

Highlights

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PRESBYTERY HIGHLIGHTS



The Presbytery of Western Kentucky met for its regular quarterly meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, at First Presbyterian Church of Murray, Kentucky. Preceding the official meeting a new feature was added: a Bible Study led by Teaching Elder Eric Hoey. All those in attendance enjoyed time together and considered it a welcome addition to Presbytery.

Following the opening prayer, the morning worship service was led by Teaching Elder Eric Hoey who presented an inspiring sermon entitled "When Jesus Sends..." Based on Luke 10:1-11, Rev. Hoey encouraged those present to "get outside the walls of the church". He stressed the importance of enthusiasm in our service to Christ and His church. He shared a personal antidote from kindergarten days and asked the congregation to be a "Milk Monitor for Jesus", joyfully and eagerly serving our Lord. Musical accompaniment was provided by pianist Min-Kyo Jung of Paris, Tennessee. The Sacrament of Holy Communion was observed under the leadership of Rev. Hoey and Teaching Elder Renee Meyers of First Presbyterian Church of Murray, Kentucky

Welcomed by Teaching Elder Renee Meyers on behalf of First Presbyterian Church, corresponding

members and first time commissioners were recognized.

Stated Clerk's Report

A quorum being present, Stated Clerk Ruling Elder Ben Talley presented the docket for the day which was approved with the deletion of the report from the Nominating Committee.

Mr. Talley noted that Session minute reviews will be held during the August Presbytery meeting. For this review, Clerks may leave their Session books with the Stated Clerk at the beginning of the meeting and call for them at the meeting's conclusion. An additional review of session records has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday, July 22, 2017, with the location to be announced. The review on Saturday, July 22 will include a time for training for clerks of session.

Having received an invitation from First Presbyterian Church of Madisonville, Kentucky, to host the August 12, 2017, meeting of Presbytery, the motion to accept was approved.

Mr. Talley and Mrs. Cortner presented Commissioned Ruling Elder Helen Jordan of the First Presbyterian Church of Auburn, Kentucky, a resolution* in her honor upon her pending retirement, effective June 18. Mrs. Jordan has served the Presbytery faithfully for over thirty years as the wife of a pastor and later as a pastor herself. She was a member of the first graduating class of the Presbytery of Western Kentucky's Diploma

School. She has made numerous contributions to the success of the Presbytery of Western Kentucky. All present joined in wishing her the best upon her retirement and in all future endeavors.

Mr. Talley presented the Condition and Progress of the Churches* in the Presbytery of Western Kentucky as of December 31, 2016, report.

Mr. Talley moved to renew the covenant between the Presbytery of Western Kentucky and Presbyterian Homes *. Seconded to renew the Covenant, motion carried.

*<http://PresbyteryofWesternKentucky.yolasite.com>

Teach-In

Teaching Elder Robert Warren, Director of Pastoral Care, Presbyterian Homes of Louisville, presented an inspiring talk regarding ministry to older adults. Rev. Warren related a number of personal stories and stressed the importance of order, structure, and ritual in ministering to older adults. He encouraged us to “live in the shelter of God’s grace”...with “all our brothers and sisters”. He further stressed the importance of hope as a part of the grief process. “Celebrate what God does in our midst,” he advised.

Update on M.O.T.A. and Guatemala Trip

Teaching Elder Renee Meyer reported on the continuing success of the MSU Presbyterian Campus Ministry M.O.T.A. (Ministry Open to All) program. She introduced Brett Eisenhauer and Madelyn Hogrebe, who shared personal stories regarding the importance of the organization in their lives. Da’Sha Tuck, recently returned from a mission trip to Guatemala, shared a power-point presentation regarding her experiences and assured those present that she planned to return to Guatemala in that she “left her heart there.” Miss Tuck thanked the Presbytery of Western Kentucky for its support of her and her mission trip. Teaching Elder Jenna Goggins of First Presbyterian Church of Paducah, Kentucky, noted that a similar mission trip was scheduled for June and that it was her hope to include additional MSU/M.O.T.A. members next year.

Following the lunch recess, Presbytery reconvened for the business meeting.

