

# STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF HUNTINGDON

ZOOM

June 30, 2020  
6:00 P.M.

(Join us by video or phone)  
Register with Susan Ferguson  
See Instructions

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## INSTRUCTIONS

To participate in the meeting, you must register for the meeting online. Please click on this link: <https://forms.gle/V5TXXD22uQvdFexH7>

You may participate via computer or smartphone (video and voice) or phone (voice only).

On the website, click on the registration button and fill out the questionnaire which tells us if you're a minister or a ruling elder and which congregation. Don't worry if you are a commissioned lay pastor or an officer, the stated clerk will put you in the correct category.

Registering will put you on Susan's list to receive the dial in/call in information. That will come to you via an email on the morning of April 21.

Susan will open the zoom meeting an hour early (5:00 p.m.) so that folks can test their equipment. If you have any technical problems, or questions email Susan Ferguson at [SusanPresbytery@gmail.com](mailto:SusanPresbytery@gmail.com) She will be glad to work with you individually to resolve your problems.

Welcome aboard to fun and safe interaction!

**DOCKET FOR STATED MEETING  
THE PRESBYTERY OF HUNTINGDON  
June 30, 2020, 6:00 p.m.  
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| 5:30 | Check in, practice technology   |      |  |
| 6:00 | Convene with prayer and worship<br>Rev. Sam Strohm<br>Send a check for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for offering to Judy Black, treasurer | 7:55 | Committee on Ministry<br>2021 Minimum Terms of Call<br>Mary Morrow: Certified Ready to Receive a Call<br>LaMarr Adamson & DuBois<br>Wayne Lutz<br>Rob Bruinooge & Osceola<br>Chuck Curley & Logan Valley |
| 6:30 | Susan will give us technical guidelines   |      |  |
| 6:35 | Introductions: new ministers, elders and guests. Seating of corresponding members   |      | Lay Preacher certification and retirement  |
| 6:40 | Adoption of docket<br>Consent agenda<br>Session records review  | 8:25 | Treasurer Report (Judy Black)  |
| 6:45 | Minutes review (Barry Vance)<br>Minutes of April 21, 2020   | 8:30 | General Presbyter Report (Joy Kaufmann)  |
| 6:50 | Board of Pensions (Doug Portz)  | 8:40 | Stated Clerk Report (Ginny Rainey)   |
| 7:15 | Visioning Team (Linda Vance)  | 8:45 | Old business   |
| 7:20 | Nominating Committee (Sam Strohm)   | 8:50 | New business   |
| 7:25 | General Assembly report   | 8:55 | Announcements & Closing prayer   |
| 7:40 | CoPL (Pat Roller, Carl Campbell)<br>2020 session records review<br>2021 Budget  |      | <b>Next regular presbytery meeting:</b><br>Tuesday, September 22, 6:00 p.m., McVeytown<br>(meeting could be changed to ZOOM)   |

**COMMITTEE ON PRESBYTERY LIFE  
REPORT  
June 30, 2020**

The Committee on Presbytery Life recommends that presbytery approve the following motions:

1. **2020 session records reviews** That presbytery authorize an alternative format of review of session minutes (*See attached proposed review format, pp. 11-12.*) with a deadline of October 1, 2020 as attached. This will take into account the disruption of the pandemic and respect the health and safety of our clerks of session.
2. **2021 Per Capita:** Recommends that presbytery adopt a 2021 per capita of \$38.15. This is pending action of General Assembly, which may move it up or down.
3. **2021 Administrative Budget:** Recommends that presbytery approve the proposed 2021 administrative budget. At the time of the packet, CoPL had not yet met and approved a recommendation. Please see the presbytery website for CoPL's recommendation.
4. **2021 Mission Budget:** Recommends that presbytery approve the proposed 2021 mission budget. At the time of the packet, CoPL had not yet met and approved a recommendation. Please see the presbytery website for CoPL's recommendation.
5. **G.A. elder commissioner:** Recommends that presbytery accept the resignation of elder Sue Docherty as G.A. elder commissioner and elect elder Beth Farmer, State College Presbyterian Church, as her replacement.
6. **Interim EP Search Committee funding:** Recommends that presbytery designate up to \$5000 from the Fulton Fund for the use by the Interim EP Search Committee as expenses for obtaining an interim EP.

**For information:**

1. **Pahk Partnership: Voted** to use Pahk Special funds to supplement Pahk Partnership to make our \$3,100 gift this summer.
2. **Christian Education: Voted** to offer a book Zoom study to the presbytery in August led by Joy Kaufmann: Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory by Tod Bolsinger.

