

**PRESBYTERY OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE
MINUTES OF ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SECOND STATED MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 2018**

The 132nd Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee was held Saturday, February 3, 2018, at First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, Tennessee. Executive Presbyter Warner Durnell and Stated Clerk Therese Howell led an orientation and time of prayer for first time commissioners. Moderator Stuart Gordon called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

WORSHIP

Worship was led by The Rev. Dr. Paul Bauer (Interim Pastor, First Columbia), The Rev. Dr. Carol Tate (Moderator-in-Nomination), and The Rev. Dr. Bill Williamson (Honorably Retired, Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky). Dr. Williamson preached the sermon, and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated. Special music was provided by the choir of First Presbyterian Church, directed by Marcy Lay and Eric Wyse, organist.

The Presbytery's mission team to Guatemala was commissioned during the worship service. The offering was collected for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Hunger Program, in honor of Barbara Howell. Ruling Elder Ed Lancaster (First, Columbia) was installed as 2018 Moderator of the Presbytery, and Dr. Tate was installed as Vice-Moderator.

**DECLARATION OF QUORUM / STATEMENT OF PROCEDURES / RECOGNITION OF 2017 MODERATOR /
WELCOME BY HOST / FIRST TIME COMMISSIONERS / CORRESPONDING MEMBERS**

The meeting reconvened after worship; Moderator Lancaster declared a quorum was present and reviewed procedures for the meeting. Executive Presbyter Warner Durnell presented a gift to 2017 Moderator Stuart Gordon on behalf of the Presbytery, and thanked Dr. Gordon for his service. Dr. Bauer, interim pastor at First Columbia, welcomed commissioners and spoke briefly about the church. First time commissioners to presbytery were recognized and welcomed.

The Presbytery's Mission and Operations Manual and the *Book of Order* provide for the seating of corresponding members and teaching and ruling elders with voice and those with voice and vote. Any ruling elder serving as presbytery's Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Moderator-in-Nomination, chairs of committees, members of the Administrative Committee, members of the Finance Committee, and the Moderator of Presbyterian Women, are enrolled as members of presbytery and shall have voice and vote. Ruling elders commissioned to particular pastoral service, and ruling elders who have previously served as presbytery moderator, within five years of completion of his/her term of service, are enrolled as members of presbytery with voice and vote. Any ruling elder serving as a committee representative to a particular meeting of presbytery in the absence of the chair shall have the privilege of voice and vote for that particular meeting of the presbytery. Persons certified in church service who are ruling elders shall have the privilege of voice and vote at all meetings of the presbytery, during their term of service in ministry in the presbytery of Middle Tennessee. Persons certified in church service, who are members of congregations in the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, shall have the privilege of voice at all meetings of the presbytery during their term of service in a congregation or other ministry validated by the presbytery. Should a question arise concerning the enrollment of any person, the presbytery may resolve the matter upon the recommendation of the Permanent Judicial Commission. Corresponding members were seated without objection, and are listed with the roll.

ROLL

The roll of commissioners, corresponding members, and visitors attending the presbytery meeting is attached (Attachment A).

AGENDA

The Moderator stated that the agenda for the meeting had been provided in advance to commissioners. The motion was made and seconded to set aside the standing rules to receive additional reports requiring action. There were no questions or objections, and this was approved by a three-fourths vote. The following agenda was then approved upon motion duly made and seconded:

