

Highlights

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PRESBYTERY HIGHLIGHTS



It was a chilly and blustery day as members and guests of the Presbytery of Western Kentucky gathered at the Presbyterian Church of Henderson, Kentucky, on Tuesday, February 12, 2019, for its regular, quarterly meeting. A warm reception and inviting buffet of pastries and the like welcomed everyone upon arrival in the church's beautiful fellowship hall. Some early-scheduled meetings were already in progress, signifying a busy, profitable day ahead.

Call to Worship and Constituting Prayer

The meeting was called to order with a constituting prayer by Teaching Elder Anthony Barta, Moderator of the Presbytery of Western Kentucky, at 10:00 a.m.

Worship

The morning worship service was led by Teaching Elder Eric Hoey, pastor of the host church Henderson Presbyterian. Rev. Hoey read from 1st Timothy 1:1-7 as a part of the morning sermon entitled, "The Call of Outward Focused Churches". In the sermon, Rev. Hoey reminded those present that we are all communicators sent out by God; that we are both salt and light; and that we are truly ambassadors for Christ and His church. Kristin Jones, director of music, provided the organ prelude and accompanied the church choir as they sang "The Gift of Love". She also accompanied the

congregational hymns. Ruling Elder Donna Frietag led the call to worship. The Sacrament of Holy Communion was observed as a part of the morning worship service.

Welcome

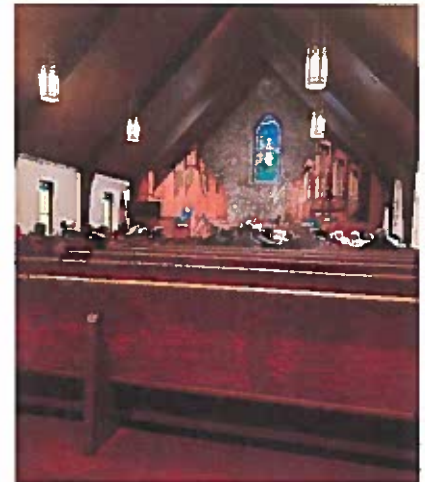
Rev. Hoey welcomed everyone to the Henderson Presbyterian Church.

Installation of Moderator for 2019

As part of the worship service, Ruling Elder Carol Brand was installed as Moderator of Presbytery for 2019. Participating in the installation of Mrs. Brand were Ruling Elder Mabeth Cortner; Teaching Elder Kenneth Dick, Coordinating Presbyter; Ruling Elder Ben Talley, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Western Kentucky; and Teaching Elder Anthony Barta, out-going Moderator. Rev. Barta presented Mrs. Brand with the traditional moderator's cross necklace as well as the gavel. He offered prayer for Mrs. Brand as she assumed the office and duties of Moderator of the Presbytery of Western Kentucky. Mrs. Brand asked those present to "join me to lead this Presbytery together".

Stated Clerk's Report

Ruling Elder Ben Talley, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Western Kentucky, declared a quorum of members present. There were no



corresponding members or first-time elder commissioners in attendance. It was moved and seconded to approve the docket for the day. Motion carried. Mr. Talley presented the requests for absences from the day's meeting. It was moved and seconded to approve the requests. Motion carried. Mr. Talley noted that the 2018 Session Annual Statistical Report for the churches of the Presbytery of Western Kentucky must be completed and submitted on or before February 15, 2019. He reported that dates and locations for the annual session minute reviews were currently being considered and that more information would follow shortly. Mr. Talley noted that the 2017 minutes of the Presbytery were peer reviewed by the Stated Clerk of another Presbytery during 2018 and were approved without exception. As a part of the Stated Clerk's Report, Mr. Talley presented the 2018 necrology. Following the reading of the necrology, Mr. Talley offered a prayer of gratitude for the lives and service of those individuals mentioned in the report. There were no matters for Presbytery consideration.

Teach-In

The morning's teach-in was led by Teaching Elder Kenneth Dick, Coordinating Presbyter of the Presbytery of Western Kentucky, and entitled "Conflict Management". Rev. Dick noted that conflict in churches was a normal occurrence and that the best time to prepare for such conflict was before it became necessary. He stated that the leadership of the Presbytery was available at any time to assist local congregations in training for conflict management and urged those present to take advantage of such services.

Lunch

Rev. Hoey offered a prayer of thanksgiving and grace prior to a delicious lunch in the church fellowship hall that had been prepared by members of the Henderson church.



BUSINESS MEETING

Following lunch, Presbytery was reconvened with prayer by Moderator Brand.

