

**PSEC Consistory Meeting  
Meeting January 19, 2019  
Bear Creek Mountain Resort, Macungie PA**

**Consistory Members Present:** Mr. Lee Metzger, Rev. Robert Stewart, Rev. Jenny Smith, Rev. Edward Livingston, Mr. Ray Edwards, Ms. Anaiya Huertas, Rev. Bill Middleton, Mr. Tim Kissling, Ms. Jennie Strauch, Rev. Bill Worley, Rev. Craig Zimmerman, Rev. Mark Roberts, Rev. Ann-Therese Ortiz

**Consistory Members Excused:** Ms. Sara Barra, Ms. Kathleen Stump, Rev. Sharell Shippen

**Consistory Staff Present:** Rev. Cean James

**Consistory Staff Excused:** Rev. Sharon Morris

Jennie Strauch called the meeting to order shortly after 9:00 AM. Nya Huertas provided a devotion and an opening prayer.

The minutes from the November 17 meeting were approved. (Motion: Lee Metzger; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tim Kissling)

### **Communications**

Jenny Smith shared a letter from St. Peter's UCC in Tremont thanking us for our contribution toward their flood recovery efforts.

### **E-Ballots**

Jenny Smith reported on the December 13 e-ballot for Rev. Morris' sick leave. The Conference personnel policy allows up to eight weeks of leave with full pay and benefits. Bob Stewart responded with the first affirmative vote, thereby making the motion; Ed Livingston was the second. The December 19, 2018 to January 30, 2019 leave was approved with 11 votes in favor, 0 no votes, and one reply without a vote.

### **Reports**

In order to allow time for the strategy and planning session, the review of reports was kept brief.

Ray Edwards provided the Finance report. We ended the last year approximately \$1,000 short of budget, but a personal donation put us in a positive balance. Bill Worley distributed lists of churches who have not yet submitted OCWM pledges for follow up by associations. The Conference office created a "what to say" sheet to assist callers. During the ensuing discussion Consistory members decided that future spreadsheets distributed to the Consistory will not show pledge dollar amounts, just whether or not a pledge was received.

The Personnel Committee will meet later this month.

Karl Jones' Disaster Ministry written report was received.

Highlights from the ACM & CM reports: We have reduced the number of churches in search and call process. Sharon is recovering from her hip replacement surgery and is expected to return February 1. Bill clarified the categories of ministry going from 3 to 2 per the MOM; commissioned ministers keep that standing as long as they stay in their current position. Also, there is no change to the UCC constitution which still has 3 categories of ministry. The PSEC leadership encourages association COMs to follow MOM. Consistory members shared questions with Bill to take to the national body.

All reports were accepted. The business portion of the meeting was adjourned (Motion: Tim Kissling; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Craig Zimmerman) with attendees next reviewing the JCVDT letter and working to "get to the why" regarding the possible union with the PNEC.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Jenny Smith, Secretary