the Winburne Presbyterian Church for the duration of his commission, beginning January 1, 2020.
- d. That presbytery authorize ruling elder Gary Jewart to perform a service of Christian marriage of members of the congregation or of the local community when invited by the session. Such service may only be performed within the geographical bounds of the presbytery. In performing such service of Christian marriage, the commissioned pastor shall follow all provisions of the Directory for Worship regarding marriage.
- e. The agreement may be terminated by any party by giving 30 days written notice from the parish council or from either co-commissioned pastor or from the Committee on Ministry.
- f. That presbytery re-appoint the Rev. Chuck Swenson, Rev. Jimmy Hopper, and Rev. Katie Hopper as the commissioned pastor's mentor and supervisor.

Expectations of co-CLPs:

Time expectations are 10 hours per week.

Conduct 48 Sunday worship services per year, plus special services on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter sunrise, and Christmas Eve.

Visit shut-ins, hospitalized members, and nursing home residents.

Officiate at baptisms, Lord's Supper and funerals

Moderate session and congregational meetings, normally alternating meetings.

Terms of service as follows:

Salary: \$185 per week,
 Vacation: one month, including at least four Sundays, accrued monthly.
 Study leave: seven days per year (dates and content set in consultation with Winburne session)
 Continuing Education allowance: up to maximum of \$500 accumulated up to three years. Per request and approval by Winburne session. To be reimbursed by voucher.
 Book allowance of \$300
 One week for Governing Body Service (beyond normal committee or task force work and stated meetings)
 Car allowance: travel expenses at current I.R.S. standard
 SECA reimbursement: 7.65 percent of cash salary.
 Additional hours for CLP beyond the extra three hours per week, will be reimbursed at \$16 per hour plus SECA offset.

14. **Pat Roller & East Kishacoquillas:** that presbytery concur in the request of the Rev. Patricia Roller and the East Kishacoquillas Presbyterian Church to reduce their call to 4/5 time.

TERMS OF CALL

Cash salary	\$41,210
Free use of the manse (calculated at \$12,363 for BOP)	\$12,363
Total effective salary	\$53,573

Full Board of Pensions, calculated for 4/5 time

Other terms of call:

Vacation	one month, including at least four Sundays
Continuing education time	two weeks per year, cumulative to six weeks over three years.
Continuing education expenses	\$1,000 per year, cumulative to six weeks over three years
Governing Body Service	one week per year, in addition to regular committee and presbytery work
Travel expenses	reimbursed by voucher at standard IRS rate.
Book & professional expenses	\$600 vouchered
Health Flexible Spending Account	\$1000

15. Sarah Sedgwick and Lewistown Presbyterian Church:

1. that presbytery agree that its mission strategy for Lewistown would be strengthened by setting aside G-2.0504b and permit this call to move forward per G-2.0504c. This will require a three-quarters vote of presbytery.
2. that presbytery approve the call of the Lewistown Presbyterian Church to the Rev. Sarah Sedgwick to be its full time pastor. Because Rev. Sedgwick is already interim pastor of the Lewistown Presbyterian Church, this call becomes effective upon the installation of the pastor.
3. That presbytery grant COM permission to form a commission to install the Rev. Sarah Sedgwick as pastor of the Lewistown Presbyterian Church.

TERMS OF CALL

Cash salary	\$45,000
Free use of the manse (valued at \$14,400 for BOP)	\$14,400
Includes utilities	
Benefits Plan Major Medical Deductible/HAS	\$1,500

Deferred compensation	\$1,500
Total Effective Salary	\$62,400
Full Board of Pensions (37% T.E.S.)	
Other	
Vacation:	1 month including at least 4 Sundays
Study leave time	2 weeks per year, cumulative to 6 weeks
Study leave expenses	\$1000 per year, cumulative to \$3,000 over 3 years
Travel expenses (reimburse actual vouchered expenses, mileage at IRS rate, currently \$.575 per mile)	
Governing Body Service, beyond normal committee or task force work and stated meetings	1 week
SECA offset	
Professional dues or expenses (vouchered), to	\$2,000
Moving expenses (vouchered)	\$4,000