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY  
REPORT  
June 30, 2020**

The Committee on Ministry recommends that presbytery approve the following actions:

1. **2021 Minimum Terms of Call:** That presbytery approve no change in the basic terms of call for 2021 from 2020. Congregations are encouraged to be generous as their circumstances permit. Note: This recommendation does not cover any changes in the IRS business mileage reimbursement or changes in Board of Pensions dues.
  
2. **Ruling elder LaMarr Adamson and the First United Presbyterian Church of DuBois:**  
that presbytery
  - a. Approve a temporary supply contract for pastoral services between ruling elder LaMarr Adamson and the session of the First United Presbyterian Church of DuBois for a period of up to twelve months, beginning July 1, 2020. [*See attached Adamson statement of faith, p. 8.*]
  - b. Grant a commission to ruling elder LaMarr Adamson to be commissioned lay pastor and moderator of the First United Presbyterian Church. Ruling elder LaMarr Adamson remains a member of the First United Presbyterian Church.
  - d. Authorize ruling elder LaMarr Adamson as the commissioned lay pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church to administer the Lord's Supper, administer the sacrament of baptism, moderate the session of the First United Presbyterian Church, and have voice and vote in meetings of presbytery (such vote to be counted as a ruling elder commissioner).
  - e. Authorize ruling elder LaMarr Adamson 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.
  - f. The agreement may be terminated by any of the three parties, by giving thirty (30) days written notice from the session or from the commissioned lay pastor or from the Committee on Ministry.
  - g. Appoint the Rev. Gary Califf as the commissioned lay pastor's mentor and supervisor.
  - h. Authorize the Committee on Ministry to form an administrative commission to commission Ruling Elder LaMarr Adamson as commissioned lay pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church of DuBois in the church if the church is able to meet in person this summer or at the September presbytery meeting if it is not.

**Expectations of CLP:**

Time expectations are 10 hours per week to include Sunday worship  
Conduct 28 Sunday worship services per year, plus special services such as 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.  
Attend worship team meetings  
Attend other team meetings at his discretion  
Organize adult education programs and explore other C.E. opportunities.

**TERMS OF SERVICE:**

Cash salary: \$10,400 annual/\$200 weekly

Vacation: one month, including at least four Sundays

Book allowance: \$300

Continuing education allowance: up to \$500.00, accumulated up to 3 years, negotiated in consultation with and approved by Session.

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

3. **Rev. Wayne Lutz:** That presbytery examine the Rev. Wayne Lutz, an honorably retired minister member of the Presbytery of Carlisle for membership. *(See attached Lutz statement of faith, p. 9.)*, pending submission of the FBI fingerprint background check. Rev. Lutz has submitted all the other signoffs and background checks,
4. **Rev. Chuck Curley and Bellwood Logan Valley Presbyterian Church:**
  - a. That presbytery grant the request of the Rev. Chuck Curley for the termination of his contract with the session of the Logan Valley Presbyterian Church, effective September 30 or the commencement of in-person worship at the Logan Valley Presbyterian Church, whichever comes sooner.
  - b. That presbytery appoint the Rev. Barry Vance as moderator of the Logan Valley Presbyterian Church, effective upon the termination of the contract between the Rev. Chuck Curley and the session of the Logan Valley Presbyterian Church.
5. **Rev. Rob Bruinooge and Osceola Mills Presbyterian Church:**
  - a. That presbytery grant the request of the Rev. Rob Bruinooge and the Osceola Mills Presbyterian Church for the dissolution of the call effective July 1, 2020. The congregation approved the recommendation at a meeting on May 31, 2020.
  - b. That presbytery grant the request of the Rev. Rob Bruinooge for honorable retirement effective July 1, 2020.
  - c. That presbytery appoint Rev. Gary Califf as moderator of the Osceola Mills Presbyterian Church, effective July 1, 2020.

For information:

1. **Mary Jo Bruinooge:** COM authorized the Rev. Mary Jo Bruinooge, a minister member in good standing of the Presbytery of Eastminster, to labor inside the bounds, effective August 1, 2020. Rev. Bruinooge has submitted all background checks.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY**

**For action:** The SubCommittee on Preparation for Ministry recommends

- 1, **Judi Bookhamer:** that ruling elder Judi Bookhamer be certified as a lay preacher and authorized to officiate at the Lord's Supper, with assistance from her pastor, until the September meeting of presbytery, pending receipt of background checks.

Note: The length of the authorization is short so that she can be put on the same schedule as the rest of our lay preachers.