Committee on Nominations and Representation

Reporting for the Committee, Stated Clerk Ben Talley noted that the General Assembly requested Presbytery to submit names of individuals to serve as examination readers for 2019.

The committee recommended that Curry Davis, Sue Godshall, and Mabeth Cortner serve in such capacity. With no other names from the floor, it was moved and seconded to approve this slate of individuals. Motion carried.

Finance Committee

Ruling Elder Phil Fort reported that a name change for the First Korean Church would necessitate certain procedural changes for that congregation.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Teaching Elder Jenna Goggins reported for the committee. She noted the importance of the church as an area of refuge in times of storm. Rev. Goggins reported on the recent death of Ron Denny, boyfriend of Brittany Hesson, a recent graduate of Louisville Theological Seminary currently seeking a call and a long-time vital part of the Presbytery of Western Kentucky. Rev. Goggins noted that funds were being sought for Miss Hesson at this time of grief and loss. Rev. Goggins offered prayer for Miss Hesson and Mr. Denny's family and friends. Rev. Goggins reported that online training for potential CREs was available through the Dubuque Theological Seminary and that some scholarship opportunities were available. Rev. Goggins asked for prayer for the mission team of twelve individuals from the Presbytery of Western Kentucky who will be going to Guatemala March 16-23, 2019.

Commission on Ministry

Ruling Elder Frank Montgomery reported for the Commission. He noted:

Teaching Elder Robyn Abel has retired from active ministry effective December 31, 2018. It was moved and seconded that Rev. Abel be approved as honorably retired, with appreciation for her years of service to the PC(USA). Motion carried.

The Franklin Church has started the search for an interim minister along with the First Presbyterian of Hopkinsville and Highland Presbyterian.

Mayfield Presbyterian has renewed its contract with Teaching Elder Lynn Shurley, Jr., who has been serving as temporary pastor for the past year. Mayfield continues to seek an installed pastor. CLP covenants between Don Crousore and the Ebenezer and Caney Fork Churches have been renewed for one year.

Don Barger's Covenant with Highland Church has been renewed through April 2019.

Mr. Montgomery presented a list of changes in terms of call for installed pastors in our Presbytery. He moved presbytery approval of the changes. Motion seconded and carried.

Mr. Montgomery noted that at the February meeting, COM had established a compensation package for Certified Christian Educators. The minimum standard is equivalent to that already approved for installed pastors.

Mr. Montgomery reported on the request of the First Korean Church for a name change. Noting that the church, along with Tennessee Hills Fellowship, which shares a campus facility, had been under the direction of an Administrative Commission for several years, Mr. Montgomery stated that the COM proposed a name change from Clarksville First Korean Church to Grace Presbyterian Church. Motion was made and approved for the name change. Mr. Montgomery reported that the AC would like to contract with Rev. Koan Shin Choi (Chris) to provide worship leadership to the Korean Congregation.

Anticipating a relationship of up to three years, Rev. Choi is requesting to transfer his membership from the Presbytery of San Francisco to the Presbytery of Western Kentucky.

At this time, Rev. Choi presented himself to the Presbytery of Western Kentucky to answer questions related to Church polity, Sacraments, and theology which Rev. Choi answered with grace and knowledge.

On behalf of the COM, Mr. Montgomery moved to accept Rev. Koan Shin Choi as a member of the Presbytery of Western Kentucky. Motion carried.

Mr. Montgomery noted that all were invited to attend a service of welcome for Rev. Choi at the Grace Presbyterian Church on Sunday, February 17, 2019, at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Montgomery reported that with these changes at Grace Presbyterian, the AC will be contracting with CLP Mike Bourland to provide worship

leadership at the English service at Grace Presbyterian.

Mr. Montgomery reported on two changes in the Presbytery Website: the introduction of "COM Highlights" to be posted on the PWK website following monthly meetings and a model Officers' Handbook developed by Teaching Elder Ken Dick as a resource for local officer training.

Trustees

No report.

Oversight Commission

Reporting for the Commission, Ruling Elder Mabeth Cortner noted that the Commission was currently in the process of establishing a board for bylaws for the Western Kentucky University campus Ministry and that the board would include, among others, representatives from The Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green, Cecelia Memorial Church; and Shepherd's House Fellowship. It was moved and seconded to approve the establishment of such a board with further information to be shared later. Motion carried.

