

Presbytery of the Alleghenies (POA) of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC)
Minutes of the 41st Stated Meeting
First Presbyterian, Beaver, PA
Hybrid In-person and Zoom
February 19, 2022

41-01 POA met for its 41st Stated Meeting, hosted by First Presbyterian in Beaver, PA. Notice to the POA churches was given at least 30 days prior to the meeting. This meeting was hybrid, both in person and virtually via Zoom.

41-02 The business meeting began 9 AM on February 19, 2022 in the Sanctuary of First Presbyterian, Beaver, PA following a time of worship with candidate Ron Cepek preaching. Communion was observed.

41-03 Call to Order: Moderator TE Betsy Rumer from Memorial Park Church, Allison Park, PA called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with prayer.

41-04 Moderator Rumer invited TE Jeff Arnold from First Presbyterian to welcome the attendees.

41-05 Voting: Moderator Rumer explained the voting procedures for this 41st Stated Meeting. Those in attendance in person would vote by voice and written ballot. Commissioners were reminded not to fold the written ballot. Those in attendance via Zoom would vote electronically. We would allow time for the Zoom votes to be tallied. Moderator Rumer reminded everyone that only TE's and RE Commissioners can vote. Moderator Rumer then reminded all TEs and RE Commissioners that they should have a packet containing all of the written reports and forms that would be discussed at this meeting.

41-06 Quorum: With concurrence of the Stated Clerk, TE Dana Opp, Moderator Rumer declared a quorum.

41-07 Attendance of TE's and RE Commissioners: There were 46 Teaching Elders (TEs) and 61 Ruling Elder Commissioners (REs) present. Those TEs in attendance are noted with (P), those unexcused are noted with (A), and those who have been excused are marked with (E). Those attending by Zoom are indicated with an (*):

Church	TEs	RE Commissioners
Amazing Grace	<i>Vacant</i>	Chris Adams James Nelson
Ardara	<i>CP Supplied</i>	Fred Bright Kathy Pawluk
Bay(over 1,500)	Mark Tumney(A)	Craig Koehler* Richard Gash*
Bellefield	Joshua Brown (P)	Barry Balliet Gary Liberati

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Church	TEs	RE Commissioners
Bergen EPC	Brandt Hammock (P)	Gregg McAllister
Bethany	Bob Stauffer - <i>Trans</i> (A)	Dennis Thompson Joe Phillips
Bethel (Enon Valley)	Gerald Dodds(P)	Murat Tanyel Cindy McCullough
Bethel (Prosperity)	Eric Toohey (P)	Timothy Moses
Beverly Heights	Nate Devlin (A)	Arthur Flickinger* Brenton Mock
Calvin	Sean Brubaker (P)	
Center	Doug Runyan – <i>Trans</i> (A)	Cliff Hovis
Colonial Village	Jared Hoyt (P*)	Mary Linkowski*
Covenant (Ligonier)	Tim Habecker - <i>Trans</i> .(P)	Todd Griffith
Covenant (Sharon)	Rick Stauffer (P) Matthew Geary (E)	R George Ross Jack Macom Aaron Weese
CUP	Scott Graham (P)	Judson Herter* Jule Haas
Fairview	<i>Vacant</i>	
Faith Fellowship	<i>Vacant</i>	
First – Bakerstown	Paul Becker (P) Jeremy Collins (P)	Allan Wettach
First – Barton	Thomas Morgan (E)	
First – Beaver	Jeff Arnold (P) Marc de Jeu (P) Abigail Opal (P)	
First – Bentleyville	Andy Scott (P)	Misty Kevech Curtis Spowls
First Lanaconing	<i>share Thomas Morgan</i>	
Fourth	<i>vacant</i>	
Gateway	Chris White (A)	
Graystone	Robert Sparr (P) Joseph Stroup (P)	Andrew Arblaster
Hanover	Jefferson Ellis (P)	
Harmony	Jeff Jones (P)	
Hickory	Daniel Clark (P)*	Blake Grove*
Hudson	William Rasch – <i>Trans</i> (A) Tim Slager (E)	

