

John Calvin Presbytery
Called General Council Meeting (by Zoom)
March 17, 2021

Minutes

Members present: Bill Agnew, Diane Cooke, Bob Dahlgren, Reina Daleske, Lou Ellen Hartley, Jim Holt, Chris Miller (Moderator), Joan Russell, Lorraine Whittington

Member excused: Toni Spieth

Ex-officio present: Beth Kick, Stated Clerk; Malinda Spencer, Pastoral Presbyter;
Dennis Winzenried, Treasurer

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.

(Guiding Statement from General Council, February 2020)

Moderator Chris Miller opened the called meeting of the General Council in prayer at 10:02 a.m. on Wednesday, March 17, 2021. Beth Kick noted that a quorum was present. The meeting was held by Zoom videoconference during the coronavirus pandemic.

The purposes of the meeting were to:

- (1) Debrief from the 2/27/21 presbytery meeting
- (2) Choose a preacher for the 5/20/21 presbytery meeting
- (3) Consider selecting the next moderator of COR so that person can learn from Lorraine this year.

(1) Many positive comments were shared about the last presbytery meeting, as well as gratitude for the work invested by all involved. Difficulties around breakout groups (timing, participation, leadership) were discussed.

(2) Thematic considerations for the May 20, 2021 presbytery meeting at First, Parsons, were discussed. Using the Co-Moderators' overview of the Matthew 25 initiative as a springboard, educational time will focus on vital congregations. Bill Agnew moved **that the preacher for the day be (1) the Rev. Dr. Kathryn Threadgill (Vital Congregations Coordinator, Presbyterian Mission Agency), (2) the Rev. Jessi Marcus (Pastor of Discipleship and Formation, Jacob's Well Church), or (3) the Rev. Dr. Charles (Chip) Hardwick (Interim Executive, Synod of the Covenant).** Seconded and approved

(3) Following Lorraine Whittington's suggestion as Moderator of COR, Jim Holt **moved that Council ask Sarah Muegge if she would be the moderator of COR beginning January 2022.** Seconded and approved.

Prayer requests were shared before Moderator Chris closed the meeting in prayer at 10:49 a.m.

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

Submitted by Beth Kick