

REVISED DOCKET

Reminder: Please copy & bring all reports found on the Presbytery website (www.donegalpby.com) by clicking on Meetings. We will have fewer printed copies available as handouts. Thank you.

Dear Fellow Presbyters:

This mailing includes information in preparation for the upcoming presbytery meeting.

PLEASE SHARE THESE MATERIALS WITH YOUR COMMISSIONERS. A LIMITED NUMBER OF COPIES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MEETING FOR THOSE WITHOUT E-Mail ACCESS..

The Presbytery meeting will be held 9:30 a.m., **TUESDAY, March 25, 2008 at Donegal Presbyterian Church in Mt. Joy, PA.**

All Sessions are normally permitted to send one Elder Commissioner. Churches with memberships over 500 as of December 31, 2006 shall be represented as follows: 501-1000 – 2 elders (Central, Covenant, New London, Oxford, Eastminster); 1001–1500 – 3 elders (First Lancaster, First York); 1501-2000 – 4 elders (Highland, Paoli); 2001–3000 – 5 elders (First West Chester, Westminster West Chester).

In order to redress the imbalance between minister and elder commissioners, the following churches are invited to elect one additional elder commissioner this year: Nottingham, Oxford, Paoli, Penningtonville, Pequea, Pine Grove, Round Hill, Second Oxford, Second West Chester, Slate Ridge, Slateville, St. John's, Stewartstown, Toughkenamon, Trinity and Union

Please pick up copies of the **2008 Directory** in the registration area.

I remain a servant of Christ...
William J. Netting, Stated Clerk

Directions to Donegal Presbyterian Church in Mt. Joy: (717) 653-1943

From York County: Rt. 30 East. Once you cross the Susquehanna River, you will exit immediately, Columbia/Marietta. Turn RIGHT at the ramp's stop sign. Go to traffic light and turn RIGHT onto Rt.441 North. (Do not turn right on red) At the 3rd traffic light, turn RIGHT onto Anderson Ferry Rd. (Rt. 772 East) Take your 1st LEFT onto Colebrook Rd. Go about 2.5 miles and turn LEFT onto Donegal Springs Rd. Church is 1/10 mile on your RIGHT

From Chester and Lancaster Counties: Rt.30 West. Exit at Columbia/Marietta bearing RIGHT onto Rt. 441 North. (Then follow directions in the last 4 lines of the above paragraph).

POSTER SESSIONS

Put Humor in Your Pulpit, Podium and other Presentations

Presenters: Reverends Streeter, Moyer, and Elder Paul Reitman

Leadership: Tools for the Trade Presenter: Rev. Charlie Gross

Be Involved in Refugee Resettlement (Church World Service Immigration & Refugees Program)

Presenter: Michelle Sultan (Sponsorship Development)

Telling Faith Stories Presenter: Rev. David Taulafai

Accessibility of Host Church

<u>Concern</u>	Yes	No
Wheelchair accessibility to meeting room?	X	
Wheelchair accessibility to a rest room?	X	
Wheelchair accessibility to the room where meal will be served?	X	
Special dietary meals available upon advanced request	X	
Hearing Enhancement Equipment available?	X	
Childcare (if requested in advance)	X	

Mission and Vision Statements and Goals for The Presbytery of Donegal

(adopted April 19, 2005)

Preamble – Who we are

Donegal Presbytery is a faith community of all the pastors, elders, and members in congregations of the Presbyterian Church USA mainly residing in Chester, Lancaster, and York Counties of Pennsylvania, supported by a Presbytery staff.

Mission Statement

Growing Faith
Growing Churches

Vision Statement

Donegal Presbytery is united through faith in Jesus Christ and demonstrates God’s love to each other, the community, and the world.

