

MINUTES

THE STATED MEETING OF LEHIGH PRESBYTERY

January 26, 2008

The Stated Meeting of Lehigh Presbytery was called to order by the Elder James Hoegg, Moderator, at 10:00 A.M. at United Presbyterian Church in Slatington, PA. A quorum was present. Elder Ben Hooper began with the Call to Worship and Elder Deb Gilbert opened the meeting with prayer.

THE REPORT ON LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS

The report was given by the Rev. Dennis Zimmerman. He delivered greetings, welcomed the Commissioners, and reviewed the facilities and the locations of the day's activities.

THE WELCOME AND ENROLLMENT

Elder James Hoegg welcomed Elder Commissioners, Ministers and visitors who were attending for the first time. The Rev. Kathleen Jamhoury (Newton Presbytery) was seated as a Corresponding Member. Privileges of the Floor were granted to Elder Vickie Bowers. Presence Keepers for this meeting were Eileen Domermuth, Thomas Tranbaugh, and Ruth Rusling.

THE DETERMINATION OF THE ROLL

Presbytery **voted** to approve the Roll and Excuses as follows:

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>ELDER COMMISSIONER</u>	<u>MINISTER</u>
ALLENTOWN	David Dunbar Dorrie Graul You Song Kim Janet Ney	Mike Drake Cindy Simmons
ASHLAND	NOT REPRESENTED	
BANGOR/ROSETO	NOT REPRESENTED	
BETHLEHEM	Jim Birdsall Russ Grander Joanne Kelhart Loey Post	Steve Brundage Roberta Kearney John Seiders
BRODHEADSVILLE		Laurel Brundage
CATASAUQUA	George James	P. Douglas Cronce
DELAWARE WATER GAP	Susan Cooper	Karen Nickels
EAST STROUDSBURG	Debbie Prince	William Schram
EASTON, COLLEGE HILL	Becky Rosenbauer	R.C. Smith
EASTON, FIRST	Carl McGloughlin	

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	John Pearce	
EASTON, OLIVET	Darryl Davis John Ward (ALT)	Robert MacIntyre
EMMAUS	George Smits	Charles E. Colson
FREELAND	NOT REPRESENTED	
HAZLETON	Mary Theresa Hoegg	
HOKENDAUQUA	Richard Haberern (ALT) Barbara Quigg	
LEHIGHTON	Kay Schnell Martha Cox (ALT)	H. Wilson Scott
MAHANOEY CITY	Regina Olson-Lash	
MIDDLE SMITHFIELD		Jeff Brower
MILFORD, FIRST		Ben Willis
MT. BETHEL	Nancy Seas	Tillie Chase
PEN ARGYL	Pat Lambert	Ruth Ann Christopher
POTTSVILLE	Ellen Hildreth Amy Kirkpatrick (ALT)	
READING, FIRST	Pat Stoner Wilson Chen (ALT)	
READING, PENNSIDE	Shaaron Guinther (ALT) Gloria Springer	David Duquette
READING, WASHINGTON	Sylvia Finn	Laddie Benton
SHAWNEE	NOT REPRESENTED	
SLATINGTON	Bob Domermuth	Dennis Zimmerman
ST. CLAIR STROUDSBURG	NOT REPRESENTED	Carol Brown George Taylor

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SUMMIT HILL		Fred Rogers
WEATHERLY	Stephen Kew-Goodale	
WHITE HAVEN	Evelyn Erath	Thomas MacAdam
WHITEHALL, KOREAN	NOT REPRESENTED	
WIND GAP	NOT REPRESENTED	

OTHER MINISTERS OF PRESBYTERY

Barty Abdelnour, William Bender, Harvey O. Johnson, Dianne Kareha, H. Richard McClain, F. Leon Morgan, Steve Simmons, Herb Stocker, Alfred Stone, and Sue Pizor Yoder (The Barn).(10)

OTHER ELDER COMMISSIONERS

Sally Heimbach (Vice Moderator), James Hoegg (Moderator), Moufid Khoury (CLP), Bob Nickels (Stated Clerk), Ruth Rusling (CLP of Spiritual Formation), Tom Tranbaugh (CPM Chair). (6)

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS - Rev. Kathleen Jamhoury (Newton Presbytery) – (1)

