**General Council Agenda**

**Meeting by Zoom Thursday, February 11, 2021 (10 a.m.)**

10 a.m. Opening Prayer – Chris Miller

Declaration of Quorum – Beth Kick

Worship – Malinda Spencer

**Report of the Stated Clerk**

1. Any corrections to minutes? (10/1/20, 10/15/20, 1/12/21)

2. How do you like to get papers—one at a time or all together before a Council meeting? How did today’s method work for you (going to hidden tab on our website)?

3. In light of the year we’ve had, I wanted to remind you of the Guiding Statement generated at the General Council Retreat February 4, 2020 and affirmed at the Council meeting Feb. 6, 2020:

**John Calvin Presbytery is a community of Christ-followers in the midst of a changing world. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are called to inspire and equip congregations and leaders to be extravagant and hopeful ambassadors of the reign of God.**

4. Invitation to one or both of the Co-Moderators of General Assembly (the Rev. Gregory J. Bentley and Elder Elona Street-Stewart): They accepted for **May 20, 2021 JCP meeting**. They often do a conversation with people about Matthew 25 including Q & A. Which do you prefer them to do: Matthew 25 discussion, the sermon, or only a greeting?

5. Record storage (at Crane office or elsewhere):

1. Could put a lock on 2 tall cabinets; make extra keys to short cabinet; and get locksmith to provide a key for 1 tall (4-drawer) file cabinet.
2. Or put cabinets in the Crane pastor’s closet and change out the door handle to the closet so it can lock
3. Or rent a climate controlled storage unit
4. Digitize everything…but some things we need in paper (our minutes).
5. Store them in a closet at a different church

*6. Council’s motions already in process:*

General Council gave notice at the last stated meeting of Presbytery (October 24, 2020) that Council proposes a change to the Bylaws and Manual of Operations, recommending:

* That the Class of 2021 serve until the end of December 2021
* That, beginning in 2021, John Calvin Presbytery elect and install officers and committee members at its last stated meeting of the year, and
* That the new officers and committee members take office on January 1 of the following year.

Thus, terms of service will no longer be “from September 1 through August 31,” but “will be from January 1 through December 31.”

**1. Motion: That the suggested wording replace the current wording in the Bylaws (3.10 and 4.40) as highlighted below:**

**Bylaws -- Current wording**

**3.10** Moderator

The Moderator shall be elected for a term of one (1) year during the third stated meeting of Presbytery and shall ordinarily be installed at the fourth stated meeting of Presbytery. Terms of service will be from September 1 through August 31. As long as he or she is a member of Presbytery, the Moderator will serve until a successor is installed. If the Moderator is unable to moderate, the Moderator-elect will do so. Ordinarily, the Moderator will alternate between clergy and elder and between male and female so that all are equally represented.

The duties of the moderator shall be those provided for in the *Book of Order* G-3.0104.

**4.40** General Council Officers

(a) The Moderator of the General Council shall be the immediate past Moderator of Presbytery and shall assume this office upon installation of the next Moderator of Presbytery**.**

(b) The Moderator-elect of Presbytery shall serve as the Vice-Moderator of the General Council, and shall be Acting-Moderator in the event of the absence, the death, or the inability to serve of the Moderator of the General Council.

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(c) The General Council may elect such other officers as it deems necessary. **4.50** General Council Responsibilities

**BYLAWS – PROPOSED WORDING:**

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“(b) … The Moderator-elect of Presbytery shall ordinarily be elected and installed for a term of one (1) year during the last stated Presbytery meeting of the year….”

**2. Motion: That “last stated Presbytery meeting of the year” replace “third stated meeting of Presbytery” and that the other suggested wording replace the current wording in the Manual of Operations (3.10, 4.04, 4.61, 4.62a, and 4.63) as highlighted below:**

Current wording -- Manual of Operations:

4.04  Members of standing committees will ordinarily be elected at the third meeting of presbytery and be installed at the third stated meeting. Terms of service will be from September 1 to August 31. When vacancies occur, the Committee on Representation will be informed by the Moderator of the appropriate committee. The Committee on Representation will present a nominee to fill the vacancy at the next stated meeting of Presbytery. Committee members elected to fill unexpired terms will take office immediately upon election.

**MANUAL OF OPERATIONS—PROPOSED WORDING**

3.10 General Council…Nominate members of the Committee on Representation at the last stated Presbytery meeting of the year

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4.61 “This committee [Committee on Representation] will nominate to the Presbytery, the following at the last stated Presbytery meeting of the year or when vacancies occur: (a.) Moderator of Presbytery, (b.) Moderator-elect of Presbytery…”

4.62a. “…Commissioners to the General Assembly and their alternates will be nominated and elected at the last stated Presbytery meeting of the year…”

4.63 …”the Committee on Representation shall bring to the presbytery at the last stated Presbytery meeting of the year the names of commissioners to the Synod.”