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| 8:00 am | 1. | Registration (Order of the Day in CAPS) |
| 8:30 am | | Orientation for First Time Commissioners and Prayer for Presbytery – Warner Durnell and Therese Howell (20 minutes) |
| 9:00 am | 2. | CALL TO ORDER / WORSHIP (Offering: PCUSA Hunger Program) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Installation of 2018 Moderator• Sacrament of the Lord's Supper• Commissioning of Guatemalan Mission Team |
| 10:30 am | 3. | Break |
| 10:45 am | 4. | Reconvene / Establishment of Quorum / Recognition of 2017 Moderator / Statement of Procedures / Welcome by Host / Recognition of First Time Presbyters / Seating of Corresponding Members / Adoption of Agenda |
| 11:10 am | 5. | Stated Clerk's Report – Therese Howell (5 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approval of Minutes |
| 11:15 am | 6. | Administrative Committee – Carol Tate (10 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nominating Task Force Report |
| 11:25 am | 7. | Finance Committee – Mike Ingram (5 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approval of 2018 Operating Budget |
| 11:30 am | 8. | Committee on Mutual Support – Steve Thomas (10 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognition of Barbara Howell |
| 11:40 am | 9. | Committee on Church Transformation – Phil Martin (5 min) |
| 11:55 am | 10. | Committee on Leadership Excellence – Sally Hughes (5 min) |
| 11:50 am | 11. | Committee on Preparation for Ministry – Will Radford (5 min) |
| 11:55 am | 12. | Board of Pensions Report – Edward Thompson (5 min) |
| Noon | | Lunch – Prayer of Thanksgiving |
| 1:00 pm | | Reconvene |
| | 13. | Synod Commissioners' Reports (5 min) |
| 1:05 pm | 14. | Committee on Ministry – Greg Glover (1¼ hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pat Handlson – Request for Reinstatement |
| 2:20 pm | 15. | Executive Presbyter's Report – Warner Durnell (5 min) |
| 2:25 pm | 16. | Concerns, Celebrations, and Announcements – Warner Durnell (10 min) |
| 2:35 pm | 17. | Unfinished Business |
| | | 133th Stated Meeting – Thursday, May 3, 2018, First Presbyterian Church, Tullahoma |
| 2:40 pm | 18. | Closing Prayer / Adjourn |

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

The Stated Clerk called attention to the reports of the Presbyterian Women and the Hunger Action Advocate in the presbytery packet.

Church Statistical Reports

The Stated Clerk reported that Statistical Reports were emailed to clerks of session in December. The deadline for online filing is February 15, 2018. The Stated Clerk is available to file reports after the deadline, if the reports are received by March 2, 2018.

Investigating Committee

The Stated Clerk has received allegations of misconduct against a teaching elder. In accordance with the *Book of Order* and the Presbytery's Mission and Operations Manual, an investigating committee of counsel was appointed and has begun work.

October 15, 2016

The minutes of the 131st Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee (October 19, 2017) were presented for approval. The motion was made and seconded, and the minutes were approved as presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Carol Tate, Chair of the Administrative Committee, presented the committee's report.

Financial Report

The Administrative Committee received a financial report from the Treasurer.

Visioning Meeting – Hispanic Ministry

The Administrative Committee reviewed a report from the Eastminster Administrative Commission. The Administrative Committee approved the request of the commission for a visioning meeting to include the Eastminster AC, the Nueva Vida Administrative Commission, the Committee on Church Transformation, and two members from the Administrative Committee (Stuart Gordon, Theresa Denton) and the Finance Committee (Mike Ingram, Allen Kennedy). The Eastminster AC recommended denominational leaders be invited to attend.

Woodland Presbyterian Church, Nashville

The Administrative Committee received a report on the Woodland Presbyterian Church re-launch, and the partnership with Ministry Architects for a "training hub" located at Woodland.

February Presbytery Meeting

The Administrative Committee approved the agenda for the February Presbytery meeting. The offering will be collected for the PC(USA) Hunger Program in honor of Barbara Howell. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

Linda Griffis / Hunger Action Advocate

The Administrative Committee concurred with the action of the Personnel Task Force to allow Linda Griffis, presbytery's Administrative Assistant, to assume the duties of the Hunger Action Advocate, effective February 1, 2018.

Rosanna Anderson / Education Certification Advisor

The Administrative Committee appointed The Rev. Rosanna Anderson to serve as the presbytery's Educator Certification Advisor. Rev. Anderson, a Certified Christian Educator, will replace Ruling Elder Bill Caruso, who served in this position for 28 years.

Reformation and Relationships

The Administrative Committee approved the request of the Committee on Mutual Support that 2018 be declared a year of "Reformation and Relationships" and that Mutual Support, through regional neighborhood meetings, design discussions to strengthen relationships with our neighbors. A copy of the plan was provided (Attachment B).

Changes to Mission and Operations Manual

The Administrative Committee recommended the following changes to the Mission and Operations Manual (text to be deleted is indicated by ~~striketrough~~; text to be added is underlined):

Committee on Ministry responsibilities, Page 13, line 10:

- Responsible for Presbytery's ~~annual~~ sexual misconduct/boundaries training, held every three years; such training to be completed by teaching elders and ruling elders commissioned to service within the first six months of reception.

