

Highlights of the February 20, 2021 Presbytery Meeting: Kicking off our theme of Virtual and Vital

What an informative and enjoyable time we had as a presbytery in listening to the wisdom of Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow in navigating the future electronically! Rev. Reyes-Chow led us through Exodus 36:1-7 drawing up on that time for us today: we have movable holy space (as now experienced in this pandemic), we have the skilled workers we need to navigate in this new time and mostly, we have offerings that are more than enough. It is time to reimagine the “Table” by really accessing technology to liberate ideas, bring in new leadership and help us all to live into our strengths.

Following the meeting, we had a Q and A with Rev. Reyes-Chow to further explore the practicalities of what is possible and the realities of the time we are facing as a church.

There were many other highlights of the day. Here are some of them:

- Kairos and Oglethorpe churches co-hosted our meeting on line with a delightful introduction and music before the meeting and during the offering.
- A search committee was elected for the Stated Clerk position
- Clark Simmons brought news from the Board of Pensions
- Clare Lewis from PILP shared about a new loan program called Safety and Technology...grants to help churches open safely, modify space and improve air quality if needed and employing technology for hybrid models. For more information contact Clare at: clare.lewis@pcusa.org
- We highlighted the new worshiping community, Atlanta Good Church and enjoyed music in celebration of Black History Month from Shalom International Ministries
- We approved the Presbytery’s budget for 2021
- We received 4 new members: Sharon Junn and Kevin Park (both serving Korean Central), Dan Kreiss (serving Roswell) and Amanda Kemery (serving Morningside)
- We moved two inquirers to candidacy: Emily Hicks and Michael Sarvis
- We celebrated two retirements: Becky Baker and Bobbie Wrenn Banks
- We concluded with the installation our new moderator, Rev. Russ Weekley and thanked the outgoing moderator, Destiny Williams

Next meeting will be Tuesday May 11, 9:00-11:00 held by Zoom. Special guest preacher will join us.