Youth Commission

CLP Rob Wilson reported for the committee, noting a Senior High Mission Trip to Florida scheduled for June 22-29, 2019. He stated that the annual City Sights/City Lights Mission experience for middle school students would be held June 9-11 at the Brain Injury Camp. Mr. Wilson reported that plans were also underway for the annual Fall Youth Retreat to be held in November 2019, at Camp Loucon. Moderator Brand urged those present to be on the lookout for youth in local communities who would benefit from church involvement and participation.

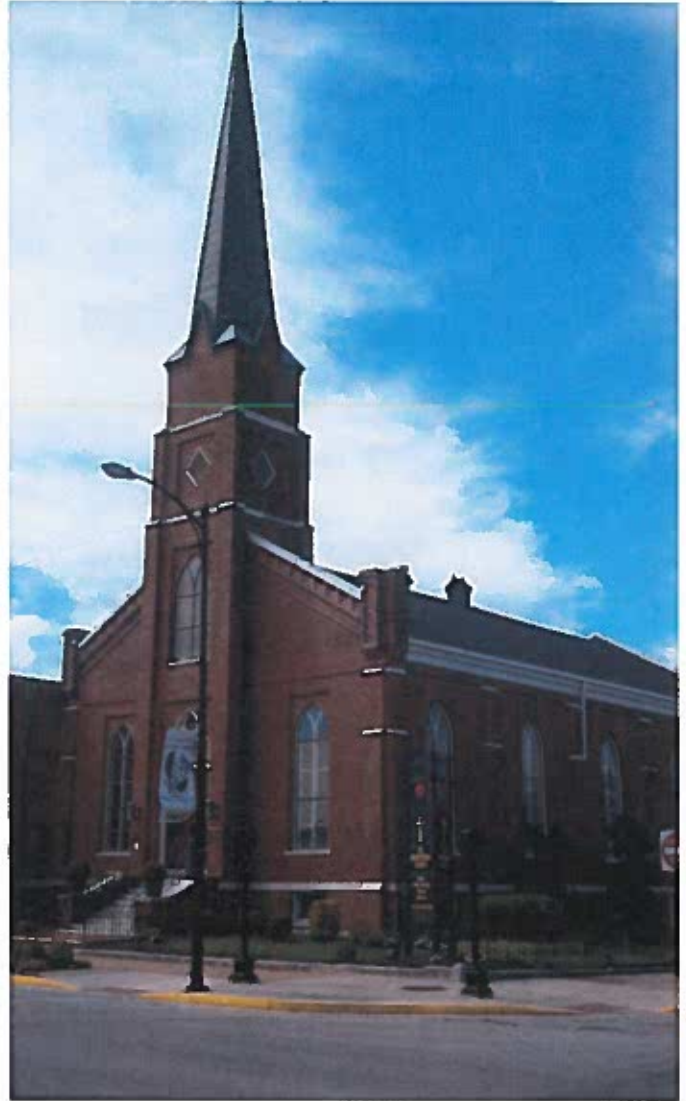
Coordinating Presbyter Report

Teaching Elder Kenneth Dick noted that his regular report to Presbytery was included in the day's packet. He also commented on the importance of the COM making its minutes available and the fact that the WKY Campus Ministry board would benefit greatly from volunteers in the Presbytery of Western Kentucky.

Joys and Concerns

As the sharing of joys and concerns commenced, Moderator Brand commented on the importance and power of prayer, stating “this is a praying Presbytery!”. Concerns were expressed for Mark and Bell Muth; the Henderson Church going to the First Presbyterian Church of Madisonville on February 21 to work further and together on plans for additional clean water plants. It was noted that the Bowling Green Church would celebrate its 1819 establishment this year and that such a celebration would be a part of the next Presbytery meeting to be held on May 14, 2019, at the Bowling Green Church and co-hosted by Cecelia Memorial Presbyterian Church. It was also noted that the First Presbyterian Church of Russellville would observe the 200th anniversary of its establishment this year as well with a homecoming in July. The great success of the Cluster Group that met earlier at Calvert City was noted and other clusters were urged to take advantage of such events. Moderator Brand offered thanks to former Moderator Barta for his service and devotion, noting that he had always been “a source of joy” to her. Celebration was noted as well for the approaching birthday of Ruling Elder Thelma Baker of Cecelia Memorial Presbyterian Church. Her years of devotion and commitment to her home church and the Presbytery of Western Kentucky were noted and celebrated.

With no further business, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Moderator Carol Brand at 2:40 p.m.



The next scheduled meeting of the Presbytery of Western Kentucky will be on May 14, 2019, at The Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green, Kentucky.