

SEPTEMBER 14, 2024, PRESBYTERY MEETING

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS

STATED CLERK:

RECOMMENDATION:

That Presbytery approve the resolution from McDowell Church as found on page S-2

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS:

Recommend that Presbytery approve the following:

Committee on Ministry

Class of 2027 – John McDonald, TE, Mt. Horeb Supply

Committee on Mission and Outreach (CMO)

Chair, September-December 2024 – David “Dave” Thalman, RE, Winchester First
(Chair Gwen Carr has resigned effective September 2024)

Vice Moderator - 2025

James “Jim” Yao, TE, Moorefield

RESOLUTION OF THE PRESBYTERY OF THE SHENANDOAH

RECITALS:

- A. The Trustees of McDowell Presbyterian Church ("Trustees") have responsibility and oversight of the Presbyterian Church property located in Headwaters, Virginia;
- B. The Trustees have determined it is in the best interest of that community and the Presbyterian Church to sell the real property located in Headwaters, Virginia, previously used as a Presbyterian Church, the congregation having since and for some time now having disbanded;
- C. The real property comprising the Presbyterian Church located in Headwaters, Virginia consists of a lot fronting on the west side of U.S. Route 250 containing 11 ¼ square poles, being more particularly described by metes and bounds set forth in a deed dated October 6, 1899, of record in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office for the County of Highland, Virginia, in Deed Book 11, Page 18;
- D. Pursuant to Church governance, authority of the Trustees of McDowell Presbyterian Church to sell any church property must be conferred, in this particular instance, by the Presbytery of the Shenandoah;
- E. The Book of Order, Paragraph G-4.0205, Page 40, directs, empowers and authorizes the Presbytery to dispose of Church lands "as the Presbytery may direct, in conformity with the constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)";
- F. The Presbytery of the Shenandoah concurs with the Trustees and the congregational vote of McDowell Presbyterian Church in which it approved of the disposition of the parcel described above to Elmo C. Varner and Orpha M. Varner.

RESOLVED, that the Presbytery of the Shenandoah releases any right, claim and authority over the lands held by McDowell Presbyterian Church in and to the real estate at the Headwaters Presbyterian Church and that the vote of the congregation of McDowell Presbyterian Church including the session approving the conveyance of this real property is accepted and approved, and further;

RESOLVED, that the Presbytery of the Shenandoah after fully discussing and considering the request to sell the Presbyterian Church property located in Headwaters, Virginia, as described above does hereby fully endorse and authorize the Trustees of McDowell Presbyterian Church to sell the Church property of the Presbyterian Church located in Headwaters, Virginia, to Elmo C. Varner and Orpha M. Varner for no consideration and as a gift, on condition that Elmo C. Varner and Orpha M. Varner share in one half (1/2) of the costs associated with all legal expenses and recording fees expended to accomplish this transfer; and the Trustees are further authorized, empowered and directed to take such steps, apply for such civil authorization as may be required by the Commonwealth of Virginia and employ such persons or professional counsel as may be needed to transfer the lands previously used for worship at the Headwaters Presbyterian Church to Elmo C. Varner and Orpha M. Varner as the Circuit Court for the County of Highland may so order.

Presbytery of the Shenandoah

By: _____