7. Logistics for February 27 Presbytery meeting by Zoom at Trinity, Springfield

Docket Timing—Who needs docket time? How much?

**Are there any minutes and /or reports** **left to send to Beth?**

Synod commissioner, Jennifer Dawson, wants to wait until perhaps the next presbytery meeting to report because the synod is currently in transition (which she finds is a vague thing to say and not very comforting.)

DOCKET

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| Document  -8:30 a.m. | **Zoom meeting open—Practice/Informal Fellowship**  *PowerPoint scrolls with churches that paid per capita and shared mission for 2020* |  |
| 9:00 a.m. | **Call to Order** | Moderator, Elder Toni Spieth |
| 9:02 a.m. | **Opening Prayer & Greeting from Host Church**  **Mission & Ministry of Trinity, Springfield** | The Reverend Chris Miller |
| 9:12 a.m. | **Orientation to Videoconference Meeting**  Take attendance (raise hand function) | Stated Clerk Beth Kick |
| 9:17 a.m. | **Introduction of Elders and Ministers New to the Presbytery** | Moderator, Elder Toni Spieth |
| 9:23 a.m. | **Report of Stated Clerk**   * **Declaration of a quorum** * **Approval of docket** * **Seating of corresponding members** * **Adoption of consent agenda** | Elder Beth Kick |
| 9:28 a.m. | **Report of Committee on Ministry, Part 1.**  Examine Dale Hill to serve as CRE to StocktonPresbyterian Church and approve his terms of call. | Elder Reina Daleske or the Reverend Diane Cooke |
| 9:45 a.m. | **Preparation for Worship** *(includes prelude and time to get bread and juice)* | Moderator, Elder Toni Spieth |
| 9:48 a.m. | **Service of Morning Worship / Education Time**  Commission Dale Hill  Read Necrology-Scroll the names/PowerPoint  Speak about Rev. Dr. Tom Cavicchia and Elder Harriett Mercer (JCP admin. asst. for 20 years) | The Reverend Dr. M. Craig Barnes, preaching |
| 10:55 a.m. | **Break** -- *PowerPoint scrolls with churches that paid per capita and shared mission for 2020* |  |
| 11:00 a.m. | **Report of Pastoral Presbyter** | Elder Malinda Spencer |
| 11:10 a.m. | **Report of Committee on Ministry, part 2** | Elder Reina Daleske |
| 11:20 a.m. | **Report on Transitional Project** |  |
| 11:30 a.m. | **Report of Administrative Ministries Committee** |  |
| 11:40 a.m. | **Report of the Treasurer** | The Reverend Dennis Winzenried |
| 11:50 a.m. | **Report of COVID-19 Administrative Commission written** | The Reverend Dennis Winzenried or Elder Martha Bledsoe |
| 12:00 p.m. | **Report of General Council** | The Reverend Chris Miller |
|  | **Report of Committee on Representation:** *Watch for more information about becoming a Commissioner to the 2022 General Assembly.* | Elder Lorraine Whittington |
|  | **Report of Mission and Nurture Committee** | The Reverend Lou Hartley and Elder William Agnew |
|  | **Report of Presbyterian Women** | Elder Joan Russell |
|  | **Resolution of Thanks and Closing Prayer** |  |
|  | **We Go Out as a Worshipping Community** |  |

**\* Need motion to approve docket as amended.**

**Report of the Pastoral Presbyter**

1. Password and Website

When do you want a called meeting to discuss these communication issues? In March or after Easter?

2. Transitional Project

3. Vital Congregations (application deadline is March 5)

4. Gifts for guests who preach at Presbytery meetings (e.g., Dr. Pollard from Louisville seminary, Dr. Barnes from Princeton seminary)

**Reports of the Committees**

Administrative Ministries – Year to date Financials

Treasurer’s Report

Committee on Ministry (will meet 2/18) – Reina Daleske

Committee on Preparation for Ministry – Diane Cooke

Transitional Project—Reina Daleske

Committee on Representation – Lorraine Whittington

COVID-19 Administrative Commission– Dennis Winzenried

Mission and Nurture – Lou Ellen Hartley

Presbyterian Women – Joan Russell

**Other Business?**

Adjourn with Prayer

Next stated Council meeting: 10 a.m., Thursday, April 29 by Zoom

Included in your packet for today’s Council meeting:

Crocker’s report (Transformational grant)

Council Minutes: 10/1/20, 10/15/20, 1/12/21