

**The Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky
Called Meeting Minutes - June 5, 2024, 5 PM
Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church
119 Central Avenue, Pewee Valley KY 40056**

Gathering All Together: Vice Moderator, Elder Alicia Bloos called the meeting to order. She invited the Rev. Dr. Marian McClure to open the meeting with prayer.

The moderator welcomed first-time ruling elders.

She called for corresponding members to be introduced.

There was one corresponding member seated: Rev. Shannon Craigo-Snell — The Presbytery of Southern New England, was introduced and seated.

The presbytery was welcomed to Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church by Rev. Joel Weible, pastor.

The vice-moderator called on the stated clerk, Jerry Van Marter, to advise her on a quorum. The stated clerk advised the vice-moderator that a quorum was present. The vice-moderator declared a quorum. The roll was established as follows:

Teaching Elders Present: D. Bush, J. Edlin, C. Fohr, J. Garrett, A. Hartmans, J. Kupar, M. Nebelsick, J. Odom, B. Palmer, D. Seeger, E. Sherby, M. Taylor, G. Torrens, J. Van Marter, T. Vandergriff, E. Veliquette, J. Weible, L. Reichenbecher, E. Zavala

Ruling Elders Present: A. Bloos (Bardstown Road), J. Boswell (Harvey Browne), P. Clark (Pewee Valley), P. Chang (Crescent Hill), G. Cohen (Springdale), S. Cohen (Springdale), R. Fletcher (Pewee Valley), K. Hadley (Second), B. Muse (Trinity), J. Seig (Okolona), E. Stimson (Crescent Hill), P. Wessel (Beulah),

Visitors Present: E. Seeger (Highland), P. Long (Candidate), A. Torrens (John Knox)

The vice-moderator called on the stated clerk to share the docket. The stated clerk reported on the docket. There was a motion to approved the docket. There was a second. The docket was approved:

Moderator: Teaching Elder Christine Coy Fohr

Vice-moderator: Ruling Elder Alicia Bloos

Stated Clerk: Teaching Elder Jerry Van Marter

Recording Clerk: Teaching Elder Andrew Hartmans

4:30 p.m. Registration

5:00 p.m. Gathering All Together – Moderator Christine Coy Fohr

- Opening prayer
- Welcome to first time Ruling Elders and Guests
- Welcome and seating of any Corresponding Members
- Welcome from Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church
- Declaration of a quorum and approval of the docket.

5:10 p.m. Commission on Ministry report – Jenny Edlin

- Examination of candidate Patrick Long for ordination: FOR ACTION: Approve Patrick Long for ordination and validate his call to serve as chaplain for Baptist Health.
- Completion of arrested report from May 20, 2024.

6:00 p.m. Nominations/Representation Committee report – Linda Reichenbecher (oral report)

6:10 p.m. Closing prayer and Adjournment

There was a motion to approve Rev. Dr. Marian McClure as Moderator Pro Tem for the presbytery meeting. There was a second. The motion was approved.

Marian McClure took the chair.

Commission on Ministry:

The Presbytery participated in the *Liturgy for the Examination of a Candidate for Ordination*.

Marian prayed for the presbytery.

Marian invited Jenny Edlin to lead the examination on behalf of the Commission on Ministry.

The presbytery sang together.

Jenny introduced Candidate Patrick Long, to be examined for ordination.

Patrick preached before the presbytery reading the story of the temptation of Jesus.

Jenny invited Patrick to share about his faith journey and hopes for the future.

The presbytery examined the candidate.

There was a motion to arrest the examination. There was a second. The motion to arrest the examination was approved.

The candidate was excused from the room.

On behalf of the Commission on Ministry Jenny moved that Patrick Long be ordained.

There was discussion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

The candidate returned to applause.

The moderator pro tem prayed for Patrick Long, giving thanks for the journey.

The moderator pro tem ascribed praise.

Commission on Ministry Written Report: Due to time constraints, the COM verbal report was removed from the agenda at the May 20th meeting. Below is the written report from that meeting.

The Commission on Ministry has met three times since the February meeting of the presbytery – March 4, 2024; April 1, 2024; and May 6, 2024. This is the summary of COM actions at those meetings:

Pastoral related business:

- The Commission appointed the Rev. Toya Richards to serve as moderator of session for Peace Presbyterian Church, where she is serving as temporary pastor.
- The Commission approved the call of the session of First Presbyterian Church of Shelbyville and terms of call to the Rev. David Wallace to serve as Temporary Pastor.
- The Commission appointed Jerry Van Marter to serve as liaison to the Shelbyville session during the transition.
- The Commission approved the call and terms of call to the Rev. Adrian White to serve as Associate Pastor and to approve the transfer of the Rev. Adrian White from the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee.
- The North Oldham NCD committee has found a leader for the new ministry: Bryce Weibe. He is the former director of special offerings for the PC(USA).
- The Commission appointed the Rev. Mark Baridon and COM member Robert Charles as liaisons to the session and Pastor Nominating Committee (to be elected after Steve Jester's retirement in June) at Second Presbyterian Church.