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Church	TEs	RE Commissioners
Knox	Justin Olivetti (A)	
Lancaster	Kelly Negus (E)	
Lebanon	Bob Titus (A)	Mike Carney*
Leicester (Union)	<i>CP supplied</i>	Carol Griffen*
Lighthouse	Sterling Brown(P)	John Costa Robert Eroshevich
Manor	<i>CP supplied</i>	
Mansfield 1 st	Joseph Yerger(P*)	
Memorial Park	Betsy Rumer(P) Kevin Gourley (A)	Rick Corlis Patty Hildenbrand Sonja Kassouf Carol Kjellman* Jeff McManus
Middle Sandy	<i>Vacant</i>	Scott Mason Dave Socotch
Mill Creek	<i>Vacant</i>	Judy Compston Jason Stanton*
Mountville	Patrick Keeley (P*)	Kelly Bresnihan* Dan Parson*
Mt. Carmel	Eric Phillips (E)	
Mt. Lebanon	Carolyn Poteet (P)	Bruce Tenenbaum Amy Sarkett
Mt. Olivet	Kevin Neal (P)	
Mt. Perry	Thom Burbridge- <i>Stated Supply</i> (A)	
Mt. Pleasant	Richard Herbster (P)	Jeanne Cox Rebecca Matsco
Muddy Creek	Matthew Kail (A)	
Natrona Heights	Rick Harbaugh(P*)	Doug Deemer*
New Albany	David Milroy(E)	
New Bedford	Dan Muttart - <i>Trans</i> (P*)	
New Covenant	<i>Vacant</i>	
New Hope	Andrew Cooper (A)	
North Park	Dan Hendley (A) Ben Burkholder (P)	
Peters Creek	Doug Brandt (A)	
Petrolia	<i>Vacant</i>	
Pierpont	<i>Stated Supply not EPC</i>	

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Church	TEs	RE Commissioners
Pine Run	Lanny Mellinger (P*)	
Portersville	Dana Opp (P)	Eric Miller
Redeemer	<i>Vacant</i>	Laurie LeSuer Jaye Moelk
Round Hill	Matt Stith (E)	
Shiloh	Scott Wiest (P)	Glen Challingsworth
Slickville	<i>CP Supplied</i>	John Tirpak
SOMA	<i>CP Supplied</i>	Caleb Musselman
St. Paul's	Mike Dunlap (E) Scott Steltzer (E)	
Starkdale	Carl Moore (P*)	
Stone Church	<i>Stated Supply not EPC</i>	Tina Little* Bryan Little*
Stow	Vince Latz(P*)	Judy Biskner Sherry Stoffer
Summit	Tom Jones (P*)	
Tabernacle	Brian Carpenter (E) Gary Koerth (A)	Rick Blair
Unionville	<i>share Matthew Kail</i>	
Venice	David Perry- <i>Transitional</i> (E)	
Windy Gap	Joseph Rearick (P)	Timothy Collins

Out-of-Bounds

- John Bower (P) – Hospice Chaplain
- Robert Cappel (P*) – Treasure Lake Church
- Robert Cummings (P*) – Transitional – Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest
- Jarred Crawford (A) – St. John's Reformed
- Lindon Fowler (E) – Seneca Hills Bible Camp
- Tim Habecker (P) – Ligonier CCC also at Covenant Ligonier Transitional Pastor
- Lisa Negus(E) – Chaplain Hospital
- David Shrader (E) – Chaplain US Air Force
- Bob Stanley (A) – Chaplain US Army
- Scott Steltzer (E)– Summers Best 2Weeks also at St. Paul's Associate Pastor
- Dean Weaver (P) – EPC Stated Clerk
- Suzanne Zampella (A) – Transitional - ECO

Administrators:

- Bob Stauffer (A)– POA (Church Revitalization Coordinator) – also at Bethany Transitional

Active W/O Call

- Eric Amundson (A)
- Anthony Bianchini (A)
- Bryan Bushong (A)
- Peter Dembrosky (A)
- Tony Myers (A)
- Rick Negley (A)
- Carol Rettew (A)

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- Bill Woodman (P*)

Retired – Active

- Gary Chorpenning (A)
- Denny Finnegan (E)
- Don Hurray (E)
- Tim Luddy(P*)
- Philip Makari (A)
- John McElwain (A)
- Tom Sawyer (P)
- Roger Woodworth (A)

Associate and/or Inactive Status

- Karen Anderson - retired(A)
- Hu Auburn – retired (A)
- Bobby Brown – Suspended (A)
- David Chambers – associate OOB (A)
- Adrian Ciganic – associate OOB (A)
- Matt Haberman- associate w/o call (A)
- Jim Henkel – retired (A)
- Bruce Hemphill- associate (A)
- David Hunt – associate w/o call (A)
- Rick Hurley – retired (A)
- Daniel Lee – associate w/o call (A)
- Chris Mathewson – suspended (A)
- David Massimi – retired (E)
- Lowell Meek (A)
- William Milligan – associate (A)
- Jim Moelk - associate (P*)
- Bill Pawson – retired (A)
- Doug Reinard – retired (A)
- Bob Shull – associate w/o call (A)
- Garnett Slatton- associate w/o call(A)
- John Timmerman – retired (A)
- Mike Vonderau – associate w/o call(A)
- Rick Wolling (A)
- George Yates – retired (A)

Observers/Visitors: Marlene Becker (POA –Admin. Assist, First Bakerstown); Tillie Nelson (Amazing Grace); Heather Meyers, Glenn Meyers, Tara Nicolai, Stephanie West (Ardara); Carol Williams, Larry Williams (Bellefield); Steve Amsler (Bethany); Mark Simond (Beverly Heights); Paula Keefer-Herter* (CUP); Ron Cepek (First Beaver); Tom Doan*, Sean Hall, Lee Kirchhofer, Steve Pinney, Ron Sicignano (Hillside PCUSA); Joshua Dadeboe, Peter Pugliese, Roger Rumer*, Greg Wilson (Memorial Park); Eileen Tenebaum (Mt. Lebanon); Lenna Neal (Mt. Olivet); Jen Burkholder (North Park); Chris Eatough (Pacific Southwest Presbytery); Marg Opp (Portersville); Bob LeSuer (Redeemer); Jerry Carson, Doug Carson, Dani Brown (SOMA); Maggie Brady (Retired Pastor Spouse)

41-08 Docket: Moderator Rumer asked for a motion to approve the Docket. **Motion carried** and the Docket was adopted shown below.

41st Stated Presbytery Meeting

Place: First Presbyterian Church, Beaver, PA
Date: Saturday, February 19, 2022
Registration: 8AM-8:30AM
Time: 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM
Mode: HYBRID
Order of Business:

8:30 A -Worship with Communion, Candidate Ron Cepek preaching
Opening Prayer

TE Betsy Rumer

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Pastors' Wives Breakout Session-	Martha Shartner, Director of Discipleship, FPC, Beaver
-Ministerial Committee Report	TE Eric Toohey
-Church Development Committee Report	TE Lindon Fowler
Mental Health Chaplaincy Report	TE Abby Opal
-EPC Next Gen Report, POA Youth Network	TE Joe Stroup
-Pre-Lunch Announcements	
-Rick Stauffer, Concert at Covenant, Sharon, PA	
NOON -Lunch	
Evangelism Breakout	Church Development Committee
Mental Health and the Church Breakout	TE Abby Opal
1:00 PM -Re-Assemble	
-Ministerial Committee Report	TE Eric Toohey
-General Assembly Presentation	RE Glenn Meyers
Video on PMA Restructuring	TE Dean Weaver
Question and Answer Time	
-Business Committee Report	
R. George Ross, Treasurer	
-Stated Clerk/Leadership Team Report	TE Dana Opp
Leadership Team Summary	
Approve Minutes of the 40 th Stated Meeting, November 13, 2021	
Disparity Report	
Dismiss June 3, 2021 Judicial Commission with Thanks	
Stated Clerk Correspondence/Action Report	
Vote on Descending Overtures From 41 st GA	
Reminder: 42nd General Assembly convenes at Ward Church, Northville, MI on Wednesday morning June 22, 2022, and adjourns Friday afternoon, June 24th. Leadership Institute will again begin on Tuesday, June 21st.	
Next 42 nd Stated Presbytery Meeting, May 6-7, 2022. Bethany EPC, Mercer, PA	
3:00 PM- Adjourn	TE Betsy Rumer

41-09 Moderator Rumer then welcomed all those in attendance and asked first-time attendees to introduce themselves. Moderator Rumer pointed out that name badges with a red dot are those individuals who self-identified as First Aid responders who are willing to provide aid. Moderator Rumer dismissed the pastors' spouses to a breakout.

41-10 Report of Ministerial Committee: Moderator Rumer then invited Chair of the Ministerial Committee TE Eric Toohey, Bethel EPC, Prosperity, PA forward to give the report of the Ministerial Committee (written report included in the Commissioners' Packet). TE Eric Toohey opened the report with scripture and prayer.

41-10A TE Toohey explained the role of the Ministerial Committee and provided an overview of their activities. He referred to the written report in the packet. He noted that Statements of Faith were no longer in the packet because the EPC has a Statement of Faith in the Westminster Confession of Faith which the candidates affirm with approved exceptions. Commissioners were encouraged to ask questions during the exams. TE Toohey encouraged pastors to attend the annual TE retreat March 6-8 at Seneca Hills Bible Camp.

41-10B TE Toohey then indicated there were items that needed presbytery approval. The following motion was made by the MC Committee:

Omnibus Motion:

- Approve the following dissolutions where the pastor and congregation concur:
 - Redeemer Evangelical Presbyterian Church (Erie, PA) in a duly called congregational meeting voted to dissolve the call of TE Doug Kortyna. TE Kortyna has taken a call in another EPC Presbytery.
 - New Covenant Evangelical Presbyterian Church (New Castle, PA) in a duly called congregational meeting voted to dissolve the call of TE Chris Curtis. TE Curtis has taken a call in another EPC Presbytery.
 - Mill Creek Evangelical Presbyterian Church (Hookstown, PA) in a duly called congregational meeting voted to dissolve the call of TE Harper Brady. TE Brady has retired and will be moved to the active retired roll.
 - Venice Presbyterian Church (Cecil, PA) in a duly called congregational meeting voted to dissolve the call of TE Gary Chorpenning. TE Chorpenning has retired and will be moved to the active retired roll.
 - Fairview United Presbyterian Church (Petrolia, PA) and Petrolia Presbyterian Church (Petrolia, PA) in duly called congregational meetings voted to dissolve the call of TE David Perry. TE Perry has taken another call in the Presbytery.
- Dismiss TE Chris Curtis to the Rivers and Lakes Presbytery (EPC) to accept a call as Pastor of Hope Evangelical Presbyterian Church (Grayslake, IL).
- Dismiss TE Doug Kortyna to the Pacific Northwest Presbytery (EPC) to accept a call as Associate Pastor for Outreach and Evangelism at Christ Presbyterian Church (Boise, ID).
- Move TE Harper Brady and TE Gary Chorpenning to the active retired roll.
- Move TE Bryan Bushong, TE Rick Negley, and TE Carol Rettew to inactive status.
- Approve the following calls that do not require examination:
 - The Session of Venice Presbyterian Church (Cecil, PA) in a duly called Session meeting voted to call TE David Perry as Transitional Pastor.
 - TE David Shrader has accepted a call as Chaplain for the United States Air Force. He will labor out of bounds at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base (Goldsboro, NC).

