

Digest of Ninety-Second Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of New Harmony

- The meeting called to order with prayer by Ruling Elder Avery Dickson.
- After determining the presence of a quorum, declaring the meeting in session, adopting the docket, appointing temporary clerks, being welcomed by the Rev. Rebecca Kaiser, recognizing first-time ruling elders, corresponding members, and visitors, seating corresponding members, the Rev. Dr. Franklin Colclough, Rev. Rebecca Kaiser, and Ruling Elder Dick Schwab led the morning worship. An offering of \$2580.00, along with several clean-up buckets was received for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.
- Received the report of Transitional Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk, Rev. Gavin Meek.
- Received the report of the Guiding Council, which included hearing on first reading recommendations that change the wording in the Manual reducing the number of members of the Permanent Judicial Commission to seven; establishing an Examinations Commission; eliminating the Evaluation & Long Range Planning Committee; suspending the work of Congregational Development, Education and Nurture, Mission, Worship & Spiritual Formation ministries for 2019, and inviting these moderators plus one other member to be part of an expanded Program Council, which will have responsibilities for grants/scholarships, events, and resources; and combining the Committee on Nominations with the Representation Committee. The first reading of the 2019 Budget of \$1,139,297 was also heard. Voting on these recommendations will take place at the next stated presbytery meeting, Saturday, February 23, 2019.
- Approved the slate of nominees from the Nominating Committee.
- Received Administration Commission reports from Hopewell, John Calvin, and New Harvest Presbyterian Churches.
- Approved the Committee on Ministry report which included the introduction and approval of Rev. Corey Ingold to be approved as Pastor of Georgetown Presbyterian Church, with an Administrative Commission to install and his Terms of Call.
- The Minimum Terms of Call for 2019 were also approved.
- Received a report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, including hearing on first reading a recommendation to grant commission power to the Committee on Preparation for Ministry to enroll or remove inquirers from its roll.
- Voted on Proposed Amendments to the Book of Order from the 223rd General Assembly. All amendments passed with the exception of 18-C. The amendments can be found at www.newharmonypres.org.
- Heard presentations from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Board of Pensions, Texas Presbyterian Foundation, and Union Presbyterian Seminary-Charlotte.
- Received written reports from Program Council and its Ministries.
- Heard announcements including the need for Presbytery meeting hosts for 2019, a reminder that Clerk of Session Training will be held on November 5 and 6, and Officer Training Sites are needed (Contact Gavin Meek.)
- Gave thanks to Indiantown Presbyterian Church from hosting the meeting, the temporary clerks, presbytery staff, and commissioners for all the good work of the day.
- The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Ruling Elder Avery Dickson.