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Note: The reports of the Committee on Administration and the Committee on Ministry and all financial reports will be posted on-line in a separate packet on June 3, 2020.



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Dear Friends in the Presbytery of Arkansas,

The leadership and staff of the Presbytery of Arkansas are so excited about the upcoming technology-aided meeting of the Presbytery on June 6, 2020. This will be the first-time ever that anyone and everyone can attend a meeting without any cost to your church or time away from home! This is also the first-time ever that all members of congregations are encouraged to attend! Although we will miss the fellowship of being together in person it is hoped that we will learn what aspects of our meetings are most meaningful. We will also be able to assess what might be best accomplished through technology-aided meetings as a supplement to our in-person meetings.

“Attending” the June 6th meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas will be through your computer, tablet, or smart phone. Everyone must pre-register, whether a commissioner, minister member, other voting member, or visitor so that we can take attendance when the meeting begins. Please click this link to pre-register:

Provide link Here

We will have two practice sessions prior to the meeting so that everyone will know how to interact utilizing Zoom Room technology, including requesting to speak and voting procedures. Those practice sessions are scheduled for Wednesday, June 3, at 2 pm and Friday, June 5, at 7 pm. A link for those practice sessions, as well as how to connect to the meeting itself, will be sent when you pre-register.

Pre-Registration is important! So please pre-register today!

In Christ,

J. Stewart Smith
General Presbyter

Kim Porter
Office Manager

Leslie Belden
Stated Clerk

Brianne Christiansen
Director of Youth Ministries

Carol Clark
Presbytery Builder

Julie Price
Presbytery Connector

Zoom Room Meeting
June 6, 2020

Next Meetings

145th Stated Meeting
First United Presbyterian
Church, Fayetteville
October 23-24, 2020

146th Stated Meeting
University of the Ozarks
Clarksville
TBD Spring 2021

144th Stated Meeting

Meeting Schedule

Saturday, June 6, 2020 - Zoom Room Meeting

8:30 am Prelude
8:45 am Preliminaries
9:00 pm Call to Order with Prayer
Words of Welcome
9:10 am Consent Agenda
9:15 am Worship
10:00 am Coffee Break
10:15 am Celebrations and News of the Presbytery
10:50 am Decisions of the Presbytery
11:50 am The Presbytery in Song
12:00 pm Benediction and Adjournment

Presbytery Leadership
Moderator MWS Marion Humphrey
Vice-Moderator RE Julie Gillaspay
Moderator of CT RE David Stricklin
General Presbyter MWS Stewart Smith
Stated Clerk MWS Leslie Belden

Moderator of Administration
RE Tom Verdery
Moderator of COM RE Cyril Hollingsworth
Moderator of CPM MWS Susan Gray
Moderator of Subcommittee on Disaster
Preparedness and Response
RE Ray Stephens
Moderator of Future of the Church
RE Ted Belden
Co-Moderators of Subcommittee on
Honduran Ministry
RE Leah Woodruff
MWS Phil Butin
Moderator of Mission of the Church
MWS Gordon Garlington, HR
Moderator of Nominations
CRE Chuck Olson
Co-Moderators of Presbyterian Women
RE Maryann Sweeney
RE Vicki Erickson
Moderator of Representation
MWS Marie Mainard O'Connell
Moderator of Youth, Young Adults, and
Campus Ministry - MWS Maggie Alsup



144th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas

Trinity Presbyterian Church
Little Rock, Arkansas
Technology-Aided Meeting

Docket

Saturday, June 6, 2020

We Gather in God's Name

- 8:30 am** **Prelude**
Written minute announcements, news, directions, and fliers
- 8:45 am** **Preliminaries**
Introduction of Staff and Officers – Moderator MWS Marion Humphrey
Explanation of Technology – Host MWS Jeff Price
Welcome to Corresponding Members, First Time Commissioners, and all non-Commissioners – Stated Clerk MWS Leslie Belden
Explanation of Voting, Counting Votes, and Taking Role – Stated Clerk Belden
Other Preliminary Announcements
- 9:00 am** **Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum** – Moderator Humphrey
With the lighting of the Christ Candle and Prayer
- Words of Welcome** - General Presbyter MWS Stewart Smith
- 9:10 am** **Consent Agenda**
Motion to approve the Consent Agenda - Stated Clerk Belden (requires a second) (The Consent Agenda is Section A.)