VISITORS – 19

EXCUSED FOR ALL OR PART OF THE MEETING -  
MINISTERS

Jefferson K. Aiken, Jr., Keith A. Brown, J. Raymond Brubaker, Laurel Brundage, Helen Cochrane, William H. Cohea, Jr., Kenneth Cragg, J. Max Creswell, Elmer Davis, Stephen Emick, Kenneth Forbes, Harry Freebairn, Steve Gordy, Alf Halvorson, William Head, David Hicks, Miles Hodges, Charles Holm, Glen Hueholt, Anne Huey, Sam Huffard, Brandon Hwang, Joe Indano, Philip Keevil, Mihee Kim-Kort, Fred Knieriem, George Landes, Jim Lyman, J. Harry McElroy, Donald McHenry, Gary Miller, Greg Palmer, Earl Pope, Lois Randolph, Donald Repsher, Marianne O. Rhebergen, Phil Sanders, Jenny Schram, Ruth Seiders, Steve Shussett, Richard K. Smith, Charles E. Staples, John Stoner, Karl Viernstein, and Juli Wilson-Black. (44)

ELDER COMMISSIONERS

Ian Cairl, Henry Distler, Leni Harriott, Lois Hueholt, Wayne Lanese, Kris Mahovich, Bill Marsh, Leone McClellan, Walter McClellan, Ann Terres, Gay Tuttle, Ruth Van Buskirk, Richard Werner, and Dixie Wilson. (14)

ABSENT WITHOUT EXCUSE  
MINISTERS

Donna Cieply, and Mark Southard. (2)

The Stated Clerk reported the following attendance at the meeting: Elder Commissioners: 29; Other Elder Commissioners: 6; Total Elder Commissioners Eligible To Vote: 35; Minister Members: 34; Total Voting Attendance: 68; Alternate Commissioners: 6; Corresponding Members: 1; Visitors:

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19; Total Registered Attendance: 95. Excused Elder Commissioners: 14; Excused Ministers: 44; Absent Elder Commissioners: 0; Absent Ministers: 2.

#### THE CONSIDERATION OF THE CONSENT DOCKET

Presbytery **voted** to approve the items under the Final Consent Docket:

##### A. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. The Roll and Excuses for the January 26, 2008 meeting of Presbytery will be determined by the registrations received.
2. Approval of Presbytery Minutes of November 10, 2007.
3. Approval of Report of Clerk's Correspondence for December 4, 2007 and January 3, 2008 (APPENDIX A), and Council Minutes – December 4, 2007.
5. Approval of the Report of the Administrative Commission to install the Rev. Alf Halvorson. The Report is as follows:

The Administrative Commission of Lehigh Presbytery to install the Rev. Alf Halvorson was convened by Elder James Hoegg, Moderator, on Sunday, October 21, 2007 at 3:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Bethlehem, PA. The meeting was opened with prayer by Elder James Hoegg. Members of the Commission present were Elder Jill Smedley (First Presbyterian Church, Bethlehem), Elder James Hoegg (First Presbyterian Church, Hazleton), the Rev. Dr. Steven H. Shussett (Lehigh Presbytery), the Rev. William Schram (Presbyterian Church, East Stroudsburg) and the Rev. John Seiders (First Presbyterian Church, Bethlehem). The Moderator appointed Elder Jill Smedley to serve as Secretary of the Commission. It was determined a quorum was present. The Commission voted to seat the following as a Corresponding Member, Dr. Thomas Gillespie (President Emeritus, Princeton Theological Seminary). The Rev. Ruthie Seiders (First Presbyterian Church, Bethlehem), the Rev. Roberta Kearney (First Presbyterian Church, Bethlehem), and the Rev. Steve Brundage (First Presbyterian Church, Bethlehem) were participants in the service. The Commission reviewed and approved the Order of Worship. It was noted that a portion of the offering would be received to support the Emergency Fund of Lehigh Presbytery. The Commission voted to enroll the Rev. Al Halvorson as a member of Lehigh Presbytery upon completion of the worship service. The Commission requested that Lehigh Presbytery dismiss it with thanks. The Commission voted to adjourn at the time of the Benediction during the worship service and the meeting of the Commission ended with prayer. Elder Jill Smedley, Secretary.

6. 2008 Roster of the Permanent Judicial Commission (APPENDIX B)

##### B. COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

1. The Committee on Ministry recommends that Presbytery concur with the request of the Rev. Susan T. Reichenberg and the United Presbyterian Church in Pottsville to dissolve the relationship between the Rev. Reichenberg and the church effective January 15, 2008.
2. The Committee on Ministry recommends that Presbytery dismiss the Rev. Susan T. Reichenberg to the Maumee Valley Presbytery effective January 15, 2008.