Omnibus Motion Approved

41-10C TE Toohey invited Mr. Ron Cepek, ministerial candidate under care of the Presbytery to come forward. He then reminded the body of the examination process of the Ministerial Committee and the POA, in accordance with the **BOG 12-2**. in order to accept a call as Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Beaver, PA. Candidate Cepek, having completed the candidacy requirements prescribed in **G.11-2** and having sustained written examinations and then oral examination before the Ministerial Committee, was presented to the Presbytery for examination for the office of Teaching Elder. In accordance with **BOG 10-4.H**, TE Jeff Arnold, First Beaver advocated for the call of Mr. Cepek to First Beaver. Mr.

Cepek reported exceptions to the Presbytery of WCF:21.8 In accordance with the **BOG 12-4. On Motion**, Mr. Cepek's' exception(s) to the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms were allowed. The Presbytery then examined Mr. Cepek in accordance with **BOG 12-2. On motion**, the examination was arrested, and Mr. Cepek was excused. A **motion** was taken for Ron Cepek to be approved for ordination and installation at First Presbyterian, Beaver, PA. **Motion carried**. Members of First Presbyterian were invited forward and TE Marc De Jue of First Beaver prayed over Mr. Cepek.

41-10D Each year, members of the Ministerial Committee are appointed by the presbytery to serve as Administrative Commission for the POA to review the terms of call for ministers. As such, TE Toohey indicated that the terms of call for Ron Cepek were found to be in order according to the BOO. Mr. Cepek signed the Ministerial Obligation Form which is on file in the Clerk's office. The Ministerial Committee, appointed by the presbytery as an Administrative Commission to install and ordain pastors, will ordain and install Ron Cepek. Mr. Cepek's responsibilities as an Associate Pastor will be Pastoral Care.

41-10E TE Toohey indicated he would continue the Ministerial Committee Report after lunch.

41-11 Report of the Church Development Committee (CDC): Moderator Rumer called forward TE Marc De Jue to give the report for Chair TE Fowler who was excused. TE Marc De Jue opened with prayer. TE De Jue referred to the written report in the packet. TE De Jue summarized the work of the various teams within the CDC.

41-11A TE De Jue introduced his work as the new Church Health Coordinator. He emphasized priorities for a healthy church.

- Church Planting – provided an update on Hope for Renewal and Mosaic.
- Revelation 7:9 – outreach in our neighborhoods that the church looks like the community.
- Transitional Ministry – churches going through transition are encouraged to use a Transitional Pastor. Training for Transitional Pastors is offered March 11-12 in Philadelphia and April 29-30 in Detroit.
- Church Vitality – A Vitality workshop is offered February 26th at Hillside Church in Greenville.
- Evangelism – breakout during lunch to continue the equipping from the November Stated Meeting.

41-11B TE De Jue invited TE Abby Opal forward. TE Opal serves as a Chaplain for Mental Health in a bi-vocational role. She opened her report in prayer. TE Opal indicated that we are in a mental health crisis and there are not enough professional resources to support the needs. She believes the church is called to help support the professional community. Abby asked for prayerful support and financial support for her to be able to work full time in ministry. She invited attendees to a breakout lunch to meet with her.

41-11C TE De Jue indicated that this concluded his report.

41-12 Moderator Rumer invited TE Joe Stroup, Graystone EPC, Indiana, PA forward to provide a report on his participation at the EPC Next Gen national gathering and the efforts of the POA Youth Network.

41-12A TE Stroup opened his report with prayer. TE Stroup was appointed by the Presbytery to attend an EPC Next Gen gathering in Orlando which occurred in October of 2021. TE Stroup shared about the need for connection among the youth workers in the EPC and was encouraged by the worship and participation at the Orlando gathering. TE Stroup ask for feedback as to how the Next Gen national council can help you? He indicated his desire to increase the connection within our own Presbytery and ask for the names and contact information from the churches present of their youth workers. TE Stroup reported that the POA youth network hosted a POA youth retreat on Feb 11-13 with 9 churches and 130 participants. He encouraged more churches to become involved.

