

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

October 21, 2018 – October 23, 2018

Celebrate with us the 50th anniversary of “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood”
on WQED in Pittsburgh. This is an opportunity to look at what it means
to have a neighbor and be a neighbor!

The Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center - 215 Innovation Blvd., State College, PA 16803
Docket Dated: October 12, 2018

SUNDAY OCTOBER 21

6:30 – 7:30 pm Registration Executive Suite, Ground Floor

7:30 pm Movie and Discussion on the Doctrine of Discovery

MONDAY OCTOBER 22

8-9:00 am Breakfast Buffet: Gardens Restaurant, Ground Floor

- 7:00 am – 5:00 pm Hot/Cold Beverages available in meeting area
- 9:00-11:00 am - Continental Breakfast items available in meeting area

8-9:00 am Registration: Executive Suite, Ground Floor

8:50 am Gathering Songs

9:00 am Call to Order

Formation of the Roll, Seating of Corresponding Members, Declaration of a Quorum

9:10 am Opening Worship - Rick Ufford-Chase, preaching

Sermon, Communion, Presentation of Commissioner Stoles

10:15 am Break

10:45 am Neighbors Doing Community Business - *We engage together in the ongoing work of the assembly, including the report of the Stated Clerk.*

A. Information

Doing the Policy Governance Dance

Consent Agenda

CONSENT AGENDA

INFORMATION

Minutes of 2017 Synod Assembly were approved by the Governing Commission

General Assembly approved the boundary changes between the synods of the Trinity and Susquehanna Valley.

[2017 Financials](#)

[The Governing Commission approved the 2017 Audit](#)

[2018 Year-to-Date Financials](#)

[The Governing Commission affirmed the 2019 Budget as developed by the Transitional Executive](#)

[Verification of Insurance Coverage](#)

Verification by the Stated Clerk of the Synod having the following policies:

[Sexual Misconduct Policy](#)

[Children, Youth and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy](#)

[Synod Code of Conduct policies](#)

The Governing Commission accepted the resignation of Madeline Valentine as Synod Commissioner

CONSENT AGENDA CONTINUED...

ACTIONS

[Approve Synod Review of Presbytery Minutes](#)

[Approve General Assembly Review of Synod Minutes](#)

Approve PJC Commission Member as elected by the presbyteries

Joseph Steele, Teaching Elder, Philadelphia Presbytery, Class of 2019

B. Modification of Governing Documents

Bylaws, Standing Rules and Policy Governance Manual amendments

- [Policy Governance Manual, correcting error in listing “owner”](#)
- [Changing the name and function of “Nominating Committee” to “Committee on Representation and Nomination”](#)
- [Amend the bylaws and standing rules regarding Virtual Meetings](#)

[Report on Governing Commission recommendation to move an extension of the Synod Transitional Executive’s term of service](#)

Synod Transitional Executive’s term of call

[Report of the Nominating Committee and Elections](#)

- Moderator & Vice-Moderator
- Governing Commission Members
- Nominating Committee

C. Report of the Transitional Executive

General Remarks

[2020 Per Capita](#)

D. Report of the Governing Commission Moderator

12:30 pm

Lunch

1:30 pm

[General Assembly Actions with Implications for Mid Councils](#)

1:45 pm

Our Neighbors and Our Biases - *Assumption and misunderstanding can be at the beginning of bias that leads to hate. How can we be more aware as we go?*

2:45 pm

Break

3:05 pm

Who Are Our Neighbors? *Do we have the eyes to see our own neighbors who we may or may not have seen before?*

4:05 pm

ZOOM and OWL Orientation

5:05 pm

Break (New Business Due to Stated Clerk)

5:30 pm

Dinner – Senate Room & Lounge Main Floor

7:00 pm

Another View of Neighbor: Senate Room & Lounge Main Floor – *In a neighborhood that includes many people of differing cultures and faiths, how do we grow in our life together as neighbors?*

7:30 pm

Chantal Farewell Reception

Cake and Ice Cream Sundae Social

TUESDAY OCTOBER 23

- 8-9:00 am** **Breakfast Buffet: Gardens Restaurant, Ground Floor**
- 7:00 am – 12:00 pm Hot/Cold Beverages available in meeting area
 - 9:00-11:00 am Continental Breakfast items available in meeting area
- 8:45 am** **Worship, Installations and Recognitions - Executive Suite, Ground Floor**
- Sheila Farrar, Presbytery of Redstone – Ruling Elder Commissioner
Ben Hooper, Lehigh Presbytery – Ruling Elder Commissioner
Jean C. Kennedy, Pittsburgh Presbytery – Ruling Elder Commissioner
Myrtle McCall, Presbytery of Carlisle – Ruling Elder Commissioner
Madeline Valentine, Presbytery of Philadelphia – Ruling Elder Commissioner
- 9:45 am** **A moment of recognition: Fred Rogers**
- 10:00 am** **New Business**
- 10:05 am** **Break**
- 10:35 am** **Hate Groups and Neighbors - *How do we live as God's own when there are those in the neighborhood who live lives of hate? How do we support and care for those who are the object of that hate?***
- 11:35 am** **Evaluation**
- 11:50 am** **Closing**
- 12:15 pm** **Governing Commission Post Assembly Review - McKinnon Board Room**
- Members of the Governing Commission, Staff and Guest Presenters