**For information:**

1. **Mary Morrow:** Candidate Mary Morrow has been certified ready to be ordained, pending a call. Ms. Morrow has completed her M.Div and MACEF degrees at Princeton Theological Seminary. She is a member of Sinking Valley Presbyterian Church.
2. **Annual reviews of lay preachers & lay pastors:** The following lay preachers and lay pastors have failed to submit the required annual reports: LaMarr Adamson, Dick Barkley, Judi Bookhamer, Ed Carlson, David Dimmick, Tom Gross, Stan Howes, Todd Lewis, and Ken Raney.
3. **Rick Ginter:** Restored ruling elder Rick Ginter to certified lay preacher and placed him on the APS. (He withdrew previously because of his wife's health.)

**LaMarr Adamson  
STATEMENT OF FAITH**

I believe God is sovereign; the Creator; giver of life both physical and spiritual; without God there is no life, only existence; God has straightened out my life and put me on the right path; without Him I am nothing, worthless and useless; God has existed always before time and will exist when time ends.

I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God; He redeemed all sinners and came the first time to save us; He will come again to take us out of this world and then pass judgment on all unbelievers; Christ has opened all the doors of heaven for me, given me the confidence and opportunity to face God the Father because God will not see me, but the image of Jesus and His imputed righteousness on me; Jesus Christ has freed me from the curse of sin and death.

I believe that the Holy Spirit is always with me because He dwells in me; He leads, directs, teaches, helps me in all matters; He disciplines me when I deviate from the path or the way Christ wants me to live my life; He gives me strength and sustains me through every day.

I believe that God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit are all one, but yet three separate entities or functions of God Almighty.

Scripture is God's written Word, given to us by the Holy Spirit, by direction to inspired writers and believers. It is all truth, self sufficient and never to be doubted.

The Church is the body of Christ and is the community we, as believers, should live in and receive our daily living directions from; it should shape our daily life patterns, not the secular organizations and institutions.

Baptism and Communion have been instituted in Scripture; they are ordained by God as spiritual pillars for believers to follow, believe in, and hold holy. These two Sacraments are a source of life and grace, given to us as gifts from God, and to be conducted in respect and reverence, not just as a habit or in rote. Every time we partake of the bread and juice, it adds another brick or building block to our spiritual wall, so we become a stronger part of Christ's church. Communion should be viewed and approached for what it is - a special privilege granted by God.



**Rev. Wayne K. Lutz**  
**STATEMENT OF FAITH**

I believe in one true God revealed to us through creation; through the history of the Israelite people; and through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. God is all powerful and creator of the world and universe, yet so personal in our lives that signposts point to God's direction and guidance. God is love.

I believe in Jesus of Nazareth as the Son of God - truly divine and truly human. I believe that Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. I believe that Jesus suffered for humankind and was crucified, dead, and buried according to God's Will. I believe that Jesus Christ overcame all, including death and hell, and rose from the dead. I believe Jesus Christ is Lord of all and given all rule and authority by God. Jesus Christ gives us faith and life and hope.

I believe in the Holy Spirit as the presence of God and of Jesus Christ in our lives. I believe the Holy Spirit creates and renews us individually, as well as a church, and as a community. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, we are reconciled to God and to one another. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are united in Christ and empowered to serve according to the Will of God.

I believe in the Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The God who creates us and sustains us is the God who redeems us in Christ, and the God who works in our hearts and lives as the Holy Spirit.

I believe the Holy Scripture to be the Word written. The one sufficient revelation of God is Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate, to whom the Holy Spirit bears witness through the Holy Scriptures. The Bible expresses the attributes of God and God's work in history. Through the Bible, God revealed divine presence and the purpose of humankind as recorded in the Old and New Testaments.

I believe God created humans and gave freedom with the intent of their living in communion with God. As created beings, humans are dependent upon the Creator. But, by claiming mastery over their own lives, by turning against God and fellow human beings, by exploiting the world, and by hiding from all that they could be, humans have misused their freedom. All humans fall under God's judgment. Yet, in love, God took judgment and death in Jesus Christ to bring humans new life and grace.

I believe the Church is God's reconciling community under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. It is the body of Christ. In the Sacraments, instituted by Christ, the church commemorates the redemptive act by which believers are united to Jesus Christ and made one. Baptism is the sign of entrance into the body of Christ. Through the Lord's Supper, God offers believers continued spiritual nourishment and sustains believers in the communion of the body of Christ. The Sacraments are the Word made visible. As a worshipping community, believers gather to glorify God. In this response to God, believers gain meaning in their lives by participating in the inner life of the body of Christ and by extending service to the world.