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3. The Committee on Ministry recommends that Presbytery dismiss the Rev. Winston R. Hull to the Los Ranchos Presbytery effective immediately.
4. The Committee on Ministry approved the call for the Rev. Kathleen Emmons Jamhoury as Interim Associate Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church in Allentown, effective January 15, 2008, with the follows terms of call:
  - One year: January 15, 2008 – January 15, 2009
  - Salary & Housing \$ 62,000
  - Pension & Medical Benefits – Full (31.5% of Salary & Housing)
  - Social Security Reimbursement – Full
  - Paid Vacation – 1 week per quarter
  - Continuing Education - \$800.00 annually (reimbursed as used) and 1 week for every six months.
  - Reimbursement of Ministry Expenses (as used) including Automobile (paid per current IRS rate) - \$2,500

The Committee on Ministry grants permission to the Rev. Kathleen Emmons Jamhoury to labor within the bounds of Lehigh Presbytery during her Interim period.

5. The Committee on Ministry reports that the committee has named the following persons as moderators for 2008:

First Presbyterian Church of Allentown	Rev. Harry Freebairn
Freeland Presbyterian Church	Rev. Glen Hueholt
First Presbyterian Church of Hokendauqua	Rev. Charles E. Colson
First Presbyterian Church of Mahanoy City	Rev. F. Leon Morgan
First Presbyterian Church of Weatherly	Rev. Glen Hueholt
White Haven Presbyterian Church	Rev. Thomas MacAdam
Zion Presbyterian Church, Wind Gap	Rev. Kenneth Forbes
6. The Committee on Ministry recommends that Presbytery concur with the dissolution of the relationship between the First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem and the Rev. John Seiders and the Rev. Ruth Seiders when the way is clear.
7. The Committee on Ministry grants permission to the Rev. Barbara Lucia to labor within the bounds of Lehigh Presbytery as a pulpit supply. Her name will be added to the pulpit supply list.

REPORT ON THE PRINCIPAL CHANGES PROPOSED IN THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT TASK FORCE (FOG) REPORT

Elder Bob Nickels presented a summary of the twelve major changes proposed in the FOG report. He presented the Task Force's rationale for each change and the issues/concerns that have been raised with respect to each. He pointed out that no Presbytery action is called for until the recommendations are finalized by and passed at General Assembly. Only then will Presbyteries be asked to vote on the changes.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

After special music performed by Slatington's Look UP band, Elder Jim Hoegg preached a sermon entitled "Prime the Pump."

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#### COMMISSIONING OF THE PDA AND BARNABAS TEAMS

Elder Jim Hoegg carried out the commissioning of the Rev. Dick McClain and Gail Farnham as members of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance National Response Team and the Rev. Dennis Zimmerman, the Rev. Bill Schram, the Rev. Dave Duquette, Elder Nancy DiGiacomo, and Elder Ruth Rusling as members of the Barnabas Team.

#### REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Rev. R.C. Smith presented the following recommendations to Presbytery:

1. The Committee recommends the following person for Presbytery Council:
  - Class of 2011: Rev. Dick McClain (1<sup>st</sup> term)
2. The Committee recommends the following person for the Committee on Ministry:
  - Class of 2011: Rev. Greg Palmer (1<sup>st</sup> term)
3. The Committee recommends the following person for the Committee on Preparation for Ministry:
  - Class of 2009: Rev. Harry Freebairn (1<sup>st</sup> term)
4. The Committee recommends the following person for the Permanent Judicial Commission:
  - Class of 2011: Elder John Roland (Reading, First; 1<sup>st</sup> term)

Presbytery **voted** to approve all four of these recommendations.

5. The Committee recommends the Rev. Bill Schram be chairperson of the Committee on Ministry and the Rev. Dave Duquette as vice chairperson.

Presbytery **voted** to approve these recommendations.

6. The Committee recommends that Paul Ferrera (Allentown, First) be elected as the Presbytery's Youth Advisory Delegate to the 2008 General Assembly. The Committee further recommends that Elisa Angione (Bethlehem, First) be elected as the Alternate YAD.

Presbytery **voted** to approve these recommendations.

7. The Committee places before the Presbytery the following candidates for delegates to the 2008 General Assembly:
  - a. CLERGY: Matilda Chase; David Duquette; Dianne Kareha
  - b. ELDERS: Sally Heimbach; Paul Lucia; Ann Terres

After a secret ballot, the Presbytery **voted** to approve the Rev. Dianne Kareha and the Rev. Dave Duquette as clergy delegates and Elder Sally Heimbach and Elder Paul Lucia as elder delegates.

