

**Highlights of the 204th Stated Meeting
of Shenandoah Presbytery
February 25, 2025**

The Presbytery met by Zoom and after the usual greetings and introductions we moved into worship. Moderator Bill North led worship with the theme of abundance. The Rev. Clayton Rascoe preached, the offering will go to our partner Church World Service, and we remembered those who died this past year with the sharing of the necrology report.

Following worship, we installed the new moderator, Debra Fitzgerald O'Connell, Ruling elder from the Tinkling Spring church. We thanked Elder Bill North for his leadership this past year as moderator and wish him well as he takes on the work of moderating the Coordinating and Planning Commission this coming year.

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) introduced the presbytery to Mark Dewey, one of our candidates who completed his candidacy, received a call as a chaplain with UVA medical, has been examined and approved for ordination. The presbytery is invited to his ordination at Trinty Presbyterian Church, Harrisonburg, Sunday March 9 at 2:30. Congratulations Mark!

The Committee on Educational Resources (CRE) encourages our youth attend the Presbyterian Youth Triennium this summer in Louisville Ky! Ya'll Come!

The Committee on Mission and Outreach (CMO) encouraged us all to read the stories from our churches celebrating the \$200 each congregation received to do mission in honor of the 200th meeting of the presbytery last year. Also, as soon as the information is available for mission opportunities in rebuilding the communities affected by the floods in NC it will be shared.

The Committee on Ministry (COM) brought the second reading of minimum salary for new calls. The motion passed unanimously. The session of Union Presbyterian Church asked for and Administrative Commission (AC) to be formed for the purpose of helping them dissolve the congregation and dispose of the property. And the presbytery welcomed retired pastor Gary Cecil as a member and his wife Sheila Palmer to the presbytery.

The presbytery approved eleven of the thirteen proposed amendments from the General Assembly to change the Book of Order. The final two 24-A and 24-C will be discussed and voted upon in May.

The next meeting of Presbytery will be Tuesday May 20, 2025, in person at Woodstock Presbyterian Church. We look forward to seeing everyone there!