**STATED CLERK REPORT**  
**June 30, 2020**

**For action:** The stated clerk requests the presbytery consider the following motions:

1 **Lord's Supper:** That presbytery observe the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at its November meeting, November 7, 2020 at Lewistown. Moderator Ken Raney officiating.

**For information:**

1. **2020 Synod Records Review:** The minutes of the Presbytery of Huntingdon were reviewed by the Synod of the Trinity on April 29, 2020, by Zoom videoconference and were approved without exception. The clerk was re-elected as convenor of the Synod Records Review.
2. **Presbyterian Historical Society:** The clerk participated in the spring meeting of the Board of Directors of the Presbyterian Historical Society via Zoom videoconference. The clerk has been re-elected as secretary of the Historical Society board.
3. **General Assembly:** The clerk and General Presbyter attended the meeting of the 224th General Assembly in June. The meeting was held by zoom videoconference. The clerk served as a journal clerk for the Assembly.

## Session Review 2020: October 1, 2020

Normal: “the usual, average, or typical state or condition.” 2020 has not been “normal” in any way, shape or form, but God has been at work among us.

### Clerks of Session:

We are asking you to do the 2020 Records Review in a different way, that maintains our connectional nature and fulfills our responsibilities as clerks, while acknowledging the 2020 is a very different year for all of us.

1. **What should be here:** Regardless of the pandemic, your session should be exercising its role of leading the mission and ministry of your congregation. As clerk, it is your responsibility to record the actions of the session. So although there will be normal tasks that you did not perform this year and unusual tasks that you did do or different ways you did them, your role as clerk is to keep a record of what the session did.
2. **Long term:** You are expected to keep minutes and transfer them to a permanent copy for preservation. If you have not been able to complete the permanent copy and put it in the session’s usual place, please make sure your records are still being kept and in a safe place that someone else knows the location of. With everything being disrupted, we don’t want to lose track of your records along the way. Next year we will ask you to present two years of your permanent records.
3. **Suggestion:** At the end of this year, when you write your clerk’s report for the congregation, consider adding a paragraph or two or more chronicling the creative ways your people adapted to the challenges of the pandemic, the ways you ministered to your community, both within your membership and without. We have heard from you folks, and you have risen to the need in so many ways that need to be remembered.

### 2020 Review—October 1, 2020

4. Covers: Minutes October 2019 to present or most recent approved session and congregational minutes.
5. This review will be done by email or snail mail. We recognize that the pandemic of this year has disrupted every session’s plans in unique ways. (I, for one, have not been able to print off permanent copies of my presbytery minutes since early March.) There is no “right” response to dealing with the virus. We do want to ensure that the records are kept and survive, but we also care very much for the health and safety of our clerks and their congregations.
6. Attestation: We will ask you to fill out a short questionnaire covering the most basic aspects of church business, using your records as your guide. You are asked to submit this questionnaire to [stated clerk OR Records review coordinator OR COPL WTG] by email or snail mail by October 1, 2020. In October 2021, we will ask you to submit two years of your permanent records (minutes and congregational register) in person in the traditional way.
7. ACTION: Download the questionnaire, fill it out, using extra spaces or paper as needed, and return it to [name and addresses] either by email or snail mail by October 1, 2020

## 2020 SESSION REVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of church \_\_\_\_\_

- a. The session of [name] met on the following dates. [dates] Minutes of the meetings were made and are located [location of minutes]
- b. The congregation met on the following dates [dates] Minutes of the meetings were made and are located [location of minutes]
- c. Worship: The session took the following actions regarding worship [list]
- d. Sacraments: The session took the following actions regarding the observance of the Sacraments [list]
- e. Membership: The following persons were added to or removed from active membership between October 2019 and the present: [Names and dates]
- f. Finances: The session received reports from the treasurer on [dates]. Financial records have been kept and are located [location of financial records]
- g. Audit: The session [was/was not] able to have a 2019 financial review
- h. Annual statistical report approved [report done, report received and included in minutes]
- i. Name of the clerk of session and moderator of each meeting for which we don't have minutes to look at.

Send this filled out questionnaire to: [receiver]

I attest that the above actions were taken by the session of [name] and that they have been correctly recorded, have been in accordance with the Book of Order, have been prudent and equitable, and have been faithful to the mission of the whole church [G-3.0108a]

Name of clerk filling out this report:

Signature of clerk filling out this report: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

You will be reviewed provisionally on your response.

Thank you,

Virginia F. Rainey, stated clerk