

**The Presbytery of the Alleghenies (POA) of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC)**  
**Minutes of the 40th Stated Meeting**  
**North Park EPC**  
**November 13, 2021**

- 40-01 POA met for its 40 Stated Meeting, hosted by North Park EPC, Wexford, PA. Notice to the POA churches was given at least 30 days prior to the meeting. The meeting began at 8:30AM in the sanctuary.
- 40-02 **Call to Order:** Moderator TE Betsy Rumer called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with prayer. She invited host TE Dan Hendley to lead a time of worship.
- 40-03 Stated Clerk TE Dana Opp was invited to acknowledge the retirement of TE Gary Chorpenning, TE Dennis Finnegan, and TE Doug Runyan. A charge was given and TE Opp prayed over the retirees.
- 40-04 **Quorum:** With concurrence of the Stated Clerk TE Opp, Moderator Rumer declared a quorum.
- 40-05 Moderator Rumer invited any first-time visitors to introduce themselves.
- 40-06 **Attendance of TE's and RE Commissioners:** There were \_\_ Teaching Elders (TEs) and \_\_ Ruling Elder Commissioners (REs) present (excluding transitional members), according to the sign-in sheets. Those TEs in attendance are noted with (P), those absent are noted with (A), and those who have been excused are marked with (E):

<b>Church</b>	<b>TEs</b>	<b>RE Commissioners</b>
Amazing Grace	<i>vacant</i>	
Ardara	<i>CP Supplied</i>	Fred Bright Glenn Meyers
Bay (over 1,500)	Mark Tumney (A)	Todd Tramba Richard Gash
Bellefield	Joshua Brown (P)	Dwight Fox Charles Griffin
Bergen EPC	Brandt Hammock (P)	
Bethany	Bob Stauffer - <i>Trans</i> (P)	Dan Cameron Joe Phillips

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Bethel (Enon Valley)	Gerald Dodds(P)	Gary Harman Cindy McCullough
Bethel (Prosperity)	Eric Toohey (P)	Michael Lucas Dave Ramsey
Beverly Heights	Nate Devlin (A)	Arthur Flickinger William Sies
Calvin	Sean Brubaker (P)	Judy Kindle
Center	Doug Runyan – <i>Trans.</i> (P)	
Colonial Village	Jared Hoyt (P)	
Covenant (Ligonier)	Tim Habecker - <i>Trans.</i> (A)	
Covenant (Sharon)	Rick Stauffer (P) Matthew Geary (P)	Jim Braymer Andrew Reading R. George Ross
CUP	Scott Graham (P)	Judson Herter Paula Keefer-Herter
Fairview	vacant	
Faith Fellowship	vacant	
First Bakerstown	Paul Becker (P) Jeremy Collins (A)	Allan Wettach Mike Clogan Amanda Becker
First Barton	Thomas Morgan (P)	
First Beaver	Jeff Arnold (A) Marc de Jeu (P) Abigail Opal (P)	
First Bentleyville	Andy Scott (P)	Eric Dreyer Curt Spowls

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First Lanaconing	<i>share Thomas Morgan</i>	
Fourth	<i>vacant</i>	
Gateway	Chris White (A)	
Graystone	Robert Sparr (A) Joseph Stroup (E)	Ron Marshall Gaylene Robinson
Hanover	Jefferson Ellis (P)	
Harmony	Jeff Jones (P)	John Elmer Gene McCandles
Hickory	Daniel Clark (P)	Blake Grove
Hudson	William Rasch – <i>Trans</i> (A) Tim Slager (E)	
Knox	Justin Olivetti (A)	
Lancaster	Kelly Negus (A)	
Lebanon	Bob Titus (A)	
Leicester (Union)	<i>CP supplied</i>	
Lighthouse	Sterling Brown(P)	John Costa Timothy Jones
Manor	<i>CP supplied</i>	
Mansfield 1 <sup>st</sup>	Joseph Yerger(P)	Ben Troyer
Memorial Park	Betsy Rumer(P) Kevin Gourley (A)	Sonja Kassouf
Middle Sandy	<i>vacant</i>	Barb McCain Vicki Smith