To address a conflict regarding terms, Page 4, line 37

The presbytery ordinarily shall install a Moderator at the February meeting to serve for one year or until his/her success is elected ~~and installed~~.

Dr. Tate spoke to the proposed changes. There was no discussion, and the proposed changes were approved by the required 2/3 vote of the Presbytery.

Pat Handlson

The Administrative Committee recommended the following process for the discussion related to the restoration of Pat Handlson to active ministry:

- One hour will be set aside for presentation of the request and discussion.
- The discussion will be held in executive session; the only persons allowed in the meeting are registered presbyters (minister members of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, elder commissioners from churches), along with ruling elders commissioned to particular pastoral service, ruling elders who are elected officers of the presbytery, or are serving as committee chairs or members of the Administrative and Finance Committees, and Mr. Handlson.
- The care team appointed by the Committee on Ministry will present its report (three minutes), and Mr. Handlson will speak to his restoration (three minutes)
- Discussion will be limited to two minutes per person, and no one may speak a second time until all who wish to speak have spoken. Mr. Handlson will be available to respond to questions from the floor.
- Voting will be done by ballots; members of the Administrative Committee will serve as tellers.

Dr. Tate spoke to the motion. A motion was made not to go into executive session. The motion was seconded, and after discussion, the motion was defeated. The recommendation of the Administrative Committee was approved as presented.

Nominating Task Force

The Rev. David Sawyer, chair of the Nominating Task Force, presented the following report to fill vacancies as indicated:

Administrative Committee - Class of 2019, Mary Louise McCullough (TE), Second, Nashville

Committee on Ministry - Class of 2020, Adam Devries (TE), First, Nashville

Committee on Preparation for Ministry - Class of 2018, Rachel Pence (TE), Westminster, Nashville

Synod Nominating Committee - Class of 2020, David Sawyer (TE), First, Spring Hill

The Moderator opened the floor for additional nominations; there were none. The slate, as presented, was approved by voice vote.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Ruling Elder Mike Ingram, Treasurer, presented the report of the Finance Committee.

2017 Financials

Unaudited financials as of 12/31/2017 were provided with the presbytery packet.

Visioning Meeting – Hispanic Ministry

The Finance Committee and the Administrative Committee reviewed a report from the Eastminster Administrative Commission. The Administrative Committee approved the request of the commission for a visioning meeting to include the Eastminster AC, the Nueva Vida Administrative Commission, the Committee on Church Transformation, and two members from the Administrative Committee (Stuart Gordon, Theresa Denton) and the Finance Committee. Mike Ingram and Allen Kennedy volunteered to represent the Finance Committee.

Investment Task Force

The Finance Committee received a report from the Investment Task Force.

Nueva Vida Administrative Commission

The Finance Committee reviewed financials from the Nueva Vida Administrative Commission.

Hillwood Presbyterian Church, Nashville / Loan Guarantee

Mr. Ingram stated that the Finance Committee recommended that Presbytery guarantee a loan between Hillwood Presbyterian Church, Nashville, and the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program, for \$200,000. The terms of the loan are 20 years, 2.5% annually, with monthly repayment of \$1,059.91. The loan is to pay for replacement of the HVAC system for the entire church facility. There were no questions or discussion, and the recommendation was approved.

2018 Budget

The Finance Committee recommended approval of the 2018 budget (Attachment C). Mr. Ingram spoke about the 2018 budget. There were no questions; the budget was approved as presented.

COMMITTEE ON MUTUAL SUPPORT REPORT

The Rev. Steve Thomas, chair of the Committee on Mutual Support, presented the committee's report.

Presbytery Hunger Program

Presbytery is pleased to announce that PMT Administrative Assistant Linda Griffis will assume the duties of the Hunger Action Advocate. Many thanks to the congregations who contribute and endorse grant recipients in their communities.

Guatemala Partnership

The Guatemala Partnership will travel to Guatemala in March, 2018. Support of the Basico program, still in its first year, is growing.

Campus Ministry

Campus Ministry has benefitted from consistent leadership and solid programming.

NaCoMe

NaCoMe has set a goal of 10% growth in campers for the 2018 season.

Neighborhood Meetings

Neighborhood Meetings will convene this year with the theme: "Reformation and Relationships: Conversations with our Neighbors."