The Rev. Smith closed by reminding the Presbytery about the positions that still need to be filled and invited attendees' recommendations. These are:

- Committee on Ministry: one elder
- Nominating Committee: one male elder
- Presbytery Council: one person, clergy or elder

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

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Elder Tom Tranbaugh presented Joan Spangler (First Church Bethlehem) and Ryan Landino (First Church, Bethlehem) to Presbytery. COPM recommends that both be enrolled as inquirers.

Presbytery **voted** to approve this recommendation.

#### REQUEST FROM FIRST CHURCH ALLENTOWN

Elder Janet Ney brought a request from First Church Allentown that Presbytery approve their applying to GA for \$25,000 to \$30,000 to support the continued work of their Arabic ministry.

Presbytery **voted** to approve this recommendation.

#### HOLY COMMUNION

The Rev. Tillie Chase administered the sacrament of Holy Communion.

#### INSTALLATION OF MODERATOR AND VICE MODERATOR

Outgoing Moderator, Elder James Hoegg, carried out the installation of Elder Sally Heimbach as Moderator and the Rev. Steve Brundage as Vice Moderator of Lehigh Presbytery for 2008.

#### THE REV. KATHLEEN JAMHOURY

The Rev. Mike Drake introduced the Rev. Kathleen Jamhoury to the attendees. The Rev. Jamhoury, who will be Interim Associate Pastor at First Church Allentown, expressed her excitement at the prospects in her new position and spoke about some aspects of her background.

#### OPEN MIC TIME

Elder Sally Heimbach reminded everyone that there will be two regional Winterfests this year, rather than a single event. The first will be on February 23, 2008 at Slatington and will focus on continuing education for church officers with topics on Healthy Congregations (led by Dennis Zimmerman), new officer education (led by Steve Shussett), and Treasurer Education (led by Dave Boltz). The second will be held at East Stroudsburg on March 1, 2008 and will focus on continuing education for church officers (led by Roberta Kearney), new officer education (led by Steve Shussett), and Stated Clerk Education (led by Bob Nickels).

The Rev. Diane Kareha spoke about opportunities to serve in Self-Development of People.

The Rev. Cindy Simmons bid farewell and thanked the Rev. John and the Rev. Ruthie Seiders and wished them well in their new calls in San Antonio, Texas.

Elder Stephen Kew-Goodale summarized the work of the Robotics and Engineering group in Weatherly.

The Rev. Fred Rogers announced that the merger is complete and that Hope of Christ Presbyterian Church is up and running. He expressed his thanks to the Rev. Leon Morgan for his part work in completing this process. The Rev. Morgan pointed out there are still more things to be done.

The Rev. Sue Pizor-Yoder announced that the Barn has moved to a new facility. She also informed commissioners of a 5:00 PM vespers service to be held on the second Sunday of the month and invited all to join them at that time. She also told the attendees about possible donations that would finance the purchase of a permanent building that the Barn would lease from the donor(s).

Elder Vicky Bowers reminded everyone of the next trip to New Windsor.

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Elder Susan Cooper reminded everyone of the deadline for input to the Delaware River Basin Commission's hearings on how to manage the flow levels for the Delaware River.

The Rev. R.C. Smith expressed Presbytery's thanks to the Rev. Doug Cronce for his service as Vice Moderator, Moderator, and chair of Presbytery Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 P.M. by Elder Sally Heimbach with a benediction and prayer.

**THE NEXT STATED MEETING OF LEHIGH PRESBYTERY WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2008 AT 4:00 P.M. AT EAST STROUDSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN EAST STROUDSBURG, PA.**