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Mill Creek	Harper Brady (P)	Judi Compston Doug Waxler
Mountville	Patrick Keeley (P)	
Mt. Carmel	Eric Phillips (A)	James Tatum
Mt. Lebanon	Carolyn Poteet (P)	Bruce Tenenbaum Jim Charron
Mt. Olivet	Kevin Neal (E)	
Mt. Perry	Thom Burbridge- <i>Stated Supply</i> (A)	
Mt. Pleasant	Richard Herbster (P)	Craig Lahtinen
Muddy Creek	Matthew Kail (A)	
Natrona Heights	Rick Harbaugh(E)	Doug Deemer
New Albany	David Milroy(A)	
New Bedford	Dan Muttart - <i>Trans</i> (P)	Dawn Harris Lee Harris
New Covenant	Chris Curtis (A)	
New Hope	Andrew Cooper (A)	
North Park	Dan Hendley (P) Ben Burkholder (P)	John Holt Jim Rimmel Mark Sharpnack Philip Van Sichel
Peters Creek	Doug Brandt (P)	Carl Maronde Barbara Ritter
Petrolia	vacant	

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Pierpont	Stated Supply not EPC	
Pine Run	Lanny Mellinger (P)	Bonnie Forney Allen Jones
Portersville	Dana Opp (P)	Eric Miller
Redeemer	Douglas Kortyna(P)	
Round Hill	Matt Stith (P)	Laurie Conley Chuck Weber
Shiloh	Scott Wiest (E)	
Slickville	<i>CP Supplied</i>	
SOMA	<i>(CP Supplied)</i>	
St. Paul's	<i>vacant</i> Mike Dunlap (A) Scot Steltzer (E)	Jim Bandstra
Starkdale	Carl Moore (A)	
Stone Church	<i>(Stated Supply not EPC)</i>	
Stow	Vince Latz (P)	Jon Dresser
Summit	Tom Jones (A)	
Tabernacle	Brian Carpenter (A) Gary Koerth (P)	
Unionville	<i>(share Matthew Kail)</i>	
Venice	<i>vacant</i>	
Windy Gap	Joseph Rearick (E)	

**Out-of-Bounds**

- John Bower (A) – Hospice Chaplain
- Robert Cappel (P) – Treasure Lake Church
- Robert Cummings (E) – Transitional – Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest
- Jarred Crawford (E) – St. John’s Reformed
- Lindon Fowler (P) – Seneca Hills Bible Camp
- Tim Habecker (A) – Ligonier CCC also at Covenant Ligonier Transitional Pastor
- Lisa Negus (A) – Hospital Chaplain – Sisters Hospital
- David S. (A) - Evangelist
- 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 (E) Transitional at ECO church

**Administrators:**

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

**Active W/O Call**

- Eric Amundson (A)
- Anthony Bianchini (A)
- Bryan Bushong (A)
- Peter Dembrosky (A)
- Tim Luddy (A)
- Rick Negley (A)
- David Perry (A) – Transitional Venice
- Carol Rettew (A)
- Bill Woodman (P)

**Retired – Active**

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

**Associate and/or Inactive Status**

- Karen Anderson - retired(A)
- Hu Auburn – retired (A)
- Bobby Brown – inactive (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)
- David Massimi – retired (A)
- Lowell Meek (A)
- William Milligan – associate (A)
- Jim Moelk - associate (A)
- 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); Frank Lusher, Larry Thorne (Ardara); Gary Liberati, Larry Williams (Bellfield); Dave Allen, Sue Allen, Ashley D’Angelo, Jonathan D’Angelo, Edward Lindey, Valerian Moeller, Earl Runcan, Lynn Runcan, Dennis Thompson (Bethany); Patricia Andrews, Lynne Banting, Marci Dodds, Diane Harman, Beth Kissling, Angelo Sun (Bethel – Enon Valley); Tom Bruker, Troy Davidson, Judy Grice, Melanie Hutso, Diana McCosby, John McCosby, Barbara Walker (Bethel- Prosperity); Mark Simonds (Beverly Heights); Andrew Kindle (Calvin); Kelly Hoyt (Colonial Village); Bruce Adams, Linda Braymer, Bethany Geary, Debbie Stauffer, Ryan Zippie (Covenant – Sharon); Shawn Stewart, Gabriel de Guia (World Outreach); Derek Simpson, Todd Thomas (Family Church, FL); Dana Wallace (First Beaver); Cliff Erdner, Carolyn McCandles (Harmony); Lisa Alexander (Hickory); Steve Pinney, Sean Hall, Lee Kirchofer (Hillsdale PCUSA); Kay Baldrose (Memorial Park); Cindy Blendenba, George Bush, Sharon Davies, Colleen Lewis, Joe Schopfer, Kiberly Shefelton, Dave Socotch (Middle Sandy); Maggie Brady (Mill Creek); Ashley Gardnere ( Mt. Lebanon); Toni Brooks, Marcy Korb, Marjorie Shoop (Natrona Heights); Bruce Allison, Beth Hendley, Brooke Hopkins, Amber Stites, James Yoder (North Park); Art Ritter (Peters Creek); Annette Clark, Robert

