

**The Synod of the Trinity**  
**Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**  
**Synod of the Trinity Assembly Meeting**

**October 5, 2015 (Convenes at 10:00 am) – October 6, 2015 (Adjourns by 12:00 pm)**

**The Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center - 215 Innovation Blvd., State College, PA 16803**

**Docket Dated: September 30, 2015**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2015**

- 8:00-9:00 am**      **Breakfast Buffet:** Gardens Restaurant, Ground Floor
- 7:00 am Hot/Cold Beverages available in meeting area
  - 9:00 am Continental Breakfast items available in meeting area
- 9:00-9:50 am**      **Registration:** Executive Suite, Ground Floor
- 9:50 am**              **Gathering Music - Rev. Dr. Sheldon Sorge and Rev. Dr. Wilson Gunn**
- 10:00 am**            **Opening Worship & Music**  
                                Blessing and Distribution of Commissioner Stoles
- 10:55 am**            **Stated Clerk's Report**
- A. Formation of the Roll
  - B. Declaration of Quorum
  - C. Consent Agenda

**CONSENT AGENDA**

ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Approval of the Docket
2. Seating of Corresponding Members and Guests
3. This meeting shall be both our ecclesiastical and corporate meeting.
4. That the Synod accept those elected by their presbyteries to serve on the Synod Permanent Judicial Commission.
5. Communion during evening Worship
6. Approve offering for the Peace & Global Witness Offering designated for the Syrian Refugee Crisis

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. June Minutes were approved
2. The Permanent Judicial Commission has had no cases this year, to date.
3. Current Financials
4. **New business due in writing to the Stated Clerk prior to Monday evening worship**

**MUSIC**

- 11:10 am**            **Review and action on corporate By-Laws.**
- 11:30 am**            **Music & Grace**
- 12:00 pm**            **Lunch - Gardens Restaurant, Ground Floor**
- 1:00 pm**              **Reconvene - Gathering Music**

- 1:05 pm**                    **Secondary End: *Fostering conversation and action for the promotion of social righteousness*.** What does “privilege” mean in our context as Presbyterians, as a Synod, as national citizens, and in the world context?
- 2:10 pm**                    **MUSIC**
- 2:15 pm**                    **Second Reading of Standing Rules Revision and Action** (see packet)
- Stated Clerk presentation
  - Discussion
  - Action
- 2:30 pm**                    **Nominating Committee Report & Action**
- Elect 2016 Moderator, Teaching Elder Johnnie Monroe
  - Elect 2016 Vice-Moderator, Ruling Elder Kathleen Silliman
  - Fill & Elect Vacancy on Governing Commission
  - Elect 2016 Nominating Committee
- 2:45 pm**                    **Break**
- MUSIC**
- 3:15 pm**                    **Stated Clerk recommendation:**
- Amend the Policy Governance Manual GP-1 line 169 to add *the immediate past Moderator shall be an ex officio member of the Governing Commission.*
- 3:20 pm**                    **Report of the Transitional Synod Executive**
- Recognition of Executive Advisory Team and Consultant**
- Executive Advisory Team:
- Alan Adams - Executive Presbyter, Beaver-Butler Presbytery
  - Barbara Adams-Smelter - Ruling Elder, Philadelphia Presbytery
  - Nan Best -Ruling Elder, Donegal Presbytery
  - Barbara Chaapel - Teaching Elder, Philadelphia Presbytery
  - Neal Galley - Teaching Elder, Redstone Presbytery
  - James Ihlenfeld - Ruling Elder, Beaver-Butler Presbytery
  - K. Joy Kaufmann - Executive Presbyter, Huntingdon Presbytery
  - Jean C. Kennedy - Ruling Elder, Pittsburgh Presbytery
  - Gary Lyon - Teaching Elder, Kiskiminetas Presbytery
  - Johnnie Monroe - Teaching Elder, Pittsburgh Presbytery
  - James Robinson, Teaching Elder, West Virginia Presbytery
  - Mary Speedy, Ruling Elder, Carlisle Presbytery
- Consultant - Dr. Philip Bergey
- 3:45 pm**                    **Report from Board of Pensions**
- MUSIC**
- 4:00 pm**                    **Report from Governing Commission**
- 4:45 pm**                    **Music & Prayer of Thanksgiving**
- 4:50 pm**                    **Break for Dinner**
- 5:30 pm**                    **Dinner:** Dean's Room II on Main Level
- 7:00 pm**                    **Reconvene & Gathering Music** - Executive Suite, ground floor
- \*\* New Business due in writing to the Stated Clerk \*\***
- 7:10 pm**                    **Speed Sharing of What's Happening in Our Presbyteries**

**7:40 pm**

**Worship w/Communion**

Preaching: Ruling Elder Commissioner, Kathleen Sillman

Music: Rev. Dr. Sheldon Sorge & Rev. Dr. Wilson Gunn

**Stand in Recess until 9:00 am tomorrow**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2015**

**8:00-9:00 am**

**Breakfast Buffet:** Gardens Restaurant

- 7:00 am Hot/Cold Beverages available in meeting area
- 9:00 am Continental Breakfast items available in meeting area

**9:00 am**

**Reconvene:** Music and devotions

**9:30 am**

**Mid-Council Task Group Report and Action**

**MUSIC**

**10:15 am**

**BREAK** (check out of rooms)

**10:45 am**

**Reconvene & Gathering Music**

**10:50 am**

**Crestfield Middle School Retreat Presentation**

**11:00 am**

**Approving Compensation & Receiving the 2016 Budget**

**11:10 am**

**New Business**

**11:15 am**

**Meeting Evaluation**

**11:25 am**

**Motion to Adjourn upon the benediction at the end of worship**

**11:25 am**

**Closing Worship**

- Commissioning of new Governing Commission member
- Installation of 2016 Moderator & Vice-Moderator
- Recognition - Commissioners with expiring terms:
  - Teaching Elder Gemechisa Guja, Donegal Presbytery
  - Teaching Elder Barbara Chaapel, Philadelphia Presbytery

**\*Executive Advisory Team Members:** Those staying for our wrap-up meeting, please gather in the McKinnon Board Room after closing prayer.