Barbara Howell

The Committee on Mutual Support recommended that presbytery honor Barbara Howell for her years of service as Presbytery's Hunger Action Advocate. Warner Durnell presented and read a resolution honoring Mrs. Howell, and asked that it be spread upon the minutes. Without objection, Presbytery approved the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

Whereas, Barbara Spetnagel Howell, daughter of Theodore ("Ted") Scott and Lucy Stuckey Spetnagel, and sister of Theodore John Spetnagel, was baptized as an infant at First Presbyterian Church in Chillicothe, Ohio, and confirmed at First Presbyterian Church in Kingsport, Tennessee;

Whereas, Barbara was an active member of the youth group and served as a representative to the Kingsport Interdenominational Youth Council while in high school, an annual attendee of Holston Presbytery's summer camp, and frequent attendee of Montreat Conferences – most memorably the Music Conference and the World Mission Conference;

Whereas, Barbara attended Salem College in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, for two years and then transferred to the University of Tennessee in Knoxville where she majored in Speech and Hearing Therapy, and where she met David Howell;

Whereas, Barbara and David were married at First Presbyterian Church in Kingsport and first lived in Davenport, Iowa, David assigned to the United States Army at Rock Island Arsenal and Barbara working for the Scott County-Bettendorf School System for two years;

Whereas, Barbara and David relocated to Middle Tennessee where he began his career with the Bell Telephone System and she entered graduate school at George Peabody College before working for the Metro Nashville-Davidson County School System as a Speech Therapist, and together becoming parents of three daughters – Eleanor, Virginia, and Rebecca;

Whereas, Barbara joined First Presbyterian Church in Lebanon, Tennessee, where she has worn many hats over the years – Sunday School teacher for all ages (toddlers to adults, but not at the same time), children's choir director, Vacation Bible School teacher, youth group leader, choir member, member of several church committees—most enjoyably the flower committee, and served as a deacon, ruling elder, and clerk of session;

Whereas, her presbytery service has included membership on the Listening & Evaluation Task Force, Youth Task Force leadership team, NaCoMe Board Member, Chair of the Christian Education Committee, Commissioner to the 212th General Assembly (2000) in Long Beach, California, completed the Lay Christian Educator Program, and a member of APCE (Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators);

Whereas, in 2001 Barbara accepted the position of Hunger Action Enabler for the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, and in this capacity coordinated the Synod Hunger Action Enabler gatherings, led workshops at national HAE gatherings, contributed to the Presbyterian Hunger Program Post, and mentored other HAEs;

Whereas, in her role as HAE, she helped to initiate a task force that became the Middle Tennessee Community Food Advocates, was a member of the committee that produced the publication, "From Charity to Justice" for Re-Storing Nashville, and served on local planning committees for Bread for the World and the Nashville CROP Hunger Walk;

Whereas, she has led workshops for Presbytery's L.E.A.D. event, helped plan and implement Presbytery mission banquets, made on-site visits for the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People for the PCUSA;

Whereas, as a colleague on Presbytery's staff, she has developed and administered the Presbytery website, acted as Interim Administrative Assistant, and served as staff representative to the Christian Education Committee, the Outreach Ministry Unit, and the Committee on Mutual Support;

Whereas, the most meaningful part of her tireless service as a Hunger Action Enabler and Advocate has been in meeting people, establishing connections with churches in the Presbytery and the various food banks in Middle Tennessee, knowing that human hunger was being abated within our region and beyond; and

Whereas, Barbara went about her work from year to year in a gracious, cheerful, compassionate, sacrificial, and whenever possible, accommodating manner, as a valued member of presbytery's staff, earning and maintaining the confidence and support of local church outreach committees and sessions throughout the Presbytery;

BE IT RESOLVED, That on this 3rd day of February in the year of our Lord 2018, the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee expresses its heartfelt thanks and abiding appreciation to Barbara Howell for her stellar service to the Church through her labor of love as Hunger Action Enabler and Advocate for seventeen consecutive years, and wishes her well as she now relinquishes these responsibilities to enjoy the fullness of life ahead of her.

After applause and a standing ovation, Mrs. Howell spoke of her work as Presbytery's Hunger Action Enabler / Advocate and recognized the ones who had served before her – Jane Hines, Mike Smathers, Penny Arnold, Krista Lovell – with their enthusiasm for this vital mission. Mrs. Howell thanked the Presbytery for the opportunity to share in this ministry for 17 years. After another round of applause, Rev. Durnell presented Mrs. Howell with gifts of appreciation for her service.

