

CONSISTORY SECRETARY REPORT

Pennsylvania Southeast Conference 2023 Spring Meeting

Meetings of the Consistory

This year, the meetings of the Conference Consistory were held in hybrid mode. Meetings were held on July 21, September 17, November 19, January 21, and March 18. The Spring meeting of the PSEC was held June 4 and 5, 2022 at West Chester University. The Fall meeting of the PSEC was held on November 13 at Salt & Light Community Church UCC in Philadelphia. The next regularly scheduled hybrid meeting of the Conference Consistory will be held on May 20, 2023.

Changes in Consistory Officers and Delegates

- Mr. Charles Kuthuru succeeded Rev. Tony Villareal as the Conference Consistory Moderator.
- The Consistory approved the appointment of Rev. Karl Jones to the Budget and Finance Committee.
- Rev. Melissa Burkhart was appointed to the Credentials Committee.
- The following individuals were appointed to the Church and Ministry Council: Ms. Becky Cormier (CV), Rev. Elaine Ely (NP), and Rev. Josh Blakesly (PH).
- Approved Rev. Karl Jones to join the Budget and Finance Committee.
- Rev. Nick Pence was appointed to the Church and Ministry Council.

Summary of Pertinent Consistory Actions

- Approval of Conference Minister, Rev. Bill Worley's sabbatical plan.
- Rev. Worley appointed Rev. Kevin McLemore as acting Conference Minister during his sabbatical leave.
- The Consistory approved bestowing the title, Conference Minister Emeritus, to the Rev. F. Russell Mitman. This occurred at the Fall November 13, 2023 PSEC meeting. Rev. Mitman died on January 7, 2023.
- The proposed 2023 budget was voted by the Consistory to recommend to the Fall meeting of the PSEC. The Spending Plan was approved at the Fall meeting.
- Housing allowances were approved for Rev. Bill Worley and Rev. Kevin McLemore.
- In January 2023, Rev. Nicole Jackson and Rev. Zack Jackson gave a comprehensive update on the status of Open Table UCC, Pottstown.
- Rev. Kevin McLemore's Call Agreement was amended to include family health insurance.
- Sixty-Two PSEC churches, representing all five associations, received certificates for being Five for Five churches in 2021. The certificates were awarded at the Spring meeting of the PSEC 2022.

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