

## Highlights of the September 15, 2020 Presbytery Meeting

We had a hardy attendance of over 260 folks for this additional meeting of Presbytery. We were able to enjoy musical contributions for our meeting from Oakhurst Presbyterian Church, First Afrikan Church's Children choir, and St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. We also enjoyed a Matthew 25 hymn (written by David Gambrell) sung and arranged by Phillip Morgan. Our own Mark Sauls put stunning visuals to the hymn.

We welcomed 4 inquirers to candidacy: Kate Culver, Kyoungkun Keum, Eun Ja Kim and Melva Lowry. We also were delighted to commission two ruling elders to ministry work in the Presbytery: Brandon Douglas will pastor Bethany Presbyterian Church and Jane Hubbard as the Director of the Pastor to Pastor Program for the Presbytery.

We approved a by-law change to the how the Examinations Commission does its work. The Commission may now directly receive, on behalf of the Presbytery, those PCUSA pastors already ordained. To see the new by-law, you can see the minutes of the meeting.

We heard about two exciting ministries: Buckhead Christian Ministries working on homelessness and issues of poverty, and WAYS (With All Your Strength) a new worshipping community reaching the unchurched through the unique avenue of physical fitness.

An offering was collected to benefit Buckhead Christian Ministries and the Hunger Grant Program of the Presbytery (formally known as PATH).

The Board of Pensions and The Presbyterian Foundation gave us updates on how they can help our churches. Check out the minutes to read about their programs.

The next meeting of Presbytery is November 10, 2020 at 9:00 AM. We will once again have pre-registration process so be on the lookout about 3 weeks in advance.

Blessings...and stay safe friends.