NaCoMe

Ryan Moore, Director of NaCoMo, spoke briefly about 2017 summer camp, and plans for 2018 camp. He also called attention to the "What Now" mission conference, to be held March 21-24 at NaCoMe.

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH TRANSFORMATION

Ruling Elder Phil Martin, chair of the Committee on Church Transformation, presented the committee's report. He discussed statistics and demographics for the Presbytery, and reviewed a timeline of the committee's work in relation to the Vision 2020 plan. The committee's three foundational components for its work are prayer, leadership, and trust. He spoke briefly about the churches the committee is assisting, thanked the Presbytery for its support, and asked for prayers for the continuing work of church transformation.

COMMITTEE ON LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE

The Rev. Dr. Sally Hughes, chair of the Committee on Leadership Excellence, called attention to the committee's report in the Presbytery packet. The committee is sponsoring Leadership Excellence Training, and brought in Dr. William J. Carl in October 2017 for a preaching workshop, and Dr. Donald J. McKim in May 2017 to speak on the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The committee welcomes suggestions for events.

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Carly Miesenheimer

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry received Carly Miesenheimer, a member at Second Presbyterian Church, Nashville, as an inquirer, effective January 23, 2018.

Sunny Yun

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry approved the request of Sunny Yun, a member of the Nashville Korean Presbyterian Church and an inquirer under care of the Presbytery, to transfer to the care of the Atlantic Korean-American Presbytery as a member of the Korean Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville, North Carolina. The transfer is effective January 23, 2018.

Leigh DeVries

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry approved Candidate Leigh DeVries (First, Nashville) as certified ready for call, effective January 23, 2018.

BOARD OF PENSIONS REPORT

The Rev. Dr. Edward Thompson, the Presbytery's regional representative of the Board of Pensions, was introduced. Dr. Thompson spoke of the work of the Board in providing medical care to over 14,000 active plan members, and when dependents and retirees were included, the Board covers 63,000 lives. He reported on the surge of growth, and the Board's narrative of transformation and growth. He provided an update on the pension plan, and the projected experience apportionment. Dr. Thompson encouraged anyone with questions to contact him at ethompson@pensions.org.

SYNOD COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Ruling Elder Leonard Jordan and Teaching Elder Martha Gilliss reported on the 2018 meeting of the Synod of Living Waters. Mr. Jordan spoke briefly about the meeting, and reported that he was elected 2018 Moderator of the Synod, and stated that moderator of the Synod was a "traffic cop." Rev. Gilliss spoke about the meeting, and both shared they were excited to serve as the Presbytery's commissioners to the Synod.

The Moderator then provided instructions for lunch, which would be served in the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church, across the street from First Columbia. Dr. Thompson offered a prayer for lunch.

The Moderator called the meeting back to order at 1pm, and The Rev. Dr. Mary Louise McCullough offered a prayer.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT

The Rev. Dr. Greg Glover, chair of the Committee on Ministry, presented the committee's report.

Pastor Nominating Committee / First Presbyterian Church, Columbia

The COM received the names of the Pastor Nominating Committee at First Presbyterian Church, Columbia: Jack Baxter (vice-chair), Mary Beth Cotham (secretary), Bill Handy (chair), John Hill, Leigh Jones, Greg Martin, Argie Satterwhite.

Change in Mission and Operations Manual

The COM approved recommending the following change to the Mission and Operations Manual, page 13, line 10, as follows: responsible for Presbytery's annual sexual misconduct/boundaries training, held every three years; such training to be completed by teaching elders and ruling elders commissioned to service within the first six months of reception. The recommendation was forwarded to the Administrative Committee for action.

Todd Jenkins

The COM dismissed The Rev. Todd Jenkins, interim pastor at First Presbyterian, Lewisburg, to the Presbytery of Holston, effective November 16, 2017, to accept the position of transitional pastor at First Presbyterian, Greenville. His interim contract at First Presbyterian, Lewisburg, expired November 15, 2017.

Leigh Bonner

The COM approved the renewal of the part time temporary supply contract for Leigh Bonner at Woodland Presbyterian, through December 2017. The contract provides for 20 hours/week with compensation of \$2,500/month.

Marshall Gupton / Northminster Presbyterian Church, Murfreesboro

The COM approved the renewal of the temporary supply contract for Marshall Gupton at Northminster Presbyterian, Murfreesboro, as of November 1, 2017, for one year. The contract provides compensation of \$47,000 annually with six Sundays paid leave.

