Synod of the Covenant Administrative Commission Meeting – August 27, 2021 11:00 pm ET, via Zoom Video Conference

Docketed Proposed Agenda

11:00 a.m. Convening of the Assembly

Patrice Hatley

Call to Order

Opening Prayer

Declaration of a Quorum

Seating Corresponding Members, Guest Commissioners and others

Approval of the Docket (Paper A-1)

11:15 a.m. Time of Worship Prayer and Reflection (Paper B-1) AC Members

11:35 a.m. Updates and Reports

- Interim Executive's Report 11:35 (25 minutes) Chip Hardwick
 - o Highlights from the Why of the Synod Retreat
 - o Progress Report: AC's Goals for Re-establishing Jurisdiction (Paper C-1)
 - o Approving Applications for General Assembly Restricted Funds
 - Muskingum Valley: Fellowship of Christ's Community (Paper D-1)
 - o Ministry Update (Paper E-1)

• Administrative Commission Matters 12:00 (20 minutes) Patrice Hatley

- October 7-9 Commissioners' Assembly/Retreat, to include...
 - Lombard Mennonite Peace Center's Healthy Synod Training
 - Annual Meeting of the Corporation
 - Finalization of the mission/ministry foci developed during the Why of the Synod Retreat
 - Ratification of 2022 Budget
 - Naming a treasurer
- Attendance at October Retreat

• Financial Matters 12:20 (15 minutes)

- Update on work by auditor DeMarco & Associates
 Chip Hardwick
- o Financial clarity report (Paper F-1) Chip Hardwick
- o Income Statement Year-to-Date through July 2021 (Paper G-1)

Chip Hardwick

o Search for a volunteer SOC Treasurer (Paper H-1) Chip Hardwick

o 2022 Per Capita

Brady Radford

• Motion: That, in solidarity with presbyteries and congregations facing financial challenges, the Synod of the Covenant keep its per capita unchanged from 2021, so that the 2022 per capita will remain \$3.25 per member.

- Stated Clerk's Matters 12:35 (10 minutes)
 - Sharon Moore's Health/Medical Leave Sue Krummel
 - Motion: Appoint Wayne Yost to serve as Temporary Associate Stated Clerk of the Synod of the Covenant in the matter of North Kent and the Presbytery of Lake Michigan, and in this matter only, for the duration of Sharon Moore's medical leave. Rev. Yost will be compensated at the rate of \$30/hour plus any associated expenses, retroactive to August 9, 2021.
 - Chip Hardwick empowered to sign as stated clerk
 Patrice Hatley
 - o Commissioner Terms Chip Hardwick
 - Motion: The Synod of the Covenant is grateful for each commissioner's unique contributions as we join the Spirit in rebuilding ourselves. Moving forward, it will be helpful for each presbytery's commissioners to have staggered terms. We are hoping that each presbytery will adjust the terms of their commissioners to those shown on Paper I-1 to reach this goal. We further hope that the presbyteries will elect new commissioners to the Synod who have gifts and interests in the emerging ministry/mission of the Synod.
 - Nominating Committee Motion to Come

Chip Hardwick

Set 2022 Meeting Dates

Chip Hardwick

- Motion: That the Synod of the Covenant hold their 2022 assemblies as follows:
 - Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at 4:30, by zoom
 - Tuesday May 3, 2022, at 4:30, by zoom
 - Friday-Saturday October 21-22 retreat and annual meeting, in person at the Weber Retreat Center in Adrian, MI

• Other Business

12:45 (15 minutes)

Patrice Hatley

1:00 p.m. Closing prayer Adjournment

Patrice Hatley

Hold these dates

- Fall Retreat Assembly October 7-9, 2021
 - o In-person event at *First Presbyterian Church of Monroe*, *MI*; housing at *Tru Hotel by Hilton*, *Monroe*, *MI*