

MAY 20, 2023 PRESBYTERY MEETING

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS

STATED CLERK

I. FOR INFORMATION:

- A. An Investigating Committee has been formed to inquire about possible disciplinary measures.
- B. The 2022 minutes of church sessions have been read as reported on page S-2.

II. RECOMMENDATION:

That Presbytery approve the following minutes of the Commission to Install Teaching Elder Andrew Ditzel:

MINUTES OF COMMISSION TO INSTALL THE REV. ANDREW J. DITZEL as pastor of the Lexington Presbyterian Church of Lexington, Virginia. In accordance with the appointment of the Committee on Pastoral Transition, the commission convened at the Lexington Presbyterian Church, on Sunday, May 7, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

Commission members present: Teaching Elders: April Cranford (Presbytery Moderator), Casey Clark, Rachel Clark, William Klein, and Patrick Pettit Ruling Elders: Bob Blinn (Mt. Carmel), Mary Dugan (Lexington), and Trudy Melvin (Oxford)

A quorum was present.

April Cranford, Convener, called the commission to order and led in prayer. The commission elected April Cranford as moderator and Casey Clark as recording clerk.

The congregation was called to worship. Bill Klein preached the sermon on the subject “Every Bush Aflame With God” from Exodus. April Cranford asked the questions of the teaching elder. Mary Dugan asked the questions of the congregation. These being answered in the affirmative and with prayer led by Bill Klein, the commission installed Drew Ditzel as pastor of the Lexington Presbyterian Church.

Patrick Pettit delivered the charge to the congregation and Rachel and Casey Clark delivered the charge to the pastor.

At the conclusion of the service the newly installed pastor made a brief statement and pronounced the benediction.

The commission then read and approved their minutes. The commission adjourned with prayer led by Casey Clark.

April Cranford, Moderator
Casey Clark, Recording Clerk

SESSIONAL RECORDS REPORT

Session Minute Reading Report for 2022

Clerks from around the presbytery participated in one of four gatherings held this spring. Thank you to all who gathered, learned, and helped one another. Thank you to our host churches, Opequon, Massanutten, Third Staunton and Petersburg.

March 18, 2023 – Opequon

No Exceptions - Bloomery, Bunker Hill, Burnt, Front Royal, Gerrardstown, Little Falls, Mt Storm, Mt Hope, Opequon, Tabler, Tuscarora, Wardensville, Warrenton, Woodstock, Elk Branch, Middletown, Berkely Springs, Falling Waters, Hedgesville

Exceptions - Buckton, Charles Town, Ivanhoe, Romney, Slanesville, First Winchester, Clear Brook, Shepherdstown

March 25, 2023 – Massanutten

No Exceptions - Bethesda, Bridgewater, Elkton, Franklin, Massanutten, Mossy Creek, Mt. Carmel, New Monmouth, Trinity, Nineveh

Exceptions - Berryville, Broadway, Ruddle

April 22, 2023 – Staunton Third

No Exceptions - Beulah, Cooks Creek, Covenant, Fairfield, Loch Willow, Monterey, Olivet, Oxford, Rocky Spring, Timber Ridge, Tinkling Spring, Staunton Third, Union, Waynesboro First, Waynesboro Second, Westminster, Zetta

Exceptions - Augusta Stone, Bethany, Colliertown, Hebron, Hermitage, Hot Springs, Lexington, Millboro, New Providence, Staunton First

May 6, 2023 – Petersburg

No Exceptions – Petersburg

Exceptions – Moorefield, Piedmont, Springfield

There are 26 churches yet to have their minutes read.

Bronwen W. Boswell, Stated Clerk

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS (CN)

That Presbytery elect the following to serve:

COMMITTEE ON NEW CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

CLASS of 2024: TE Rachel Hamburger, Supply at Smyrna Church

COMMITTEE ON RELATIONAL MINISTRY (CRM)

I. ACTIONS TAKEN:

- A. Received and approved a summary report of members-at-large, parish associates, and validated ministers.
- B. Approved re-validating the ministries of the following for 2023: William Everhart, Jacob Kave, Clayton Rascoe, and Andrew Wing.
- C. Received and approved a summary report of continuing education taken in 2022 by installed teaching elders.
- D. Renewed the temporary supply contract between the Piedmont Session and Ruling Elder Lori Evans from April 10, 2023-April 10, 2024.
- E. Renewed the commissioned ruling elder contract between the Burlington Session and CRE Linda Reece from May 1, 2023-April 30, 2024.
- F. Renewed the commissioned ruling elder contract between the Springfield Session and CRE Linda Reece from May 1, 2023-April 30, 2024.
- G. Approved the transfer of Honorably Retired Teaching Elder Anne Ross to the Presbytery of Carlisle effective May 11, 2023.

