

Presbytery of Northern New York – 256th Stated Meeting

September 19, 2020 Via ZOOM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:30 AM Registration via ZOOM – naming participants on the screen

NOTE: The Coordinating Council encourages forming groups in congregational settings of anyone interested in engaging in the process of ‘Building Kin-dom’ to participate from single locations, using all applicable safety precautions appropriate to the COVID-19 virus. While individuals will be formed into break-out groups during the discussion part of the retreat, these groups will be their own entities. Of course, only the members of Presbytery and Session elected commissioners may vote during the short business session that precedes the ‘retreat.’

WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

10:00 AM – Convene via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER – *Teaching Elder Paul Heller, Moderator*

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer, Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

MOTION TO SET ASIDE ANY STANDING RULES THAT PRECLUDE MEETING ELECTRONICALLY

10:10 AM WELCOME:

Welcoming First Time Commissioners

Welcoming Visitors joining via Facebook Live

Invitation to Commissioners and other attendees to share greetings from their location

Seating of Corresponding Members

DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

10:15 Introduction of New Business and adoption of the docket

NOTE: Any items of business added to the docket will be addressed at an adjourned meeting of the Presbytery on September 23.

10:17 Consideration of the Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda to include approval of the minutes of the 255th Stated Meeting (June 2020), receiving the Coordinating Council minutes of 18 June and 3 September 2020 (Preliminary), receiving the Treasurer’s report (as of 31 July 2020), receiving the Board of Trustees Report and accepting the actions of the Commission on Ministry since the 255th Presbytery meeting, approval of the Commission on Ministry Manual, approving a per capita of \$31.00 for the year 2021, approving having an adjourned meeting of Presbytery on September 23, and approve dates for 2021 meetings of March 23, June 12, September 24-25 and November 16. [Note: Any item on the consent agenda a Commissioner believes should be debated must be removed from the consent agenda prior to the consent agenda’s approval. Items removed from the agenda will be considered at an adjourned meeting of the Presbytery on September 23, 2020.]

10:20 – Election of commissioners to the Synod Assembly and committee members

Commissioners to Synod Assembly (two year term): TE Lori Danielson, TE _____, Re Linya Bell, RE Connie Martin

Commissioner to Synod Ministry and Mission Commission: TE David Bennett

Personnel Committee members: RE Betsy Brooks (class of 2022), TE/RE _____ (class of 2023)

* **10:30** MINISTRY OF THE WORD - Retreat: “Building Kin-dom”

10:30-11:15 – Presentation by Molly Casteel and Jihyun Oh

Description: Building Kin-dom within faith communities and with neighbors require genuine encounters and relationships across difference to create connection, belonging, and a common mission. How do we cultivate cultural proficiency for these relationships? In this workshop, we will build a shared understanding of challenges/growing edges that keep us from growing a kin-dom mindset and create plans to move forward.

Jihyun Oh is the Director of Mid Council Ministries in the PC(USA) Office of the General Assembly. She is passionate about Christian formation for all ages, and recently has been doing work around formation toward a more inclusive kin-dom of God.

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Molly Casteel is the Manager for Equity and Representation in the PC(USA) Office of the General Assembly. Her work centers on inclusion, equity, and impactful institutional accountability within the councils of the denomination at the presbytery-level and above.

11:15–11:35 – Small Group Discussions using break-out groups or groups assembled in churches (using applicable COVID safety precautions)

11:35-11:45 – Wrap-up and reflection

WE CELEBRATE OUR MINISTRIES AND MISSION

*11:50 – Celebration of the Eucharist led by Revs. Molly Casteel and Jihyun Oh

- Offering: Please go to the Presbytery website and use the link to give electronically. The Coordinating Council recommends selecting ‘Presbytery Offering’ for today’s offering which will go to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for relief efforts associated with hurricanes and wildfires.

WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS AND TO SERVE

***12:00 PM** – BENEDICTION AND ADJOURN until September 23 at 6:30 pm –Moderator

*Orders of the day