For information:

1. **Rev. L. Tyler Downing & Petersburg Bethel Presbyterian Church:** At the request of the pastor and the congregation, COM dissolved the call of the Petersburg Bethel Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Tyler Downing, effective December 31, 2019, and declared him honorably retired effective the same date.
2. **Rev. Dean Lindsey:** COM approved the sabbatical plan of the Rev. Dean Lindsey to visit the islands of Kirabati to study the effect of climate change. He will be gone three months. COM appointed the Rev. Michael Ozaki as moderator of the State College Presbyterian Church, January through March 2020 in Rev. Lindsey's absence.
3. **Upper Spruce Creek:** The Rev. Carl Campbell has been appointed moderator of Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church.
4. **Rev. Christina Trimble:** The Rev. Christina Trimble was transferred to the Presbytery of Providence, effective November 9, 2019.

PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry recommends:

1. **Certification of lay preachers:** That presbytery certify the following as lay preachers and grant them permission to officiate at the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with the help of their pastors: Nancy Bostian, Scott Kretchmar, Terry Musser, Tricia Noonan, and Ken Raney.

For information:

1. **Gerald Branthoover:** Certified Lay Preacher Gerald "Jerry" Branthoover died November 15, 2019. He was a member of the Winburne Presbyterian Church.
National lay pastor conference: COM voted to send as many of our three commissioned lay pastors to the first Commissioned Lay Pastor Conference at Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church, Richardson, Texas, May 12-16, using funds from the Gloria Jean Smith Scholarship Fund.

OVERTURES

A provision in the Book of Order (G-3.0302d) requires that proposed overtures receive a concurrence (or second) from another presbytery. In order to determine whether or not our presbytery wishes to concur with any proposed overture, the stated clerk has emailed copies of all overtures as they came in to clerks of session and teaching elders.

The Committee on Presbytery Life created a Working Task Group to review the overtures presented so far. The Committee met in mid-December. Other overtures have been posted in January. The recommendations of the WTG are as follows:

The WTG recommends that our presbytery consider for concurrence only those overtures which have not received a concurrence from another presbytery because the purpose of the concurrence is solely to make the proposed overture General Assembly business.

The WTG has reviewed the overtures which were proposed by the cutoff date of Wednesday December 4. The deadline for submission of overtures for consideration by the 223rd General Assembly is February 21 for those with constitutional implications and April 21 for those without constitutional implications, but with financial implications. The full text of all overtures may be found on the 224th General Assembly website pc-biz. Go to www.pc-biz.org

The WTG recommends that presbytery concur in overtures 4, 8, 9, 10, 14. A summary of the overtures recommendations and a brief rationale is found below.

Overture 4: *On Forming a Commission to Write a New PC(USA) Confession.* The proponents feel a need for a confession that makes clear what does it mean to be human in the 21st century. The WTG feels it would be good to have the debate and thought on the topic.

Overture 8: *Regarding the Treatment of Refugees.* The proponent have urged advocacy and for the provision of a toolkit for local congregation action for reasonable and compassionate treatment of refugees. Seemed reasonable to the WTG.

Overture 9: *On Advocating for Reduction of Firearm Violence.* The WTG does not necessarily endorse the position of the proponents, which is to advocate for red flag laws to allow a court to intervene by removing weapons from a household when someone shows warning signs of impending violence, but the WTG would like to see the topic of response to violence discussed.

Overture 10: *On Designating May 15 as the Palestinian Nakba Remembrance Day.* The proponents call for prayer for peace in Palestine, for solidarity with those suffering under occupation, and for advocacy among PC(USA) members, with the inclusion of Palestinian Nakba Remembrance on May 15 in the Presbyterian Planning Calendar. The WTG found the overture to be one sided, but it felt the subject should be aired.