II. RECOMMENDATION:

That Presbytery grant the status of honorable retirement to Teaching Elder Patrick Lanaghan effective May 1, 2023



COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES (CER)

This year was a remarkable year of growth as we navigated this new relationship with the PC(USA) denomination and students on campus. This year, we have laughed together, we have cried together, and we've made unforgettable memories together. We had a number of events go on throughout the year, including weekend retreats, various small groups, and worshipping together. I would love to highlight some of our events and celebrations this year for you all.

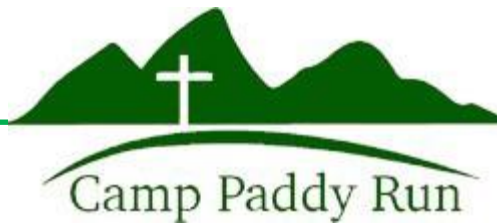
At the beginning of this semester, we were invited to lead worship at Trinity. For many students, this

was their first time assisting in leading a worship. We had students lead us in prayer, offer parts of the sermon, and even lead the children's time. This helped to remind me that the future of the Church lies within young adults, and I am so proud of where the Church is going just based on this opportunity. Here we are, five months later, and students still talk of leading worship with appreciation and joy. Another huge celebration from this year was our commitment to volunteering at Trinity's Clothes Closet. Once a month, we would come and run the closet and serve the community. For some students in our community, this was their only connection point because it meant that much to them to volunteer and serve the community. For other students, this was an excellent reminder to care for the community and think bigger than ourselves and those immediately around us. We are so thankful for Trinity Presbyterian Church and the entire Presbytery for your continued financial support and community.

Finally, it is with great excitement that one of our graduating seniors, Juno Sparger, will be working with the Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) Program upon graduation. Juno is deeply connected with his PC(USA) Church back home and has loved finding a community with us on campus. He will be spending the year in Scotland surrounded by fellow PC(USA) folks and is so excited to be in service.

We are so excited for what the future of this ministry holds, and we are so, so thankful for your alls continued financial and prayerful support. The future of the Church is found within these young people at JMU, and we just need your support in empowering them. I've attached some photos of us in action throughout the year, from worship on the Quad, to holiday celebrations together, to volunteering and serving together, this has been an unforgettable year and we are just so thankful for you all and all the support you have had to offer.

Best, Abby Butler-Cefalo, Campus Minister "



CAMP PADDY RUN 2022 YEAR-END SUMMARY

Camp Paddy Run began the year completing a 3-year financial review for 2019-2021. The information was verified by an outside bookkeeping firm. Two fundraisers were also hosted to raise money for capital improvements: a bingo night and spaghetti dinner. Both events raised over \$1200.

Once again, the camp enjoyed success with its annual events. Day Camp hosted in June was themed after Christmas and saw 100 campers in grades 1-12 attend; half were 7-12 graders that had the added privilege of staying overnight on Thursday and Friday. The volunteer counselor staff was comprised of 18 young adults that were former Day Campers themselves- some coming from as far away as Texas, Florida, and Kansas to serve.

July's Adventure Camp is aimed at giving the older campers a longer overnight experience and to continue growing in their fellowship and faith that began at Day Camp. This year's 80's theme included a riverside picnic with swimming and hiking, a 'splatterpaint' paint ball day and a roller skating party.

The final event, Fall Retreat, was held in November and was themed after the miracles Jesus performed. A self-guided GPS course led groups to twelve stations with study and activities at each stop. Two new events were added to the calendar as well: a February Counselor Retreat and a Skating Party during winter break where all day campers and family were invited at no charge. This event also celebrated the 'Halfway to DayCamp!' mark and began outreach for 2023's event.

Rentals continue to be a stable source of income for the camp. Several new groups booked events that have all returned - or plan to return- in 2023. Strasburg Presbytery hosted a church-wide Lenten event and two DC-based groups hosted adult camping retreats. The Boy Scouts, Trail Life, and American Heritage Girls all returned this year as well as Opequon Presbytery and Trinity Presbytery Church in Arlington, part of the National Capital Presbytery. Other weeks/weekends were rented by families and individuals. In total, rental income comprised over \$6000 of the yearly income for the camp.

The big capital improvements for the year included re-roofing Cabin 1 and the garage- both having suffered wind and tree damage. Upgrading Cabin 1 was also a big priority for the year- replacing the siding, doors, windows and adding new vinyl floors. Once completed with new bunkbeds, this structure can hold up to 14 campers for spring through fall accommodation.

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