

Wednesday December 2, 2020  
693rd STATED MEETING  
  
OF  
THE PRESBYTERY OF HUNTINGDON  
ZOOM  
  
2:00 P.M.

HUNGER OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED

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Please send offering checks for the Hunger Offering made out to the Presbytery to Treasurer Judy Black at the office by December 15.

### **REGISTRATION & PARTICIPATION FOR DECEMBER 2:**

To participate in the meeting, you must register for the meeting online.

Please click on this link:           <https://forms.gle/JcsrA7N6zuBv8pc2A>  
(or copy it into your browser)

You may participate via computer or smartphone (video and voice) or phone (voice only).

Registering will put you on Susan's list to receive the dial in/call in information. That will come to you via an email on November 30 or December 1.

Susan will open the zoom meeting a half hour early (1:30 p.m.) so that folks can test their equipment. If you have any technical problems, or questions email Susan Ferguson at [SusanPresbytery@gmail.com](mailto:SusanPresbytery@gmail.com)  
[She will be glad to work with you individually to resolve your problems.](#)

Cents-Ability resources are available to help presbyteries and congregations begin and expand their hunger education and fund-raising programs. These include a poster, labels for offering containers, prayer table tents, and suggestions and program models for using Cents-Ability in your presbytery or congregation. Visit [www.pcusa.org/hunger](http://www.pcusa.org/hunger) and click on *resources*.



The Presbyterian Hunger Program works to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes. Thousands of Presbyterian Congregations are at the forefront of responding to the reality of hunger in their communities, helping bear the love of Christ while making a tangible difference in their neighbors' lives.

The Presbyterian Hunger Program offers a means for also responding to the crisis of hunger in the United States and around the world in ways that impact the root causes of hunger and poverty. PHP addresses hunger holistically using five tools:

- Direct Food Relief combined with Root Cause Work
- Sustainable Development
- Advocacy
- Intentional and Sustainable Living
- Education

Employing these tools alongside congregations, partners, and local communities, together we can help end hunger.

*The Presbyterian Hunger Program,  
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## A Strategy for Raising Hunger Awareness

**DOCKET FOR 693RD STATED MEETING  
THE PRESBYTERY OF HUNTINGDON  
ZOOM VIDEO- & AUDIO- CONFERENCING  
December 2, 2020, 2:00 p.m.**

- 1:30 Zoom begins for technical checks
- 2:00 Meeting opened with prayer  
Worship led by Anita Nwaobilo & Ela Robertson  
Offering for the Hunger Fund/Two Cents a Meal
- 2:20 Welcome:  
Introductions: new ministers, elders and guests. Seating of corresponding members  
Adoption of docket & consent agenda  
Minutes review (Barry Vance))  
March stated meeting;  
Resources (Susan Ferguson)
- 2:30 Personnel Committee report  
Resignation of treasurer
- 2:40 COPL (written, for information only)
- 2:45 Committee on Ministry (Nancy Bostian)  
Joy Kaufmann resignation  
Mary Jo Bruinooge reception  
Gary Jewart & Curwensville renewal  
Ela Robertson & West Kish renewal  
Highland Park Closure
- 3:00 Search committee
- 3:05 J.C.C.C. report
- 3:10 Nominating Committee (Ken Raney)
- 3:15 Visioning Team (Linda Vance)
- 3:25 Stated Clerk (Ginny Rainey)  
Fruit Hill exemption
- 3:30 Old Business & New business
- 3:35 Announcements and closing prayer

Next meeting: Saturday January 30, 2021, 9:30 a.m. by Zoom

# CONSENT AGENDA

**What** is a consent agenda?

A consent agenda is made up of items that may be considered routine business that need action, but are unlikely to require debate. Items for inclusion on the consent agenda must be sent out in advance with the pre-presbytery mailing and clearly marked for the consent agenda.

**Why** is a consent agenda useful?

When the consent agenda is called for, the moderator will call for a motion to approve the entire consent agenda in one vote, thus saving presbytery time for items requiring more discussion.

**BUT** What if I wish to debate, discuss, ask for clarification on some part of the consent agenda?

Simply, rise to be recognized and request that that item be removed from the consent agenda. One person's request is all that is required. No second is required, no vote need be taken to remove the item.