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Forney, Cynda Jones, Mary Mellinger (Pine Run); Margie Opp (Portersville); Marc Shefelton (*Corresponding* Rivers and Lakes Presbytery); Bob Leggett (Round Hill); Megan Fowler (Seneca Hills); Gordon Allen, Phyllis Bandstra, Earl Bentz, Lindy Bower, Lynn Butz, Leslie DeVries, Lorrie Matisko, Denise Robertson, Paul Straka, Ken Van Antweler, Miles Walker (St. Paul's), Cindy Koerth (Tabernacle/Hope for Renewal)

40-07 **Docket:** Moderator Rumer requested adoption of the docket. It was so moved, seconded and carried, with no changes to the docket, given below.

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North Park EPC, Wexford, PA  
Saturday, November 13, 2021  
8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Agenda

8:30	Opening Prayer Worship Recognition of Retiring Teaching Elders	TE Betsy Rumer, Moderator TE Dan Hendley, Host Church TE Dana Opp, Stated Clerk
9:00	Welcome  Declaration of Quorum  Approval of Docket  Self-Introduction of Guests  Report of Business Committee	TE Betsy Rumer, Moderator  TE Betsy Rumer, Moderator    RE George Ross, POA Treasurer
9:30	Session I – Evangelism Equipping	CDC Evangelism Team, Introduction
12:00	Lunch	
1:00	Session II – Evangelism Equipping	CDC Evangelism Team, Introduction
3:00	Prayer/Adjourn	TE Betsy Rumer, Moderator

40-08 Moderator Rumer explained the voting procedures for this 40<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting and 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 that contains all of the written reports and forms that would be discussed at this meeting.

40-09 **Business Administration Committee:** Moderator Rumer called POA Treasurer RE George Ross forward to present the Financials and the proposed Budget. Treasurer Ross opened his report with prayer.



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40-09A Treasurer presented the Financials Reports in the packet. He emphasized that the Presbytery's only source of income is from Per Member Asking. He encouraged churches to review their giving statements and see if they are able to give to the Presbytery.

40-09B Treasurer Ross then referred to the proposed budget for 2022 included in the packet (Attachment A). He indicated that the proposed budget was presented at the 39th Stated Meeting for churches to review. Treasurer Ross then motioned from the Leadership Team that the 2022 budget as presented be approved. The motion carried.

40-10C Treasurer Ross indicated that this concluded his report. Moderator Rumer prayed.

40-11 Moderator Rumer invited Stated Clerk TE Dana Opp forward. TE Opp moved on behalf of the Leadership Team that the minutes of the 39th Stated Meeting be approved. The Minutes have been posted on the Presbytery for 30 days prior to the meeting. Motion approved.

40-11A TE Opp indicated this concluded the report of the Stated Clerk.

40-12 Moderator Rumer indicated that this concluded the business of the meeting. She then entertained a motion to adjourn. It was seconded and approved at 9:30AM. Moderator Rumer closed the meeting with prayer.

40-13 Moderator Rumer invited TE Paul Becker and TE Marc de Jeu from the CDC Evangelism Team forward to move into the Equipping workshop for the remainder of the day. TE Becker invited TE Bob Stauffer to introduce the invited guests to lead the body in a time of equipping focused on evangelism. Derek Simpson and Todd Thomas from Family Church Sherbrooke, Lake Worth, FL taught from the book "Turning Everyday Conversations into Gospel Conversations" by Bennett Leslee, Jimmie Scroggins and Steve Wright.

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TE Dana Opp, Stated Clerk

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TE Betsy Rumer, Moderator