41-12B Moderator Rumer made the motion Per General Assembly's request, Leadership Team moves TE Joseph Stroup be Endorsed as a member of the Next Generation Ministry Council of the EPC. Motion approved.

41-13 Report of the Leadership Team and Stated Clerk: Moderator Rumer invited Stated Clerk TE Dana Opp forward to present the report of the Leadership Team and Stated Clerk (written report included in the Commissioner's Packet). TE Opp opened his report with prayer.

41-13A TE Opp called attention to the Stated Clerk report in the packet. TE Opp indicated that there were several actions that needed presbytery approval:

- Approve the Minutes of the 40th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Alleghenies November 13, 2021 (The Minutes have been posted on our website, 30 days prior to this meeting). **Motion approved**
- Receive the report of the Administrative Commission established on June 3, 2021 and dismiss them with thanks. **Motion approved.** The Ministerial Committee has established a Care Team to work with the suspended Teaching Elder.

41-13B TE Opp called attention to the Disparity Report in the packet and noted that on an alphabetical rotating basis certain churches are allocated an additional Ruling Elder Commissioner to keep to the 2:1 RE to TE Ratio of the POA.

41-13C TE Opp reviewed Descending Overtures from 41st General Assembly. In accordance with **BOG 19-4 C.3.** Stated Clerk Opp called for a paper ballot vote on the Descending Overtures from the 41st GA Stated Meeting. A vote was taken and the results were announced.

Vote Results:

Overture 21-A Yes 94 No 3 Abstain 0

Overture 21-B Yes 97 No 3 Abstain 0

Overture 21-C Yes 93 No 8 Abstain 1

Overture 21-D Yes 99 No 1 Abstain 2

The results of the vote will be communicated to the EPC Office of the General Assembly.

41-13D TE Opp called attention to the Leadership Team Report in the packet and highlighted the work of the Team.

41-13E TE Opp announced the 42nd General Assembly convenes at Ward Church, Northville, MI on June 22, 2022 and adjourns on June 24, 2022. The next POA 42nd Stated Meeting will be May 6-7, 2022 at Bethany EPC, Mercer, PA.

41-13F TE Opp indicated that this concluded his report.

41-14 Report of the Business Committee: Moderator Rumer indicated that RE Ray Kinat had retired as Chair of the Business Committee and called forward POA Treasurer RE R. George Ross forward to give the report. RE Ross opened with prayer. RE Ross referred to the financial reports in the packet for the end of the year financial position of the POA. RE Ross reminded commissioners that Per Member Asking is the only source of income for the ministry of the POA. He indicated financial statements are sent to the Pastor, Clerk of Session and financial representatives (if known) of the church. RE Ross also brought attention to the report of the completion of session minutes reviewed for 2020.

41-14A RE Ross indicated this concluded his report.

41-15 Moderator Rumer invited RE Glenn Meyers, Ardara EPC, Ardara, PA, member of the National Leadership Team forward to report on the PMA restructuring as national support for the EPC. RE Meyers opened in prayer. Glenn reminded the POA that he spoke to the proposal of the Giving Culture Committee of the EPC at our meeting in the fall. This is the funding of the national EPC not the funding of the POA which is separate. RE Meyers indicated that instead of the video he invited EPC Stated Clerk TE Dean Weaver forward to speak to the new initiative for funding in the EPC. RE Meyers expressed his appreciation for his time on the National Leadership Team and indicated it has been a joy to serve as he rotates off.