We Encounter God's Word

9:15 am **Worship**

10:00 am **Coffee Break**

Written minute announcements, news, directions, and fliers

We Respond to God's Call

10:15 am **Celebrations and News of the Presbytery**

What new staff members are hearing and learning - Presbytery Builder
MWS Carol Clark, HR, and Presbytery Connector RE Julie Price

Hearing from our Congregations and their Pastors – Being the Church
in this new world of technology dependence and social distancing

10:50 am **Decisions of the Presbytery**

Hearing about what's going on financially – Treasurer RE Bob Boehmler
and Committee on Administration Moderator RE Tom Verdery (Financial
Information and the Report of the Committee on Administration will be in
the final packet available on Wednesday, June 3, 2020.)

Motions of the Coordinating Team – Moderator RE David Stricklin. (The
report is Section B.)

Motions of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry – Moderator
MWS Susan Gray (The report is Section C.)

Motions of the Committee on Ministry – Moderator RE Cyril
Hollingsworth (The report of the Committee on Ministry will be in the
final packet available on Wednesday, June 3, 2020.)

11:50 pm **The Presbytery in Song**

We Are Sent in God's Service

12:00 pm **Benediction and Adjournment**

Section A

Consent Agenda

MWS Leslie Belden
Stated Clerk

- 1. Motion to adopt the docket.**
- 2. Motion to approve the minutes of the 143rd Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas, March 6-7, 2020, held at Lyon College, Batesville, Arkansas.**
- 3. Motion to enroll corresponding members named by the Stated Clerk with voice but not vote.**
- 4. Motion to grant privilege of the floor (voice) to those persons named by the Stated Clerk, but without vote.**
- 5. Motion for the technology of Zoom Room to count votes, serving as what the Presbytery of Arkansas has historically termed the “Tellers.”**
- 6. Motion for the Stated Clerk to record those absent and those present and include those names and numbers in the minutes, serving as what the Presbytery of Arkansas has historically termed the “Leaves of Absence Committee.”**

Section B

Report of the Coordinating Team

RE David Stricklin
Moderator

For Action

Motion to ratify the election of MWS Maggie Alsup, Chaplain of Lyon College, as the Moderator of the Committee on Youth, Young Adults, and Campus Ministry. (Motions from the floor may be accepted if the person nominated has agreed to serve. A nomination from the floor must be seconded.)

For Information

The Coordinating Team approved recommending that congregations set up a Zoom Room account and that, when requested, the Presbytery will be glad to pay the cost for a year's subscription, which is \$180.00 per year.

The Coordinating Team approved postponing records reviews until Spring 2021 due to the COVID-19 virus which discourages face-to-face reviews of physical records, and the need for Clerks of Sessions to be fully aware of changes to the records review form and thus be prepared for the review.

The Coordinating Team approved the Presbytery of Arkansas including congregations who do not have their own electronic meeting policy under the Presbytery's policy if they desire, and encouraging them to adopt their own when able.

The Coordinating Team approved the Short-Term Special Assistance Policy, and set \$300,000 as the ceiling for the amount of funding the Short-Term Special Assistance Task Force may loan without consulting the Coordinating Team. The following were approved to serve on the Task Force:

RE Tom Verdery – Moderator of the Committee on Administration

RE Carolyn Willis – Member of the Committee on Administration

MWS Gordon Garlington, HR – Moderator of the Committee on the Mission of the Church

RE Ted Belden – Moderator of the Committee on the Future of the Church

MWS Maggie Alsup – Member of the Coordinating Team

The Coordinating Team extended the deadline for submitting requests for the Short-Term 0% loan through May 25, 2020.