Do not give the explanation of your concern, need for clarification, points to be emphasized or opposed at this time. The item will come up for consideration at the time when the remainder of that committee's report is made, and you will be afforded the opportunity to speak to the motion at that time.

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## **Items for the December 2, 2020 Consent Agenda:**

**From C.O.M.** Item 3, p. 9, Jewart & Curwensville renewal  
**From Stated Clerk,** p. 6, Fruit Hill exemption.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**December 2, 2020**

The Personnel Committee recommends that presbytery approve the following:

**Treasurer resignation:** That presbytery accept the resignation of Treasurer Judy Black, effective December 31, 2020, with regret and with gratitude for her service, as she enters into retirement.

Judy officially became treasurer of the presbytery on May 26, 2013. She is a ruling elder and clerk of session at Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church. In addition to her regular treasurer duties, she provided consultancy/training service for congregation breaking in new treasurers and served as our Board of Pensions liaison.

**COMMITTEE ON PRESBYTERY LIFE**  
**REPORT**  
**December 2, 2020**

**Hunger Fund grant:** CoPL gave a grant of \$250 to West Kish Presbyterian Church for hunger programs.

**STATED CLERK REPORT**  
**December 2, 2020**

The clerk recommends:

**Relief from rotation of officers:** That the presbytery grant the petition of the Fruit Hill Presbyterian Church to renew its relief from rotation of officers on account of small membership for up to three years.

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY  
REPORT  
December 2, 2020**

The Committee on Ministry recommends that presbytery:

**1. Joy Kaufmann & the Presbytery of Huntingdon:**

- a. Dissolve the call of the Presbytery of Huntingdon to the Rev. K. Joy Kaufmann, as General Presbyterian, effective December 31, 2020, with regrets.
- b. Place the Rev. Joy Kaufmann on the Member-at-Large roll, effective December 31, 2020, at her request.

Note: Rev. Kaufmann remains moderator of the Milroy Presbyterian church.

**2. Mary Jo Bruinooge & Mapeton Depot Presbyterian Church:**

- a. Receive the Rev. Mary Jo Bruinooge, an honorably retired minister member of Eastminster Presbytery, into membership effective immediately. (See *Mary Jo Bruinooge statement of faith below*.)
- b. Approve a contract between the session of the Mapleton Depot Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Mary Jo Bruinooge, effective immediately for up to twelve months, ending December 31, 2021.
  - (1). Terms of service will be \$60 per week for worship leadership, moderatorial services, and emergency visitation.
  - (2). **TERMINATION, SEVERANCE, AND EXTENSION OF CONTRACT**
    - (a) Any party to this agreement may terminate this contract upon thirty days written notice to the other. Notice is to be delivered in person or by certified mail.
    - (b) Should this agreement be terminated by the temporary supply pastor, for any reason, before the normal term (one calendar year) of the contract has expired, the session shall not be obligated to him financially or otherwise beyond the period of the thirty (30) days notice, which he is required to give.
    - (c) Should this contract be terminated by the session before the end of the term, the session agrees to continue the temporary supply pastor's compensation for the thirty (30) days beyond the termination date.
    - (d) This contract may be extended or changed, as mutually agreed upon by the session, the Presbytery of Huntingdon, and the temporary supply pastor. Failure to extend the contract or notice of non-renewal of the contract shall be considered notice of termination.
- c. Dismiss the Rev. Rob Bruinooge as moderator of the Mapleton Depot Presbyterian Church, effective immediately, with gratitude for his service.
- d. Appoint the Rev. Mary Jo Bruinooge as moderator of the Mapleton Depot Presbyterian Church, effective immediately.

**STATEMENT OF FAITH  
MARY JO BRUINOOG**

My faith and living my faith is a work in progress. There are daily joys and insights on my journey. I hope my life is one of praise and service to God and that I meet the requirements of Micah 6:8 "...and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God".

As I reflect on my faith at this point in my life, I am entering my 3<sup>rd</sup> month of retirement after 41-plus years of ordained ministry serving several churches in several states. I have served as a commissioner to every level of the church and been part of more committees and task groups than I can remember. Most recently, I had the honor of reading ordination exams (polity) for the 4<sup>th</sup> time. More than ever, I understand and claim the great ends of the church: *the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world. (F-1.0304)*. These provided a framework for my ministry – even though I didn't fully understand them in seminary...and I am still growing in my understanding of them! They hold true.