Overture 14: *On Responding to the Human Needs of Those Affected by the Crisis in Syria.* The WTG felt this overture was not well written, and the WTG does not favor the current government in Syria. But the WTG does feel concern for refugees. The WTG favors this overture for the purpose of getting discussion going.

OVERTURES NOT RECOMMENDED FOR CONCURRENCE

(Please go to www.pc-bix.org for full text of overtures.)

Already have a concurrence: 2,4,5,6, 11, and 13. **12 and 19 also have a concurrence.**

OTHER OVERTURES NOT RECOMMENDED FOR CONCURRENCE

(Please go to www.pc-biz.org for full text of overtures. More overtures will be added as we approach the date of presbytery.)

Any commissioner may ask presbytery to consider concurring in any of the overtures. The effect of concurring is to permit the overture to be discussed by General Assembly. If a commissioner wishes to ask presbytery to consider concurrence, the commissioner **MUST** have copies of the full text of the overture at least for the presbytery moderator, the stated clerk, and the presenter of the overtures so that the full text may be read to presbytery. The commissioner makes a motion to consider. If the motion is seconded, the commissioner will read the entire overture to presbytery. Overtures may be debated, but not amended.

Overture 7: *On Streamlining the Sale of Property Given to a Congregation as a Gift to Fund Ministry and Mission.* No, there are good reasons for having presbyteries review property sales. In addition, this provision would be difficult to administer.

Overture 12: *On Amending G-2.0503 to Change the Designation Honorably Retired to Retired.* This overture would eliminate the possibility of honoring former active ministers as honorably retired. No. Our committee likes being able to honor folks.

Overture 15: *On Amending G-3.0303 by Adding a New Paragraph g. Regarding Authority to Convene Meetings:* This overture seeks to give presbyteries the authority to convene session or congregational meetings when disorder in the congregation threatens the viability of the church. No. The Book of Order already grants presbyteries the authority to call a congregational meeting [G-1.0502] and a session meeting [G-3.0203] whenever it feels that is appropriate. This would limit authority that our presbytery has used judiciously, where the rationale of the overture implies the purpose is to expand the authority of presbytery.

Overture 17: *Regarding the status of the University of Tulsa as a Presbyterian related university.* This overture would establish a Task Force to engage in conversation with U. of Tulsa leaders to discuss recent curriculum changes there which diminish emphasis on the humanities. The overture wishes the Task Force to review criteria for being a Presbyterian-related institution.

Overture 18: *On Amending G-2.0804 Regarding PC (USA) Paid Family Leave.* This overture seeks to place explicit and detailed mandatory requirements for family leave in the Book of Order. The 223rd General Assembly assigned a task force to bring to the 224th G.A. a family leave proposal. This overture would probably be considered in light of the task force's recommendations.

Overture 19: *On Amending D-10.0303 and D-10.0302 Regarding Accused's Rights to Be Notified:* This overture seeks to include notification of both the accused and the accuser of the disposition of a disciplinary investigation and then makes editorial changes to the test regarding the same. Since the Rule of Discipline Task Force is bringing to the 224th General Assembly, this overture would probably be considered in light of its recommendations.

Overture 20: *On Amending W-4.0403 regarding Laying on of Hands at an Installation:* This overture would seek to de-emphasize the laying on of hands done at ordinations by those ordained to office, by inviting all in the congregation to lay hands on those being installed or commissioned.

Overture 21: *On Affirming the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Paris Agreement):* This overture seeks public advocacy in support of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, urging Presbyterians to contact their legislators in favor of supporting the agreement.

Overture 22: *On Amending G-2.1002 Regarding Ordaining a Commissioned Ruling Elder as Minister of the Word and Sacrament.* This overture seeks to expand the pool of potential pastoral candidates for small and rural congregations by permitting presbyteries to ordain and ministers of Word and Sacrament commissioned lay pastors who have served six years or more. The proponents see the obstacle to recruitment of candidates as the time and cost of seminary. The proponents do not take into account the difference between minimum terms of call for ministers of Word and Sacrament and commissioned ruling elders. If CRE's were ordained as ministers of Word and Sacrament, their calls and contracts would be subject to minimum terms of call, which would put them out of reach of the congregations they had been serving.

