

Stated Clerk Transition



We are delighted to welcome Allison Smith, elected by the presbytery on March 15, 2022, who will serve in a bridge position as **Temporary Stated Clerk**. Allison is a lifelong Presbyterian who grew up in the Derry Presbyterian Church. After seminary at Lancaster Theological Seminary, for the past five years Allison served as pastor to the Faith-Immanuel and Hope Presbyterian Churches. During this time, she was active in the presbytery through the Education Committee, participation in a pastor colleague group, and in the offering of musical gifts (along with her husband Conrad) in presbytery worship. Allison currently serves the Committee on Preparation for Ministry.

Allison's strong administrative and technology abilities, appreciation for our polity, and experience with the flexibility required in this time of change, make her an excellent fit for the presbytery's needs at this time. As a new mom, Allison recently resigned her full time pastor position to have more time at home with 10-month old Teddy. Our part-time position (10-15 hours will week) allows her to continue to offer her gifts in a ministry position that's a good fit for her family's needs. Allison's resume summarizing her education and work experience and her statement of faith are found [here](#). Allison will begin in this role April 1 and will serve as we begin searching for someone to fill a newly created full-time position that will encompass the functions of the Stated Clerk while also walking alongside congregations, in discernment and leadership development.

This transition comes as our current Temporary Stated Clerk, Meg Shoeman, serves full-time as a Hospice Chaplain. We deeply appreciate Meg's service over the past 18 months. Meg serves with wisdom, compassion, and faith. She's been a valued resource to Clerks of Session and committees of the presbytery. Thank you, Meg. You will be missed!