By a unanimous vote, meeting the 2/3 minimum requirement, the Coordinating Team approved suspending the rules of the Presbytery of Arkansas' Ministry Manual limiting service on a committee to two three-year terms in order that RE Tom Verdery may continue his service as Moderator of the Committee on Administration through 2021.

The Coordinating Team gave staff members General Presbyter MWS Stewart Smith, Stated Clerk MWS Leslie Belden, Presbytery Builder MWS Carol Clark, Presbytery Connector RE Julie Price, and Presbytery Youth Coordinator Brianne Christiansen, and the elected leaders of Presbytery Moderator MWS Marion Humphrey, Presbytery Vice Moderator RE Julie Gillaspay, and Coordinating Team Moderator RE David Stricklin, plus MWS Jeff Price, as pastor of the host church, the authority to plan the June 6, 2020 meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas, pulling in appropriately technologically savvy people to help.

Section C

Report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry

MWS Susan Gray
Moderator

For Action

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry moves that Inquirer Brianne Christiansen be enrolled as a Candidate for Minister of the Word and Sacrament. Brianne's Statement of Faith is included as Section C – Attachment I.

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry moves that Meredith Burnett, a deacon at Mountainburg Presbyterian Church, be enrolled as an Inquirer.

For Information

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry approved a motion reaffirming that CRE candidates be required to follow the existing CRE process.

MWS Matt Bussell, CRE David Clark and CCE NiAnn Thompson, HR, will serve as a sub-committee to grade CRE exams.

Reports from liaisons indicate that there are no specific problems during the pandemic crisis.

It is noted that ordained persons from other denominations must pass ordination exams to become ordained in the PC (USA). If they fail an exam twice, alternative means may be found.

Interviews

RE Mary Jane Fischer, a ruling elder at First Presbyterian Church of Jacksonville and a candidate for the CRE program, was interviewed for her annual consultation. Mary Jane was thanked for her service to the Church.

Inquirer Brianne Christiansen was interviewed per her request to be moved from Inquirer to Candidate, pending the approval of the session of First United Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville on April 19, 2020. She is completing year three of a five-year program of distance learning at Western Theological Seminary. She is also taking CPE at Washington Regional Medical Center, serving as Co-Youth Director at FUPC, and on staff at the Presbytery.

Meredith Burnett, a deacon at Mountainburg Presbyterian Church, was interviewed to become an Inquirer. She has long felt the call to ministry and has always been active in the church.

Section C – Attachment I

Inquirer Brianne Christiansen’s Statement of Faith

I believe in God the Parent, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. As Trinity, God lives in perfect communion and desires all creation to be part of that communion. God created humans in God’s image, inviting us to relationship with God. But humans chose disobedience, and thus, our sin separates us from our holy God.

From the beginning of time, God pursued God’s people. God sent covenants, laws, prophets, and finally the Son, Jesus the Messiah, fully God and fully human. Jesus lived among creation, proclaiming the good news that the kingdom of God had come. He taught humans how to follow God’s way through word and action. Choosing to die on a cross, Jesus came back to life on the third day as the firstborn of many brothers and sisters. Because Jesus lives, we will also live with God forever when God restores all creation.

Jesus eventually returned to God, but he did not leave humans alone on earth. He sent the Holy Spirit, the Greater Comforter, to walk with all who follow God. The Holy Spirit teaches us the way of Christ, sanctifying us and transforming into the image of Christ.

This was God’s plan from before the creation of the world, to reach out to a creation that could not reach out to God, to draw all to Godself. We learn this wonderful story in the Bible, the Word of God. I believe that scripture is God’s Holy Word to God’s people, passed down from the ancients and alive today. God breathes through the living and active Word, teaching the larger story of scripture, convicting of wrongdoing, healing the brokenness, and training in righteousness. All this equips the saints for the work of the Church.