- The Commission approved Patrick Long, a candidate under the care of Eastern Virginia Presbytery, for examination and ordination by Mid-Kentucky Presbytery and validated Patrick's call to serve as a chaplain at Baptist Health.
- The Commission received Michael Parker, a former member of national staff, as a member at-large by transfer from National Capital Presbytery.

Covenants Calls and Compensations:

- The subcommittee sponsored a COM retreat on April 6, 2024 at Anchorage Presbyterian Church. Board of Pension changes and liaison training were the main topics.
- The Commission voted to sunset the Advocates Pilot Program after several years.

Care of Church Professionals:

- The Commission continues to evaluate results of a survey that was sent out to assess ways in which COM can learn from church professionals what they would consider helpful and supportive, what kind of programming they want, and how COM can be a supportive presence in their ministry.
- The next Lunch and Learn gathering will be Wednesday, May 22 at the Seminary at Noon. The event will be led by Keenan Rodgers of the Board of Pensions, who will offer a deep dive into the new BOP benefits structure.
- The next COM-sponsored Ministers Retreat has been scheduled for Friday, October 25 at Cedar Ridge Camp.

Covenant Community Church

- The task force assigned to accompany Covenant Community Church has

continued to work on criteria for accessing financial help from the Presbytery for counseling services in sexual abuse cases going forward, including the Finance Committee in the conversation. The Task Force is also working on a list of properly credentialed counseling agencies. The Task Force has also met with Rev. Abbi Heimach-Snipes to collaborate on ways the presbytery meeting can be as trauma-informed as possible considering the Administrative Commission's report and its reception.

Other Business:

- The Rev. Jamie McLeod, COM vice-chair, has accepted a call to be associate presbyter for transformation for Carlisle Presbytery in Pennsylvania. The Commission will seek a new vice-chair.
- The Commission continues to develop processes and policies to address issues of mental health and the presbytery's responses in response to the resolution sponsored by Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church that the presbytery approved in November 2023.
- With the arrival of the Rev. Tami Recob as temporary pastor at Crescent Hill Presbyterian Church, the Commission granted permission to the CHPC Administrative Commission to "step back," but authorized it to be available by request for some time.
- The Commission is coordinating meetings between the presbytery, Portland Avenue Presbyterian Church and Presbyterian Homes and Services of Kentucky (PHSKY) about the future and collaborative possibilities for ministry in both locations.

Ordinations: the following Ministers of Word and Sacrament are celebrating significant anniversaries of their ordination this quarter:

1 Year

Dave Bush in April

15 Years

Beth Troy in April

25 Years

Fred Ehrman in May

30 Years

Peggy Hinds

35 Years

Susan Barnes in June

40 Years

Jim Garrett in April

Jae Sin Han in April

Dan Rift in June

50 Years

Cynthia Campbell in June

Robert Williams-Neal in June

60 Years
Gary Hall

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Jenny gave a verbal report. She shared that Rev. Adrian White was approved to serve as Associate Pastor at Highland Presbyterian Church.

Jenny also reported that Rev. Steve Jester and Second Presbyterian Church celebrated Steve's work at Second and his coming retirement.

Jenny announced that Rev. Dave Bush was elected to serve as Vice-Moderator of the Commission on Ministry.

And Jenny reported that Rev. Mike Parker is a new member of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery. He comes from National Capital Presbytery.

Nominations Committee: On behalf of the committee, Rev. Linda Reichenbecher, Chair reported the following nominations:

Commission on Ministry
Class of 2024 (TE) – TE Nolan Huizenga (Highland)
Class of 2025 (RE) – Stacey Torgerson (Anchorage)

Personnel Committee
Class of 2026 – Brenda Stoney (Shawnee)

Church Administration Committee
Class of 2025 — (RE) Perry Chang (Crescent Hill)

Shawnee AC with Original Jurisdiction (1 RE or TE)
(TE) Tom Vandergriff

Closing: The moderator pro tem called on the Moderator, Rev. Christine Coy Fohr, to close the meeting with prayer. Christine prayed for the presbytery.

There was a motion to adjourn. There was a second to the motion. The motion to adjourn was approved.

Christine Coy Fohr, Moderator

Jerry Van Marter, Stated Clerk

Andrew Hartmans, Recording Clerk