**February 2024 Presbytery of the Peaks Meeting Highlights**

 The meeting was held on Zoom. Worship, including the Necrology, was led by Carl Utley. There were 124 voting members present and a total 142 people in attendance at the meeting. There were 47 churches represented by a commissioner. Emily Rhodes-Hunter (TE) shared about the exciting and challenging things happening at the Virginia Tech UKirk program. Following the business meeting, 68 people participated in breakout groups themed around the spiritual needs of different groups of people.

**Actions Taken by the Full Body or by Commissions on behalf of the Body**

**Presbytery Actions Taken at the Meeting**

* Approved 2024 Terms of Call for General Presbyter Carl Utley.
* Elected Dave Baker (TE) as a member of Constitutional Ministries Committee class of 2026 and chair for 2024.
* Approved amended Bylaws to reflect the current Manual of Operations, as recommended by the Commission on Administration.
* Commissioned Laura Jane Ramsburg, member of Covenant PC, as a Missional Commissioned Pastor for Roanoke Valley/Highlands Neighborhoods.
* Commissioned Linda Trumbo, member of First PC, Covington as a Missional Commissioned Pastor in the Highlands Neighborhood.
* Approved the formation of an Administrative Commission for Rustburg Presbyterian Church, Rustburg, VA to act on the presbytery’s behalf, with the necessary power to dissolve the congregation and to position the assets of the congregation to support the presbytery’s ministry.

**Commission on Ministry**

* Approved the pastoral relationship of Morgan Whitfield and Radford Presbyterian Church.
* Approved Donna Britt as CP of Buchannan Presbyterian Church.
* Appointed Gary Marshall as moderator of Clifton Forge Presbyterian Church.
* Approved renewal of temporary supply contracts for Jeffrey Schroeder/Cumberland PC and Ronn McCracken/Oak Level PC.

**Special Taskforce**

* Announced the appointment of the following individuals to the Taskforce. Their bios are available in the full minutes:
	+ George Anderson TE
	+ Jim Davis RE
	+ Anita Garland RE
	+ Nancy Gray RE, Moderator
	+ Shawn Hyska TE
	+ John Lewis RE
	+ Kelvin Perry RE/CP
	+ Sarah Wiles TE
	+ Joe Wilson RE

**Commission on Administration**

* Elected Board Officers: Joe Wilson-President (by Presbytery vote), Mikel Pugh-Vice President, Jonathan Moelker-Secretary and Bob Berkley-Treasurer.
* Received the resignation of Howard Jennings.
* Completed the sale of the Peace property.
* Approved the sale of the Harmony property.

**Stated Clerk**

* Appointed Dave Baker as Stated Clerk pro temp during family leave absence.

**Justice and Mercy Commission**

* Announced 78 congregations supported Two-Cents a meal in 2023 and that almost $30,000 in grant funds for hunger were approved in 2023. Details available in the full minutes.
* Announced April 13, 2024 trip sponsored by the Racial Equity subcommittee to the Moton Museum. Registration available on the website under events.
* Announced 2023 Earth Care mini-grant recipients and 2024 mini-grant applications deadlines of 3/31, 6/30 and 9/30.
* South Sudan subcommittee reported on their ongoing work with the Abukloi school.

**Church Partnership Commission**

* Directed that the funds remaining in the Wild Goose Worshipping Community bank account be used to continue the financial partnership with Campbell Memorial to pay the Wild Goose portion of the agreed upon terms of call for Jonathan Moelker.

Full minutes for this Presbytery meeting, including details on personnel actions can be found under “Resources” on the website, www.*PeaksPresbytery.org*.