I believe the Church is a universal body of believers, composed of who call on the name of the Lord from every time and place. Each child of God plays an important role in the Church based on their unique reflection of God’s image. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, God’s people join together under Christ, the head of the Church. As the visual representation of God to a suffering world, the church continues the work of restoration that Jesus began, spreading the good news of redemption until Christ returns again.

I believe Sacraments are tangible representations of God’s grace which Christians participate in as a declaration of faith. The Sacrament of Communion transforms bread and wine into a celebration of the intangible love of Christ for us. We remember Christ’s body broken for us and his blood shed for us, and we are thankful that through Christ’s death and resurrection we are forgiven. The Sacrament of Baptism transforms water into a reminder of God’s intangible covenant to God’s people. Like a seal over our hearts, we claim that God has loved us from the beginning of time, that God will never leave us or forsake us, and that God will fulfil God’s covenant to give us new life forever with God.

Presbyterian to English Cheat Sheet

From time to time abbreviations and acronyms will be peppered through the meeting. The following is a quick primer on Presby-speak. If you have questions about any of these terms or the way they fit into the larger picture of the life of the church, feel free to ask the Stated Clerk!

- **AC-** An Admistrative Commission is a group of Ministers of the Word and Sacrament and Ruling Elders given specific responsibilities and authority to act on behalf of the presbytery between meetings. They are typically formed to ordain and/or install pastors, perform the tasks associated with dismissing, closing, or merging congregations, deal with difficulties in a particular church, or assist a church in times of transition.
- **Board of Pensions-** The General Assembly agency charged with overseeing the benefits plans for pastors and some other church employees.
- **Candidate-** A person in the latter portion of the ordination process for the ministry of Minister of the Word and Sacrament.
- **COM-** The Committee on Ministry provides oversight and advocacy for congregations and Ministers of the Word and Sacrament. It receives Ministers of the Word and Sacrament from other presbyteries, approves calls for pastoral services, oversees congregations without pastors, dissolves pastoral relationships, dismisses Ministers of the Word and Sacrament to other presbyteries, determines the criteria for validating ministries of non-parish clergy, and oversees Commissioned Ruling Elders serving congregations.
- **CPM-** The Committee on Preparation for Ministry oversees the process of preparation for the ministry of Ministers of Word and Sacrament, training of Commissioned Ruling Elders, and the process of certification for Christian Educators.
- **Council-** In the context of Presbyterian polity and governance, a council is a governing body of the church. The councils of the PC(USA) are the session, the presbytery, the synod and the General Assembly.
- **CT-** The Coordinating Team of the presbytery acts on the presbytery's behalf on routine matters between stated meetings, coordinates the ministries of the presbytery, and plans for presbytery meetings.
- **GA-** The General Assembly of the PC(USA) is the highest council of the church. It meets in even numbered years for a week. The 2020 meeting will be held June 16-23 in Baltimore, Maryland.
- **HR-** Honorably Retired is a designation for Ministers of the Word and Sacrament retired from active service to the church who remain in good standing with the PC(USA).
- **Inquirer-** A person in the initial phase of the process of preparation for ministry as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament.
- **MIF-** A Ministry Information Form is the standardized format for advertising certain church professional positions through the PC(USA) Church Leadership Connection.
- **MWS -** Minister of the Word and Sacrament is an ordained Presbyterian minister member of the clergy, formerly called a Teaching Elder.
- **Moderator-** The Moderator is the person elected to keep order and chair the meetings of the presbytery. The pastor or CRE of a local congregation serves as the moderator of the local session, or a moderator will be appointed for that church.