Commissions/Committees reporting included:

Commission on Ministry

Ruling Elder Frank Montgomery presented Teaching Elder Eric Hoey for examination. Rev. Hoey was asked questions regarding church polity, theology, and the sacraments. Rev. Hoey answered with grace, dignity, and authority. Mr. Montgomery moved to cease the examination and that the First Presbyterian Church of Henderson be granted permission/authority to call Rev. Hoey to a position as full-time pastor. Motion seconded and carried. Teaching Elder Charlie Evans offered prayer. Coordinating Presbyter Ken Dick called for members of the Henderson church to stand and be recognized.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Teaching Elder Jenna Goggins reported on the status of several individuals. Enquirer Brittney Hesson spoke of her plans and goals. It was moved and seconded to change Miss Hesson’s status from that of “inquirer” to “candidate”. Motion carried. It was noted that Miss Hesson had recently been chosen president of the student body of Louisville Theological Seminary. Rev. Renee Myers offered prayer for Miss Hesson.

Committee on Bills and Overtures

Teaching Elder Lynn Shurley, Jr., presented the list of proposed amendments to the Book of Order. It was moved and seconded to approve the amendments. Motion carried. In that General Assembly requires a total of votes, it was noted that the Presbytery of Western Kentucky voted “Yea”: 30; “Nay”: 0.

Committee on Finance

Teaching Elder Ken Dick presented the financial report, noting the solvency of the Presbytery of Western Kentucky.

Coordinating Presbyter

Teaching Elder Kenneth Dick presented his report, advising those present of the strides being made with regard to more efficient communications including a webpage now available via the

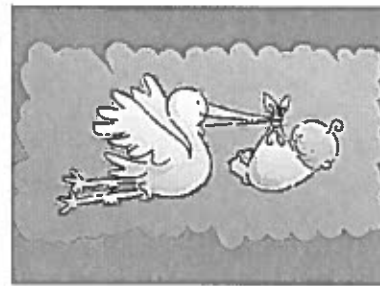
Presbytery. He informed Presbytery that individual churches and congregations were encouraged to use the webpage to promote activities and events. Rev. Dick introduced Teaching Elder Stewart Drake who reported on the progress of the new church development activities including facilities at Murray (Areumdaun Woori Church); Bowling Green (Shepherd's House); and Hopkinsville-Oak Grove (Tennessee Hills Fellowship). Rev. Drake thanked Presbytery for its continuing support of these ventures. He noted that the first service at Tennessee Hills would be at 1:30 p.m., on Sunday, May 21, and invited all present to attend.

Joys and Concerns

Great joy was expressed regarding the Sunday, June 4, 2017, installation service for Rev. Hoey at the Henderson Church. He and his wife Cynthia were welcomed to the Presbytery of Western Kentucky. Teri Ford noted the "Fishing for Jesus" program to be hosted at Calvert City on June 3, 2017. A joy that Presbytery is attempting to find the unchurched and to bring them to the Lord was expressed along with thanks for the opportunity to be involved in a vibrant, new ministry. Concerns were shared for several individuals including Dorothy Gartrell who is recovering from recent surgery.

Rev. Dick expressed thanks to Frank Montgomery, Nancy Tankersley, and Karen Harris for their diligence toward the new webpage. It was also reported that the May 13, 2017, session of the Diploma School would feature former Stated Clerk of the General Assembly Clifton Kirkpatrick.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 with prayer by Moderator Mabeth Cortner who offered thanks for the "joyous routine". The next meeting of the Presbytery of Western Kentucky will be on Saturday, August 12, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., at First Presbyterian Church of Madisonville, Kentucky.



Maebel Margaret Fohr
 April 26, 2017
 Parents: Christine and Rob Fohr

Boone Ross Talley
 May 25, 2017
 Parents: Ben and Jordan Talley



Presbytery Office unless otherwise noted A

Mission Committee
 June 5, 10:00 a.m.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry
 June 5, 2:00 p.m.

CRE Continuing Education
 Conducting the Funeral Service
 June 5, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
 First Presbyterian Church, Hopkinsville
 Contact: Charlie Evans

Commission on Ministry
 June 6, 1:30 p.m.

PW Coordinating Team
 June 19, 10:00 a.m.



City Sights, City Lights
Middle School Experience
June 19-21
First Presbyterian – Russellville



SAVE THE DATE

Fall Retreat
Grades 6-12
Camp Loucon
November 10-12
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PRESBYTER NOTES

As you can see from the highlights of the presbytery meeting, the presbytery is much more than presbytery and committee meetings. Though these are essential, many opportunities are available to affirm our connectional nature. Some of these are a diploma school module led by Clifton Kirkpatrick, “fishing for Jesus” at Kentucky Dam Village, installation service for Eric Hoey, new worshipping community services at Tennessee Hills Fellowship, mission work in Guatemala, and events and activities for our youth during the summer months. Attending all these might be a little much but your participation, as you are able, provides personal enrichment and support for others and strengthens our bonds together. We look forward to hearing from you about what you are doing that can include us as well.

Blessings,
Ken