After all these years and serving God's people in so many places and ways, I still:

- believe in God as the Creator and the One who continually creates. God is the Master Designer. Bone cells look very much like the rings of a tree—and both provide strength and structure for life. This could not have happened by chance. God is intentional with creation.
- believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the One who came to live as one of us and to experience life as we experience it. This gives him credibility (as it were) for those who need to experience "God with skin on" (as a child once explained). He is the Master Teacher of all God wants for His people.
- believe in the Holy Spirit, the One who gives us that inner spark and encouragement to keep moving—even if it is not always moving forward. The Holy Spirit gives me guidance and peace, and when I pay attention, the confidence to take a risk.
- believe that the Bible is the Source, the guide to faith and practice. I believe it is the inspired Word of God, the Living Word of God. The translation isn't as important as the Word getting in so that life may be lived faithfully. The Bible is the foundation to comfort, challenge and inspire. I am continually amazed at how fresh and current it is.
- believe that the Church is the witness to the activity of God in the world. The Church is the body of Christ. We are challenged and charged to continue the work begun so long ago. The greatest challenge is to put differences aside as the focus of our energy, and to unite to put the purpose of God in front of us and to work towards that purpose.

I still treasure our Sacraments - Communion as the great feast of God's people and Baptism, the sign of adoption into God's family. These Sacraments connect us with our heritage and our future as God's people. God welcomes all to the Table and to the family. God always has, still does, and always will.

I look forward to the fulfillment of God's Kingdom, the time of completion. This will be a time when all things will be understood, all the deep questions answered, and reunion with loved ones gone before will be realized. I think one of two things will happen: either all the why questions will be answered, or it will be such a wonderful place that the answers won't matter. Either way, it will be the time when all of Creation and all of God's people will truly come together to live in wholeness and peace.

As a daughter of God, God isn't finished with me yet!



**3. Ruling elder Gary Jewart & Curwensville:**

- a. approve the renewal of the temporary supply relationship between ruling elder Gary Jewart and the session of the Curwensville Presbyterian Church, beginning January 1, 2021 for twelve months.
- b. renew the commission to ruling elder Gary Jewart to be commissioned lay pastor and temporary supply of the Curwensville Presbyterian Church a period of up to twelve months, beginning January 1, 2021. Ruling elder Gary Jewart remains a member of the Curwensville Presbyterian Church
- c. authorize ruling elder Gary Jewart as the commissioned lay pastor of the Curwensville Presbyterian Church to administer the Lord's Supper, administer the sacrament of baptism, moderate the session of the Curwensville Presbyterian Church, and have voice and vote in meetings of presbytery (such vote to be counted as a ruling elder commissioner).
- d. appoint ruling elder Gary Jewart as moderator of the session of the Curwensville Presbyterian Church for the duration of his commission beginning January 1, 2021.
- e. authorize ruling elder Gary Jewart to perform a service of Christian marriage of members of the congregation or of the local community when invited by the session. Such service may only be performed within the geographical bounds of the presbytery. In performing such service of Christian marriage, the commissioned lay pastor shall follow all provisions of the Directory for Worship regarding marriage.
- f. The agreement may be terminated by any party by giving 30 days written notice from the session or from the commissioned lay pastor or from the Committee on Ministry.
- g. appoint the Reverends Jimmy & Katie Hopper as the commissioned lay pastors mentors and supervisors.

**Expectations of CLP:**

Time expectations are 10 hours per week.

Conduct 48 Sunday worship services per year, plus special services on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter sunrise, and Christmas Eve.

Visit shut-ins, hospitalized members, and nursing home residents.

Officiate at baptisms, Lord's Supper and funerals

Moderate session and congregational meetings.

**Terms of service as follows:**

Salary: \$185 per week,

Vacation: one month, including at least four Sundays, accrued monthly.

Study leave: seven days per year (dates and content set in consultation with Curwensville session)

Continuing Education allowance of a maximum of \$500 accumulated up to 3 years: Per request and approval by Curwensville session. To be reimbursed by voucher.

