

Presbytery Reflection

By Sheppards and Lapsley Moderator, Bill Stribling

MAY 2020

HOST: CAHABA SPRINGS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Highlights of the May Presbytery Meeting



Moderator
Bill Stribling



Various Zoom
attendees

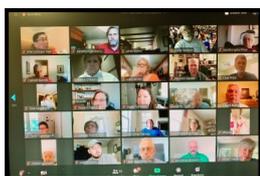


Zoom expert
Joe Genau



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Ministry within our Presbytery



From living rooms, dens, dining rooms, offices, churches and porches over one hundred people attended the May 21, 2020 Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley meeting held via Zoom. This was the first electronic meeting of the Presbytery. Restrictions due to the novel coronavirus pandemic made gatherings of this size illegal to conduct in person, hence the Zoom meeting.



After the declaration of a quorum and approval of the docket, first time commissioners and guests Amy McCain, Cort and Abby Gatliff, Clay Price, Diane Moffett, John Hinkle and Louise Watts were introduced and welcomed. Next we were greeted by Rev. Jamie McLeod from (what would have been the physical) host church Cahaba Springs Presbyterian Church. Who then presented our message.



The President and Executive Director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency, Diane Moffett shared the Matthew 25 initiative of our denomination with a power point and video message. The motion of Executive Council that we become a Matthew 25 Presbytery was presented by Susan Clayton, debated and passed.



Our Transitional Executive Presbyter, Sue Westfall and Stated Clerk, Tom Winter presented their reports. Following them came the Presbytery Committee reports and action. Presented, debated and passed were the following actions:

From COM - examination and commissioning of Carl Martin as CRE on presbytery supply list, approval of terms of call for Steve Goyer, Independent Presbyterian Church, approval of supply pastor list, approval of terms of call for installed pastors, and the approval for retirement of Dr. William J. Carl.

From CPM – approval for alternative assessment of church polity exam for Young Cecilia Chang, and approval for Emily Frandsen to advance to Candidate status.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Jamie McLeod.

*Moderator,
Bill Stribling*