41-15A TE Dean Weaver spoke to the transition from the Per Member Asking (PMA) to Percentage of Income (POI) as the source of funding that will be proposed at the next General Assembly. He indicated that conversations with Presbyteries are ongoing and wanted to share what has been discussed. The proposal is to move to a 1% of Revenue as reported on the All Church Report each year. This would not be mandatory but is considered part of our covenant responsibilities. This could take effect as soon as the General Assembly approves it, expectation is that there would be a transitional time for churches to make the switch.

Announcement: Rick Stauffer came forward to invite the Presbytery to a concert at Covenant Sharon, PA with Jeremy Cassella on March 20th at 6pm. He also invited the Presbytery to a

monthly event they are hosting called “Christ in Culture” with various speakers addressing topics of the day. It is the first Sunday evening of the month at 6pm.

Break for Lunch at Noon

41-16 The 41st Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Alleghenies reconvened at 1 pm.

41-17 Moderator Rumer invited TE Eric Toohey forward to continue the Ministerial Committee Report.

41-17A TE Toohey invited RE Bruce Tenenbaum, Chair of the Ministerial Committees Candidates under Care sub-Committee forward. RE Tenenbaum opened in prayer. TE Tenenbaum indicated he was available and desired to speak to members of the congregations who might be considering a call to pastoral ministry.

41-17B RE Tenenbaum invited Mr. Caleb Musselman, having been a member of SOMA in Beaver Falls, PA for at least six months, and having been endorsed by the church’s Sessions as a candidate to come under care of the Presbytery, was examined by the Ministerial Committee and recommended for approval as a Candidate Under Care. In accordance with **BOG.11-2C.**, the Presbytery examined Mr. Musselman in Christian experience and growth; motives for seeking ordination and personal call to ministry. On motion the exam was arrested. On motion the Presbytery approved Mr. Musselman as a Candidate Under Care of the Presbytery of the Alleghenies. **Motion carried.** In Accordance with **BOG.11-2C**, the Candidate responded affirmatively to the constitutional questions posed by Moderator TE Rumer. A prayer for the Candidate was offered and a charge was given by TE Josh Brown. TE Brown was appointed advisor for Candidate Musselman.

41-17C TE Toohey invited TE Chris Eatough forward to be examined. RE Rick Corliss from Memorial Park Church advocated for the call. The Ministerial Committee recommends TE Chris Eatough , a member of the Pacific Southwest Presbytery of the EPC in accordance with **BOG 10-8 C** and **BOG 10-7 C.2**. TE Eatough is seeking transfer from the Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest to accept a call of Pastor of Memorial Park Church, Allison Park, PA. In accordance with the **BOG12-4**, TE Eatough reported his exception(s) to the Westminster Confession and Catechisms. WCF: 21.8 were declared to the Presbytery. **ON MOTION** Presbytery acted to allow the exception(s). In accordance with the **BOG 12-3A** TE Eatough was examined. **On motion**, the examination was arrested, and TE Eatough was excused. **ON MOTION**, the minister’s examination was sustained in the areas prescribed by **BOG 12-3B.1**. TE Eatough was welcomed into the Presbytery.

41-17D Each year, members of the Ministerial Committee are appointed by the presbytery to serve as Administrative Commission for the POA to review the terms of call for ministers. As such, TE Toohey indicated that the terms of call for Chris Eatough were found to be in order according to the BOO. Mr. Eatough signed the Ministerial Obligation Form which is on file in the Clerk’s office. The Ministerial Committee, appointed by the presbytery as an Administrative Commission to install and ordain pastors, will install Chris Eatough.

41-17E TE Toohey indicated that this concluded the Ministerial Committee report.

41-18 Moderator Rumer indicated that a new item was being brought to the floor by the Leadership Team. The Leadership Team endorses TE Carolyn Poteet to be a member of the National Leadership Team of the GA. Motion approved.

41-19 Moderator Rumer ask for a motion to receive all the reports as presented. Motion approved.

41-20 Moderator Rumer ask for a motion to adjourn at 2:20 PM. Motion approved. TE Rumer closed in prayer.

TE Dana Opp, Stated Clerk

TE Betsy Rumer, Moderator