COM Leadership

The COM approved the following persons in leadership positions for 2018: Stephen Yates, Transitions Task Force; Jane Herring, Mediation Team; Guy Griffith, Examinations Task Force, and Andy Gay, Pastoral Care Team.

Eastminster Administrative Commission

The COM received an update from the Eastminster Administrative Commission. A memorial service for the destroyed church building was held December 10. Work continues on the church rolls and the selection of church leadership.

Woodland Presbyterian Church, Nashville

The COM received an update on the ongoing work at Woodland Presbyterian Church, and the proposal to use the church as an East Nashville Training Hub.

Sexual Misconduct / Boundary Training

The COM discussed Sexual Misconduct / Boundary Training, and set a date for training for April 10, 2018. The COM also discussed training in church security at a separate date to be determined.

Interim Job Descriptions / First Presbyterian Church, McMinnville and Hillsboro Presbyterian Church, Nashville

The Transitions Task Force approved interim job descriptions for First, McMinnville, and Hillsboro.

Blake Hawthorne / First Presbyterian Church, Gallatin

The COM approved The Rev. Blake Hawthorne to fill the pulpit and moderate the session at First Presbyterian Church, Gallatin, through Easter.

Hillwood Presbyterian Church, Nashville

The Transitions Task Force will work with Hillwood Presbyterian Church on their request to change the status of the interim pastor, Jule Nyhuis, to designated pastor.

Shirley Puckett / First Presbyterian Church, Cookeville

Shirley Puckett will continue to moderate the Session at First Presbyterian Church, Cookeville.

L. Kofi Adzaku

At the request of the Presbytery of Grace, the COM rescinded its reception of The Rev. L. Kofi Adzaku and the validation of his chaplaincy. Rev. Adzaku has moved back to Texas.

Pat Handlson / Request for Restoration

Dr. Glover reported that the Committee on Ministry recommended that Pat Handlson be restored to the active roll of ministers of Word and Sacrament, and that he be granted the status of Honorably Retired. The following documents were provided with the COM's report related to the recommendation:

- a. COM Narrative
- b. Care Team Report
- c. Report from Pat Handlson's counselor
- d. Statement from Pat Handlson

The Moderator reminded commissioners of the process adopted in the morning session related to this matter. The meeting moved into executive session and Pat Handlson and Anne Roberts (care team member) were invited to stay in the meeting.

The meeting moved out of executive session with the Moderator's announcement of the actions taken. The Moderator announced that the Committee on Ministry's recommendation for Pat Handlson's restoration was defeated, and reported the vote count:

Votes cast	114	Votes needed for approval	58
Votes for motion	46		
Votes against the motion	68		
Ballots not counted	2 (blank)		
Abstention	1 (noted as abstention on ballot)		

The following motion was made and seconded: In order to establish a process for the Presbytery and Mr. Handlson to move forward, if he so desires, Mr. Handlson can renew his request for reinstatement every 24 months provided the following:

1. that he can show continued work toward healing and health through things like counseling, getting a support group, participating in a church;
2. that he continue to abide by the restrictions placed upon him through his guilty plea and abide by the presbytery's Former Pastor Policy;
3. that he submit written reports of his work toward healing and health every six months to the presbytery's Committee on Ministry; and
4. that there be no more incidents of misconduct on his part.

And that if Mr. Handlson desires for this body to reconsider the decision that has been made today, his request will come through the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery; and all of the documents provided at this meeting, including the victim's impact statement, as well as any other documents that the Committee on Ministry believes is important for this council to consider, will be included in the packet from the presbytery prior to the meeting.

There was a motion and a second to amend the recommendation from 24 months to 12 months, and this was defeated. After discussion, the motion as presented was approved.

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTERY'S REPORT / CONCERNS, CELEBRATIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Warner Durnell, Executive Presbyter, spoke briefly about upcoming events in the Presbytery, and then led commissioners through a time of sharing concerns, celebrations, and announcements. He offered a prayer at the end of the report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Moderator declared there was no unfinished business. The 133rd Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee will be held on Thursday, May 3, 2018, at First Presbyterian Church, Tullahoma. The meeting was adjourned after a closing prayer by the Moderator.

Therese P. Howell
Stated Clerk