Book Allowance: \$300

One week for Governing Body Service (beyond normal committee or task force work and stated meetings)

Car allowance: travel expenses at current I.R.S. standard

SECA reimbursement: 7.65 percent of cash salary.

Additional hours for CLP beyond the extra three hours per week, will be reimbursed at \$16 per hour plus SECA offset.

**Approved by Curwensville Presbyterian Church Session on November 12, 2020.**

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**4. Belleville West Kish & Belleville St. John’s and the Rev. Ela J. Robertson:** that presbytery approve the renewal of the full-time contract of the session of the Belleville West Kishacoquillas Presbyterian Church and the council of the Belleville St. John’s Lutheran Church for temporary pastoral services with Rev. Ela Robertson, effective January 1, 2021. (*See COM minutes, December 18, 2020, Appendix A, p. 77, for full terms of service.*) Rev. Robertson will serve half-time in each congregation. St John’s will reimburse West Kish Presbyterian for its share of her salary and benefits package.

**Terms of service:** This contract will be for a period of one year and may be renewed annually. Each congregation will be responsible for 50% of the total cost.

<b>Breakdown by church</b>	<b>Annual total</b>	<b>Annual per church</b>
Cash salary and housing allowance	\$ 57,544.00	\$ 28,772.00
403b retirement contribution	\$ 6,329.84	\$ 3,164.92
Medical coverage for pastor & spouse	\$ 11,661.12	\$ 5,830.56
Study leave expenses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00
<b>Total package (salary, housing, and benefits)</b>	<b>\$ 76,534.96</b>	<b>\$ 38,267.48</b>

**Other terms of service:**

- Vacation: One month, including at least four Sundays
- Continuing Education: two weeks per year, cumulative to six weeks over three years
- Continuing Education expenses: \$1000 per year, cumulative to \$3,000 over three years, vouchered
- Travel expenses: vouchered, reimburse at current IRS rate
- Governing Body Service (beyond normal committee or task force work and stated meetings) : two weeks (one week for each denomination) including two Sundays

**Termination:** This agreement may be terminated upon 60 days’ notice given either by the session of the West Kishacoquillas Presbyterian Church, the council of the St. John’s Lutheran Church, the temporary supply pastor, the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of Huntingdon, or the Lutheran bishop. If notice is given by other than the temporary supply pastor, thirty days of additional severance pay will also be given.

**5. Lewistown Highland Park:** that presbytery approve the following enabling motions:

- A. That the Presbytery of Huntingdon, in response to a request to a regularly called Congregational Meeting of Lewistown Highland Park Presbyterian Church, held October 25, 2020, establish an administrative commission to carry out the dissolution of the Highland Park Presbyterian Church.
- B. That the Presbytery of Huntingdon authorize the Moderator in consultation with the Committee on Ministry and the Committee on Presbytery Life to appoint the members of the Commission.
- C. That the work of the Commission be funded from remaining assets of the Lewistown Highland Park Presbyterian Church first and then up to \$1,000 from Contingency Fund balances.
- D. That the specific responsibilities of the Commission shall include, but not be limited to:
  - 1. To assist the session of the Lewistown Highland Park Presbyterian Church in concluding the work and the business affairs of the church and in planning an appropriate celebration of the church’s life and ministry.
  - 2. In conformity with G-3.0301a to take possession of its records, to transfer jurisdiction over its

members to the Presbytery of Huntingdon and grant them certificates of transfer to other churches.

3. To take possession of all real and personal property of Lewistown Highland Park Presbyterian Church and arrange for the transfer of title to the trustees of the Presbytery of Huntingdon of all property as the Lewistown Highland Park Presbyterian Church may have to be held, used, and applied for such uses, purposes, and trusts as the Presbytery may direct, limit, and appoint, or such property may be sold or disposed of as the Presbytery may direct, in conformity with the provisions of the *Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*, sections G-4.0203, G-4.0205.

4. To assert the claim of the Presbytery of Huntingdon to any property or assets of Lewistown Highland Park Presbyterian Church which may come to the Lewistown Highland Park Presbyterian Church as the beneficiary of a will or trust, or from any other cause, not known at this time.

5. To do any other work necessary to the dissolution of the Lewistown Highland Park Presbyterian Church.

6. To report its work to Presbytery.