

Highlights of the 182<sup>nd</sup> Stated Meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery  
Tuesday, May 21, 2019, Massanetta Springs Conference Center

Presbytery met on a beautiful day, beginning our meeting in worship which included communion, commissioning the youth that are participating in the Youth Triennium at Purdue University this summer and commissioning those that are headed to Ethiopia this summer to teach English as a second language.

We recognized and honorably retired the Rev. Bill Sitterley, Interim at Shepherdstown effective July 1, 2019 and The Rev. Bob Osborne, Pastor at Berkeley Springs, effective July 7, 2019.

The Rev. Nancy Meehan Yao reminded the Body of the upcoming Small Church Forums on July 10 at Buckton and July 11 at Smyrna led by the Presbyterian Foundation. All are welcome.

The Sherando AC reported that an offer has been accepted from the Blue Ridge Habitat for Humanity for the building and the property. A food pantry will continue in the space and there is also space for worship.

Dr. Ken McFayden, Academic Dean of Union Theological Seminary and professor of Ministry and Leadership Development was welcomed as he talked of the on-line courses that are available to anyone not just those preparing to become Commissioned Ruling Elders. He spoke with much heart and enthusiasm.

The presbytery formed groups and for an hour discussed the book Waking Up White as a first step in understanding the systemic issues of racism in our country.

Jeff Hornbeck shared his experiences as a member of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship's accompaniment program in the country of Columbia.

New guidelines for the Pulpit Supply List were outlined from the Committee on Pastoral Transition.

The presbytery welcomes the Rev. Jamie Smith, new pastor, Mossy Creek Presbyterian Church.

Committee on Relational Ministry presented the first reading of the new salary policy. Any questions or comments please give to anyone on the Committee.

The Committee on New Church Development talked of two possible NCD's, one in the area of Shepherdstown and one in area of Stephen City.

From the Committee on Church Vitality and Transformation we heard how the Craigsville mission continues to grow in the most impoverished community in Augusta County.

And we ended our day with smiles on our faces as we learned of "Dog Church", the new worship offering at Second Presbyterian Church of Staunton.

Thank you to Clayton Rascoe, Director and the staff of Massanetta Springs for their warm hospitality and helpfulness.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bronwen Boswell, General Presbyter/Stated Clerk