- **NCD- New Church Developments** are new ministries of the presbytery engaged in a formal process to work toward establishing a new congregation.
- **PDA- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** is an agency of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Mission Agency. PDA assists communities coping with natural and human-caused disasters.
- **PJC- Permanent Judicial Commission** implements the disciplinary procedures required by the *Book of Order*. There is a Judicial Process Manual which gives details on these duties.
- **PMA- The Presbyterian Mission Agency** is part of the larger PC(USA) and is located at the national church headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky.
- **PNC- A Pastor Nominating Committee** is a search committee elected by a congregation to seek, interview, and recommend a new pastor.
- **RE/Ruling Elder-** A **Ruling Elder** is a lay member of a congregation who has been elected, ordained and installed to serve on the session of a church. Ruling Elders are eligible for election as commissioners to presbytery, synod and General Assembly. Once ordained as a ruling elder one maintains that office whether serving on a session or not.
- **Stated Clerk-** The Stated Clerk is the officer elected by the presbytery to maintain the official records, provide extracts when asked, prepare the docket for presbytery meetings, and answer questions about the records, Presbyterian polity, policies, procedures and history. The Stated Clerk is authorized to certify ministers and congregations are in good standing and qualify under the tax exemption of the PC(USA).
- **Synod of the Sun-** The governing body council which includes all the presbyteries in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. It coordinates the work of the PC(USA) in this region.
- **TPF-** The **Texas Presbyterian Foundation** is a financial service organization for Presbyterian members, councils and institutions. It invests funds and provides bookkeeping services for Arkansas Presbytery.
- **Validated Ministries-** Positions served by chaplains, professors and other Ministers of the Word and Sacrament who are not currently serving a congregation. Sometimes they are referred to as non-parish clergy.

Tips on Parliamentary Procedure

Parliamentary procedure enables the presbytery to become a deliberative assembly, to seek the will of God, and to witness to our faith in Jesus Christ. It is never an end in itself. Parliamentary gamesmanship is never appropriate. The will of the majority shall prevail, but the rights of the minority shall always be protected. Parliamentary principles balance individual conscience with the will of the majority. It takes seriously the following rights of individual members:

- (1) the right to know (due notice)
- (2) the right to speak (rules of debate)
- (3) the right to vote (membership)
- (4) the right to hold office (fair representation)

The Moderator represents the unity of the body. The Moderator preserves decorum and protects the rights listed above.

Parliamentary procedure allows discussion of a subject only when a motion about that subject has been made. To speak during the meeting, first go to a microphone. When recognized by the Moderator, state your name, church, city and status – such as Minister of the Word and Sacrament, Ruling Elder, or Honorably Retired. You may speak to a pending motion or ask a question. The person making the motion will have the first opportunity to speak to the motion. Only motions coming from individuals need a second. A motion made on behalf of a committee already has a second because it is the majority vote of the committee.

Ordinarily, only commissioners may speak and vote on motions. That includes Minister of the Word and Sacrament members of the Presbytery; Ruling Elders elected by their Session; Ruling Elders elected as General Presbyter, Stated Clerk, Treasurer, Moderator, Vice Moderator; Commissioned Ruling Elders in current service; members of the Coordinating Team; current commissioners to General Assembly; and Ruling Elders who are Certified Christian Educators.

At the Spring meeting of the Presbytery Youth Advisory Delegates and Young Adult Advisory Delegates have “privilege of the floor,” meaning that they have permission to speak to motions, and they take an advisory vote prior to the vote by commissioners. At any meeting someone in attendance may be given privilege of the floor, allowing that person to speak to the body, which is ordinarily given near the beginning of the meeting. Privilege of the floor does not mean that person may vote.

It is advisable to speak only once on a subject, but you may seek to speak a second time only after everyone who wishes to speak has spoken. All remarks during debate shall be addressed to the Moderator. Questions seeking information from a person who has the floor shall be addressed to the Moderator. Speeches to an individual or the whole presbytery are not permitted during debate. Reading reports or documents out loud requires the permission of the body. In debate, remarks shall be confined to the pending motion. Remarks shall not impugn another commissioner or that person’s motives. Commissioners’ names shall not be used.