The WTG will ask for thirty minutes of time on the January 25 presbytery docket. Any commissioner may ask presbytery to consider concurring in any of the overtures. The effect of concurring is to permit the overture to be discussed by General Assembly. If a commissioner wishes to ask presbytery to consider concurrence, the commissioner **MUST** have copies of the full text of the overture at least for the presbytery moderator, the stated clerk, and the presenter of the overtures so that the full text may be read to presbytery.

STATED CLERK REPORT
January 25, 2020

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

Clerks and Moderators: Your Annual Statistical Reports and other annual reports are due in the Presbytery office February 1.

Email addresses: The office needs an email address for YOU. Your presbytery minutes will be emailed in WORD to all clerks of session and members of presbytery. Please give us an email address where we can send you your copy. If you do not have email, give us the address of someone who is willing to receive it for you. The clerk will have a small number of copies at registration time for those who are not on our distribution list. Your C.O.P.L. is exercising wise stewardship of your per capita dollars.

The stated clerk requests that presbytery approve the following motions:

1. **Imbalance:** That presbytery address the imbalance of teaching and ruling elder commissioners to presbytery by enrolling the ruling elder members of presbytery Visioning Team as ruling elder members of presbytery with voice and vote, as well as the stated clerk, ruling elder Virginia F. Rainey; the treasurer, ruling elder Judy Black; and commissioned lay pastors Gary Jewart, Janet Kephart, and Leanne Gill Peters for the duration of their terms in office.

2. **Rolls of presbytery: [G-3.0104, G-3.0305]** That presbytery approve the following rolls:

a. Continuing members of presbytery who are engaged in a validated ministry

Andrews, Scott
Ard, Anne K. (Validated ministry in
service beyond the jurisdiction of
this church)
Braun, Dennis
Bruinooge, Robert W.
Campbell, Carl D.
Choi, Brian Y.
Hoover, Brett
Hopper, Jimmy
Hopper, Katie
Johnson, Debbie

Kaufmann, K. Joy (Validated ministry
as general presbyter)
Lindsey, Dean
McElwee-Smith, Janie
Miller, Jack
Ozaki, Michael
Poole, Tom
Robertson, Ela
Roller, Patricia K.
Sedgwick, Sarah
Walls, Earnest

b. Active members honorably retired

Africa, Elaine
Axt, Paul
Berggren, C. Richard
Brown, Clyde R.

Califf, Gary R.
Cauffman, Robert H., Sr.
Colebank, Kathy
Curley, Charles J.

Curtis-Burn, Paula M.
Dean, John
Downing, Tyler
Elder, Douglas
Frankenberg, Bob
Illingworth, Lynn L.
Kester, Helen
McCardle, Lee I.
McGaffin, Douglas R.
Meloy, Alice McF.
Mosch, Barbara

Papp, Leslie R. F.
Potter, Betty Jo
Smith, Mary Ruth
Stahlnaker, Gerald E.
Strohm, Samuel G.
Swenson, Charles J.
Vance, Barry T.
Williams, Harold G.
Wilson, Alfred W.
Zorn, Robert L.

- c. **Continuing members who are members-at-large** [G-2.0503b]
Hicks, Bob
Lindsey, Peggy
- d. **Register of continuing members who have failed to engage in validated ministry** [G-2.0508] none
- e. **Christian educators** [G-2.1103] Pat Roller
- f. **Commissioned lay pastors** [G-2.10] Gary Jewart, Janet Kephart; and Leanne Gill Peters.
- g. **Deletions in 2019:** Roland Emond, Timothy Fulop
3. **Relief from rotation of officers:** That the presbytery grant the petition of the Madera Presbyterian Church to renew its relief from rotation of officers on account of small membership for up to three years.

For information:

.Petersburg Bethel: Petersburg Bethel submitted its records for review December 11. They were approved without exception.