Four Goals/Priorities

- Build healthy, vibrant congregations
- Provide leadership development for lay members and ministers
- Promote evangelism and new church development
- Engage in outreach to the world with ministries of compassion

Our Covenant

In a spirit of trust and love, we promise each other, as members of the Presbytery of Donegal, that we will:

- 1) Treat each other respectfully, disparaging no one;
- 2) Share our concerns directly and honestly;
- 3) Critique ideas, not motives or integrity;
- 4) Learn about various positions;
- 5) Listen attentively to assure we understand each other;
- 6) Indicate where we agree as well as disagree;
- 7) Share our personal experiences that others may understand more fully our concerns;
- 8) Seek to stay in community, being willing to forgive and be forgiven
- 9) Respect the Reformed premise that people of good conscience will differ and abide by the decision of the majority, working within the structure of the Constitution of the Church;
- 10) Pray for each other, even those with whom we disagree, not in triumphalism but in humility as joint members of the household of faith.

(Adopted by Presbytery Council, August 29 1994)

Revised Docket for Presbytery of Donegal
Meeting at Donegal Presbyterian Church, Mt. Joy
Tuesday March 25, 2008, at 9:30 a.m.

- 8:30 a.m.** Informal Fellowship & Registration & Reading Time
Please remember to submit your Intercessory Prayer requests as you register
Please turn off cell phones and pagers, or turn on silent!
- 9:30 a.m.** Call to Order & Opening Prayer Rev. Ray Meute
 Seating of Corresponding Members
 Introduction of New Elders
 Appointment of Rev. Ann Osborne as Temporary Clerk
 Appointment of Rev. Robert Burns & Elder Barbara O'Neil as Minute Review Committee
 Committee on Arrangements Rev. Thomas McKinnon, Jr.
 Proposed Omnibus Motion Rev. Dr. William Netting
- 9:45 a.m. (35) Worship**
- 10:20 a.m. (60) Report of the Administrative Commission and Presentation** Rev. Diane Burkland
 of Negotiated Settlement (with Great Valley, Forks of Brandywine, and Upper Octorara Presbyterian Churches) *Note: A motion will be made requesting that Presbytery meet in Executive Session for this item of business.*
- 11:20 a.m.** Moderator Prayer & Remarks 01-A Rev. Ray Meute
 (10) Associate Executive Presbyter & Acting Head of Staff 01-D Rev. Charles Gross
 (1) Stated Clerk 01-F Rev. Dr. William Netting
 (15) Treasurer 01-G Mr. Allan Ziegler
 (4) Presbytery Council and Property & Insurance Committee 01-B Elder Gail Benjamin and
 Rev. Diane Burkland
 (2) Committee on Representation Rev. Phoebe Kitson-Davis
- 11:47 a.m. (10) Transition Team** Rev. Mark Atkinson and Rev. Judd McConnell
- 11:57 a.m. (25) Year of the World Mission Presentation # 2**
 Rev. David Hall (serving with WEC International-USA, as Director of Mobilization and WEC Link)
 Year of the World Mission Retreat and Trip Information
- 12:22 a.m.** **Department of Outreach to the Larger Community** 06 Rev. Jane DeFord
 (3) Hunger Elder Rick Schmidt
- 12:25 p.m. Announcements and Recess for Lunch**
 Blessing – Rev. Ann Osborne
 All items for new business must be submitted to the Stated Clerk by 12:45 p.m.
- 1:15 p.m. (30) Poster Sessions** (see front page of docket and *choose one*)
- 1:50 p.m. (30) Poster Sessions** (see front page of docket and *choose one*)
- 2:20 p.m. (10) Committee on Ministry** 02-C Rev. James Thomas
 Memorial Minute for Rev. Walter Cook – Rev. Douglas Hileman
- 2:30 pm. (2) Department of Congregational Ministries** 05 Rev. Tom McKinnon
 Camp Donegal Elder Amy Wade
 Christian Formation Elder Betty Duncan

2:32 p.m.	Department of Work and Witness of the Church	07	
(5)	New Church Development	07-C	Rev. Don Hackett
(3)	Vitalization	07-F	Elder Nan Best
2:40 p.m.	Department of Administration	04	Rev. Guy Dunham
(3)	Revision of Manual		Rev. John Morgan
2:43 p.m.	Nominating Committee	02-F	Elder Ed Martin
2:47 p.m.	Committee on Preparation for Ministry	02-B	Rev. Bob Barcus
3:07 p.m.	Task Force on Abortion		Elder Roger Stemen
3:12 p.m.	New Business (if necessary)		