To end debate, a commissioner must go to a microphone at an in-person meeting, or in the case of a technology aided meeting raise one’s hand, and, when recognized by the Moderator, state: “I

move the previous question.” It is not appropriate to call the question without going to a microphone or raising your hand electronically. If you offer a substitute motion or a new item of business, you should give the Moderator and Stated Clerk advance notice and written copy. An electronic copy is preferred – using Microsoft Word on a memory stick or thumb drive, or sent as an attachment to an email or within the chat function of a technology-aided meeting. Not only will this help these officers facilitate the work of presbytery, they may also be able to help you with suggestions as to how and when it would be appropriate to make the motion. The Stated Clerk and the Moderator are available to advise commissioners on the wording of any motion so that it can clearly express the concerns of the commissioner. When in doubt, ask. The Moderator and the Stated Clerk are eager to help you understand and use the process.

Commissioners should always read all information provided in the packets and subsequent information provided at the registration table. Whenever possible questions concerning reports or motions should be directed to the Moderator of a committee making the report or motion prior to the meeting. Contact info on moderators may be obtained through the presbytery office. Often concerns may be cleared up prior to a meeting rather than on the floor of presbytery.

Report of the Sub-Committee on Honduran Ministry

RE Leigh Woodruff and MWS Phil Butin
Co-Moderators

For Information:

The Sub-Committee canceled the Spring Break trip for 2020 due to the inability to travel during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The PC(USA) Mission Co-worker, MWS Dori Haljmarsen, and the Rev. Juan Rodas, the Honduran General Presbyter, asked for financial help in order to donate food bags to Presbyterian families across the country.

- The Presbytery's Honduran Ministry Sub-Committee voted to send \$1,000 per month for the next 6 months to the Honduran Presbytery's Pastor Emergency Fund.
- Also sent from Presbytery of Arkansas congregations were \$2,600 from First United Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville, \$300 from Westminster Presbyterian Church of Hot Springs, \$100 from Pulaski Heights Presbyterian Church of Little Rock, and money from other individuals making a donation to the Pastor's Emergency Fund totaling \$4,600.
- Other churches, presbyteries, and individuals are also helping with this matter.

No trips are planned in 2020 by the Presbytery of Arkansas, and the Presbytery of Honduras has requested that no groups plan for trips until further notice. The situation in Honduras is very bad with their limited ability to provide medical assistance. The government has instituted a "stay at home" order enforced through the military and road blocks. The Rodas family has permission to distribute food through their passport numbers.

Stated Clerk MWS Leslie Belden, MWS Phil Butin, RE Duke Monroe, MWS David Gill, and RE Leigh Woodruff are members of the PC(USA) Honduran Network and receive monthly Zoom Room updates on the situation in Honduras. It is hoped that a trip may be scheduled for Spring Break 2021.

Report of the Stated Clerk

MWS Leslie Belden
Stated Clerk

The General Assembly meeting to be held this June will be utilizing technology and will not meet in person in Baltimore. Only essential business will take place this year and other business will be postponed until the following meeting in the summer of 2022.

Sessions are encouraged to use Zoom Room or conference calls for meetings as much as possible when in-person gatherings are discouraged by the Governor of the State of Arkansas or the CDC. Decisions that must be made by congregations, such as approving changes in the terms of call of pastors, can be temporarily approved by sessions and later ratified by the congregation. Other Presbyterian polity questions raised by the need for social distancing may be addressed to the Stated Clerk, but the general consensus among Stated Clerks across the denomination is to do what seems reasonable, communicate that widely, be completely transparent and open to feedback, and resolve conflicts with polity issues when able.

A proposed new form for annual Records Reviews of session and congregational records will be reviewed and possibly approved by the Coordinating Team in the near future. Clerks of Sessions have been asked for input regarding the proposed new form, and will be counseled with regard to the form if and when it is approved. Because of this transition in forms, and the inability of Records Reviews to be done in person this Spring due to COVID-19, the Coordinating Team approved postponing all reviews until 2021.

