

HOW OUR PRESBYTERY IS ORGANIZED

Our Presbytery Officers in 2010:

Moderator, Rev. Jane DeFord
Vice Moderator, Elder Kristen Gerling
Moderator of Council, Rev. Jim Shuler
Stated Clerk, Rev. Dr. William Netting

Our Presbytery Staff:

Executive Presbyter, Rev. Dr. Erin Cox-Holmes
Associate Executive Presbyter,
Rev. Charles W. Gross, Jr.
Business Administrator/Treasurer, Susan Harner
Secretary, Kathy Bartels
Resource Center Director, Betty Duncan

Our Off-Site Presbytery Staff:

Camp Donegal Administrator, Amy Wade
Stated Clerk, Rev. Dr. William Netting
Hunger Action Enabler, Rick Schmidt
Associate for Healthy Congregations,
Elder Nan Best
Restoring Creation Enabler, Elder Barbara Warren

Our Presbytery Council:

- Meets five times a year
- Committees reporting through Council:
 - ⇒ Property & Insurance
 - ⇒ Self-Development of People

Presbytery meets on 3rd Tuesday of Jan, June, Sept, and Nov at 9:30am. It meets 3rd Saturday of March at 9:30am. Special Prayer meeting 3rd Tuesday of May

Our Constitutional Committees are:

- Committee on Ministry
- Committee on Preparation for Ministry
- Overtures, Amendments and Review
- Committee on Nominations
- Permanent Judicial Commission
- Committee on Representation

Our Departments and Divisions are:

- **Administration** (Finance, Human Resources, and Program & Operations)
 - **Congregational Ministries** (Christian Formation Division and Camp Donegal)
 - **Peace, Justice and Care of Creation** (Peace, Justice, and Care of Creation)
 - **Work and Witness of the Church** (Action in Mission, New Church Development, and Church Vitalization)
- ⇒ Our **Resource Center** is a lending library supervised by our volunteer Director, Betty Duncan, who is available one day per week for consultation on the selection of appropriate materials. It is located at the Presbytery office. A list of our resources is available on our website **www.donegalpby.com** and can be ordered by email or phone call. You can add your name to our Skills Database - www.donegalpby.com/database/skilladd.htm
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- ⇒ **Camp Donegal**, located in Airville, has a summer camping program, special events and year-round facilities for retreats. Call the camp at 717.862.3722 or visit their website for further information - www.campdonegal.org
- ⇒ **Our website, www.donegalpby.com provides an incredible list of resources for your work.** We have a bi-weekly eNews letter, a bi-monthly newsletter called the Donegal Dialogue, a virtual university, coaching capacity, a skills database, conflict mediation team, a sexual misconduct support team, and a very creative staff to help you discover new ways of being the church and building the kingdom. Call us, fax us, or email us. Go to www.donegalpby.com and click on Our Staff.

An Introduction To The Presbytery of Donegal

Synod of the Trinity
Presbyterian Church (USA)

What is a Presbytery?

Our Mission

Some Basic Facts

How our Presbytery is organized

www.donegalpby.com

Presbyteryofdonegalintransition.org

Donegaluniversity.org

What is a Presbytery?

The Presbyterian Church is a “connectional” church. Individual congregations are connected to other congregations through three “governing bodies” known as a Presbytery, Synod and the General Assembly.

The Presbytery is a **geographic district** that links congregations to their most immediate Presbyterian neighbors. Presbyteries are, in most cases, defined by county lines.

In Donegal Presbytery, **58 congregations and 2 new church developments** have been brought together in three counties. Our presbytery includes the counties of Chester, Lancaster and York.

The Presbytery is an **expression of the Body of Christ**. Like any other part of Christ’s body, we gather for the worship of God, for fellowship in the Spirit, and witness and service to Christ in our part of God’s world. Presbyteries are entrusted with a special mission.

We seek to support our congregations and their leaders and we also seek to witness to the Good News of God’s love in Christ.

The Presbytery is a **corporate expression** of the Church. The Presbytery has direct oversight of the congregations and ministers within its bounds.

In Donegal (as in all presbyteries), we ordain ministers (set them apart) and we install ministers (set them in place). We supervise ministers and are responsible for any disciplinary review. We establish churches and we dissolve them. When requested, we provide judicial review of local congregational matters.

MISSION STATEMENT

Together we are an expression of the body of Christ, working to bring the good news of Jesus Christ in word and deed in our community, presbytery and around the world.

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 Goal/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

2010 MISSION BUDGET

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| Congregational Ministries Department | \$86,500 |
| Christian Formation | \$3,000 |
| Camp Donegal | \$80,000 |
| Peace, Justice, Care of Creation Dept. | \$4,000 |
| Work & Witness Department | \$110,500 |
| New Church Development | \$70,000 |
| Mthatha Partnership | \$6,000 |
| Action in Mission | \$7,500 |
| Church Vitalization | \$27,000 |
| Staffing | \$78,530 |
| Total | \$284,955 |

MISSION PROJECTS

Camp Donegal touches the lives of hundreds of young people every summer, and provides retreat space through the year for churches and groups to come and grow in Christ.

Our **Oromo Fellowship** NCD is also a vibrant community of Christians who have come to this area from Ethiopia. Bethany Presbyterian Church in Lancaster hosts this community.

Our newest NCD is **Resurrection Chapel** in Lancaster. It is a wonderful witness to Lancaster’s growing Spanish speaking population. First Presbyterian Church in Lancaster is supporting this mission with leadership and finances.

SOME FACTS ABOUT

The Presbytery of Donegal

We have 58 congregations in 3 Counties which includes:

- ⇒ 28 in Chester County
- ⇒ 15 in Lancaster County
- ⇒ 14 in York County
- ⇒ 1 just over the border in Maryland
- ⇒ There are 2 new church developments

We have 21,070 members

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