Attested,

Bob Nickels  
Stated Clerk

## APPENDIX A

### LEHIGH PRESBYTERY COUNCIL

December 4, 2007

#### Report of the Stated Clerk

##### I. Correspondence

###### A. Sent

1. Mr. Albert DerMovsesian, Interim Stated Clerk, Philadelphia Presbytery. Re: Transmittal of 5-Part Form and request for Certificate of Dismission form and 5-part form for the Rev. Richard McClain
2. The Rev. Richard Menzel, Stated Clerk, John Calvin Presbytery. Re: Transmittal of 5-Part Form and four copies of Terms of Call and request for Certificate of Dismission form and 5-part form for the Rev. Alf Halvorson.
3. The Rev. Alf Halvorson. Re: Welcome to Lehigh Presbytery.
4. The Rev. Charles Colson. Re: Appreciation for hosting the November 10 Stated Meeting.
5. The Rev. Paul F. Rack, Stated Clerk, Elizabeth Presbytery. Re: Transmittal of 5-Part Form and request for Certificate of Dismission form and 5-part form for the Rev. Keith Brown.
6. Mr. Ernest Kimmel, Stated Clerk, New Brunswick Presbytery. Re: Transmittal of 5-Part Form and request for Certificate of Dismission form and 5-part form for the Rev. Harry Freebairn.
7. The Rev. Maryann Farnsworth, Stated Clerk, Heartland Presbytery. Re transmittal of 5-part form and Certificate of Dismission for the Rev. Carol Van Schenkhof.
8. Ms. Janet Magennis, Stated Clerk, Lake Michigan Presbytery. Re: transmittal of 5-part form and Certificate of Dismission for the Rev. Harry Clark.
9. The Rev. Harry Freebairn. Re: Welcome to Lehigh Presbytery
10. The Rev. Keith Brown. Re: Welcome to Lehigh Presbytery
11. 5-Part Form. Re: the Rev. David Hicks' honorable retirement.
12. 5-Part Form. Re: a change in the Rev. Winston Hull's Occupation Code from 105 to 797.
13. All Clerks of Session of the 34 churches. Re: Request for names of elected Elder Commissioners to Presbytery for 2007
14. All Treasurers of the 34 churches. Re: their 2007 per capita assessment and asking if they are requesting a payment schedule.
15. All Clerks of the 34 churches. Re: Annual Statistical Report forms.

###### B. Received

1. From Leslie Shoup, Synod Stated Clerk. Re: Synod Committee Nominations, **Refer to:** Stated Clerk.
2. Kris Valerius, OGA. Re: third quarter reports. **Refer to:** Stated Clerk

## APPENDIX A

II. Phone conversations and e-Mails with the following people:

Steve Shussett  
Bill Schram  
Ray Schulte  
Ken Forbes  
Jill Smedley

Doug Cronce  
Ben Willis  
Dick McClain  
Bob MacIntyre  
Diane Heidlebaugh

Ruth Ann Christopher  
Susan Reichenberg  
Wilson Scott  
Ruth Van Buskirk  
Debbie Prince

APPENDIX A

**LEHIGH PRESBYTERY COUNCIL**

**January 3, 2008**

**Report of the Stated Clerk**

I. Correspondence

A. Sent

1. None

B. Received

1. From Kris Valerius, OGA. Re: fourth quarter reports. **Refer to:** Stated Clerk.
2. From Kay Moore, OGA. Re: additional overtures to 218<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. **Refer to:** Stated Clerk.

II. Phone conversations and e-Mails with the following people:

Steve Shussett  
Bill Schram  
R.C. Smith  
Tom McAdam  
Fred Rogers

Doug Cronce  
Susan Reichenberg  
Wilson Scott  
Leon Morgan

Ruth Ann Christopher  
Ray Schulte  
Bob MacIntyre  
Tom Tranbaugh

**APPENDIX B**

**LEHIGH PRESBYTERY**

**ROSTER OF THE PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION**

**January 1, 2008**

**ACTIVE MEMBERS**

**CLASS OF 2013**

The Rev. Anne Huey, Member at Large  
Elder Donald U. Noblett, Easton, College Hill

**CLASS OF 2011**

Elder Robert Brown, Easton, College Hill  
The Rev. Dr. Samuel Huffard, Honorably Retired

**CLASS OF 2009**

The Rev. Jeffrey Brower, Middle Smithfield  
Elder Janet Ney, Allentown, First

**PAST MEMBERS**

**CLASS OF 2007**

The Rev. Alfred Stone, Honorably Retired  
Elder Marlene Merz, Allentown, First

**CLASS OF 2005**

Elder Alexander Bensinger, Delaware Water Gap  
Elder David Boltz, Bethlehem  
The Rev. Jenny Schram, White Haven

**CLASS OF 2003**

The Rev. William Bender, Retired  
The Rev. Samuel Huffard, Retired

**CLASS OF 2001**

Elder Ann Terres, Bethlehem  
Elder Nora Harford, Portland  
Elder Corrine Miller, Lehighton  
The Rev. Alfred Stone, Honorably Retired