The following Administrative Commissions continue to work on behalf of the Presbytery:

First, Clarksville Administrative Commission charged with selling the property – RE Ted Belden and MWS Clare Kelley, Co-Moderators

First, Little Rock Administrative Commission – RE Cyril Hollingsworth, Moderator

Northwest Arkansas Hispanic Ministry Administrative Commission – MWS Phil Butin, Moderator

Pine Bluff Administrative Commission – RE Ruth Hamilton, Moderator

Standing AC for the Dissolution of Churches – RE Leah Shell, Moderator

Washington County Property Administrative Commission – RE Ted Belden, Moderator

First, North Little Rock/Argenta – MWS Carol Clark, Moderator

Report of the Future of the Church

RE Ted Belden
Moderator

The Committee on the Future of the Church is pleased to have the resources of MWS Carol Clark, the new Presbytery Builder on staff, who is resourcing our committee. She has been reviewing the comments on the surveys sent back to us by the churches. If you have not sent back your survey, she may be calling you!

Future of the Church extended the deadline for churches to apply for grants from April 15, 2020 to until June 1, 2020. With COVID-19 disrupting our church lives we wanted to give churches more time to request grants. We have received 6 grant requests which will be reviewed and acted on at our next meeting in July.

Many of us are now using Zoom Room as a way to conduct our business and to stay in touch with each other. Future of the Church is continuing to work on getting a few churches set up for Zoom Room capabilities.

I hope that as we experience a new way to be church that it will allow us to be open to new and exciting ways to share God's love in the world. I want to personally thank General Presbyter MWS Stewart Smith and the rest of the staff of our Presbytery in helping us stay connected. This Presbytery meeting will be very unique because although we cannot be together in person, more people will be able to participate via the internet.

Blessing on all of your efforts.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF ARKANSAS

FALL RETREAT: Friday & Saturday, August 7-8, 2020
"Preserving Traditions While Moving Forward"



Mount Sequoyah

150 No. Skyline Dr., Fayetteville, Arkansas

\$75 REGISTRATION FEE includes all meals and workshops

Our theme is "Preserving Traditions While Moving Forward." Activities will be varied and unique (singing, dancing, storytelling, cooking, etc.) and our own Rev. Becky Purcell will be the worship leader. An overview of the 2020-2021 Horizons Bible Study and a program on the history, traditions and pottery of the Quapaw Indians of Arkansas will be presented. The Retreat will begin on Friday at 9:00 am with registration and refreshments. Planned activities on Friday will end at 8:00 pm, allowing for some social time and fellowship. Saturday's activities will begin with breakfast at 8:00 am and will end following lunch. Cottage-style rooms (\$90 double occupancy) are available at Mt. Sequoyah. Please make your own room reservations. Call Mount Sequoyah at (479) 443-4531 and request one of the rooms set aside for Presbyterian Women. **The deadline for room reservations is July 7th.** Please bring a neck scarf for use during Friday evening Vespers.

Call PWPCT Co-Moderators Maryann Sweeney (479) 802-9620 or Vicki Erickson (479) 652-2398 with questions.

(Scholarships are available for room and board; contact Maryann or Vicki)



FALL RETREAT — REGISTRATION FORM

The \$75 Registration Fee is due by July 7th. Make check payable to PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN and send with the following information to PWPCT Treasurer: Gail Phillips, 6400 Kenwood Rd., Jacksonville, AR 72076.

Participant Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Address _____

Church & City _____

Please indicate the two (2) workshops you wish to attend:

_____ A Cooking Class led by chef and author Erin Rowe

_____ An Art of Photography Class led by award-winning photographer Jan Hilgrim

_____ An Interpretive Dance Class led by dance instructor Kathy Fidler