



The Synod of the Covenant

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Assembly Minutes
Administrative Commission
May 7, 2021
12:00 PM EST, via Zoom

PRESENT:

Administrative Commission Members: Patrice Hatley, Co-Moderator (Tampa Bay), Brady Radford, Co-Moderator (Greater Atlanta), Elona Street-Stewart (Twin Cities), Sue Krummel (Chicago), Ben McConaughy (Seattle), Adel Malek (Los Ranchos)

Corresponding Members: Elder Kay Morrill (Mackinac), Rev. Calvin Bremer (Lake Michigan), Rev. Dan Saperstein (Lake Huron), Deb Uchtman (Cincinnati)

Guest Commissioners with voice: Adrienne Adams, Andy Thorburn, Mary Blackmon, Mary Jean Blackmon

Guest Participants with voice: Jim Bennet, Bob Patterson, Susan Vlcek, Jen Malohn, Leslie DeMarco

GA Staff: Rev. Flor Vélez-Díaz – Manager of Judicial Process, PCUSA;
Jihyun Oh – Manager of Mid Councils, PCUSA

Synod Staff

Charles B Hardwick, Interim Executive, Heather Johnson-Deeb, Administrative Assistant, Sharon Moore, Stated Clerk

Excused

Richard Rojas-Banuchi (San Juan)
Michelle Johnson (Tropical Florida)

CALL TO ORDER

The Co-Moderator, Patrice Hatley, called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon. Elder Hatley began the meeting with prayer sharing an excerpt from *A Benediction* from *A Rhythm of Prayer*, edited by Sarah Bessey.

WELCOME

Elder Hatley welcomed first time attendees to the Synod of the Covenant Assembly. She also welcomed guest speakers Leslie DeMarco and Jen Malohn from DeMarco & Associates.



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APPROVAL OF THE DOCKET

A motion prevailed to approve the Docket with removal of the Report of the Nominating Committee with nominees to the Synod Permanent Judicial Commission.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion prevailed to approve the Minutes of the Synod of the Covenant Assembly of March 11, 2021 with spelling corrections, and all named reports to be attached.

MIDDAY DEVOTION

The midday devotion was offered by the Rev. Adel Malek

FINANCIAL REPORT

Leslie DeMarco and Jen Malohn presented the procedure to be used by DeMarco and Associates to review past Synod financial information. The report was received

Report presented on Revised Proposal for 2020 Statement and Consulting Agreement around Internal Controls.
A motion prevailed to approve Paper D-1.

Received report E-1

Received Report on SOC Income statement paper F-1

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK:

A motion prevailed (Sue Krummel) to approve the agents with the exception of David Bartley (Maumee Valley), correct spelling to Ted McCulloch (Lake Huron)

SELF DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE

A motion prevailed (Adel Malek) to approve the Self Development of People Committee.

REPORT OF THE INTERIM SYNOD EXECUTIVE

A motion prevailed to approve Papers H-1, 2, 3; moved by Sue Krummel 2nd Elona Street-Stewart

A motion prevailed approve paper J-1; moved by Brady Radford 2nd Elona Street-Stewart

A motion prevailed to authorize the Synod Executive to endorse PILP applications from within the Synod, and report those actions to the next Synod Assembly immediately following the action. Sue Krummel; 2nd Brady Radford



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Received the Status Report on Supporting and Learning from Black, Indigenous, People of Color Churches, Ministries, and Leaders within the Synod of the Covenant.

ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER

The meeting was adjourned at 1:49 p.m. The closing prayer was offered by Patrice Hatley from *A Rhythm of Prayer*.