Leave of Absence Report
Thanks to Host Church and Motion to Adjourn
Adjournment with Prayer and Benediction

2008 Presbytery Meetings

Tuesday	April 15, 2008	7:00 p.m.	Pine Grove
Tuesday	May 20, 2008	9:30 a.m.	Fairview
Tuesday	June 17, 2008	9:30 a.m.	First, York
Tuesday	September 16, 2008	9:30 a.m.	Camp Donegal
Tuesday	November 18, 2008	3:00 p.m.	Highland

2009 Presbytery Meetings

Tuesday	January 20, 2009	9:30 a.m.	Avondale
Saturday	March 20, 2009	9:30 a.m.	Central?

Note: Please consider hosting Presbytery for 2009. Call the Stated Clerk at (717) 548-3719 (or email netting@epix.net).

Meetings available for hosting are:

- Tuesday, May 19 (9:30 a.m.) Prayer Meeting
- Tuesday, June 16 (9:30 a.m.)
- Tuesday, September 15 (9:30 a.m.)
- Tuesday, November 17 (9:30 a.m.)

Proposed Omnibus Motion:

Moderator, I move:

- Roll:** 1. That the roll of Presbytery be constituted by those who have signed the registration sheets.
- Excuses:** 2. That excuses be granted to those whose names will appear on the last page of the minutes of this meeting.
- Minutes:** 3. That we **APPROVE** the minutes of the January 15, 2008 meeting of Presbytery as recommended by the Minute Review Committees.
- Docket:** 4. That we **APPROVE** the docket as presented for our order of business.
- Council** 5. Proposed Presbytery MANUAL changes:
 - a. Department Membership: The following is presented for a **second reading and approval changing the MANUAL** to resolve the discrepancy in the wording relating to nominations of elders or lay persons to Programmatic Departments. In each of the following Departments, the term “elder” shall be changed as follows:

Administration Department. The MANUAL would be changed as follows:

“The Administration Department shall consist of 18 members, 9 ordained or non-ordained church members and 9 ministers...”

Congregational Ministries Department.

“The Congregational Ministries Department shall consist of 36 members, 12 ministers, 24 ordained or non-ordained church members, 2 of whom shall be church educators, 2 shall be the co-moderators of the Presbyterian Youth Connection (PYC) Council.”

The Outreach to the Larger Community Department.

“The Outreach to the Larger Community Department shall consist of 19 members, 9 ordained or non-ordained church members, 9 ministers and 1 youth...”

The Work & Witness of the Church Department

“The Work and Witness of the Church Department shall consist of 26 members, 13 ordained or non-ordained church members, and 13 ministers...”

Motion carried.

- b. Presbytery Meetings: The following is presented for a second reading and approval changing the MANUAL regarding Presbytery Meetings in Chapter Two – “Meetings”

There shall be five (5) Stated Meetings of The Presbytery, held as follows:
(beginning in 2009)

January	3rd Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Full Day
March	3rd Saturday	9:30 a.m.	Full Day
June	3rd Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Full Day
September	3rd Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Full Day
November	3rd Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Full Day

Note: A special meeting of Presbytery for the purpose of Prayer and Worship is held on the 3rd Tuesday of May each year at 9:30 a.m.

- Committee on
On Preparation
For Ministry
6. a. That in accordance with G-14.0308 that **WADE POND** (a member of First, Lancaster) be continued as an Inquirer.
- b. That in accordance with G-14.0308 that **DEBBIE HEFFERNAN** (a member of Paoli) be continued as an Inquirer.
- c. That in accordance with G-14.0310 that **BARBARA WHIPPLE** (a member of Kennett Square) be certified to be ready for examination for ordination, pending a call.
- d. That in accordance with G-14.0305 that **TIMOTHY DOONER** (a member of Paoli) be certified to be ready for examination for ordination, pending a call.