

## CALL TO THE SPECIAL MEETING

The Synod of Lincoln Trails of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) convened a Special Meeting via Zoom, an online/conference call meeting service, on Thursday, March 8, 2018.

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to elect a new Synod Vice Moderator, as well as to elect individuals to at-large positions on the Synod Council, Board of Directors, Permanent Judicial Commission, and Standing Committee on Personnel. In addition, an overview of the Synod 2018 Budget was to be presented.

The Special Meeting was requested by the following:

Ruling Elder Beth Bedwell, Presbytery of Whitewater Valley  
 The Reverend Sara Dingman, Synod Executive  
 The Reverend Kim Hulen, Presbytery of Blackhawk  
 The Reverend Andrew Kort, Presbytery of Ohio Valley  
 Ruling Elder Blake Wood, Stated Clerk.

## GATHERING THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time (EST) by the Stated Clerk, Ruling Elder Blake Wood, with prayer. The Stated Clerk welcomed all those in attendance.

Stated Clerk Wood noted that commissioners had been informed earlier about the resignation of the Reverend Beau Brown as Synod Moderator. Reverend Brown had accepted a call to serve as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Urbana, Ohio, and had been recently installed to his new position. The church is located within the bounds of the Synod of the Covenant. The Reverend Kim Hulen, who had been serving as Vice Moderator, became Moderator upon Reverend Brown's resignation. Due to a schedule conflict, Reverend Hulen would be joining the Special Meeting after the overview of the Synod 2018 Budget.

In accordance with the Standing Rules of the Synod, a quorum for the Synod shall be eight commissioners, at least four of whom shall be ruling elders, and at least four of whom shall be ministers of the Word and Sacrament, representing at least three presbyteries. The following were present for the special meeting:

<b>Presbytery</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Status</b>
Presbytery of Blackhawk	The Reverend John Walker	2018	Present
	The Reverend Kim Hulen	2020	Present
Presbytery of Chicago	Ruling Elder Eulalie West	2020	Present
Presbytery of Great Rivers	Ruling Elder Penny Frame, CP	2018	Present
	The Reverend Dr. Laura Reason	2020	Present
	Ruling Elder Nate Rush	2020	Present
Midwest Korean American Presbytery	The Reverend Sung Kim	2020	Present
Presbytery of Ohio Valley	The Reverend Andrew Kort	2018	Present
	The Reverend David Lee	2020	Present
Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois	The Reverend Ann Schwartz	2019	Present
Presbytery of Wabash Valley	Ruling Elder Donna Enersen, CP	2020	Present
	The Reverend Stan Kessler	2020	Present
Presbytery of Whitewater Valley	The Reverend John Koppitch	2018	Present
	The Reverend Richard Smith	2019	Present
	Ruling Elder Lynne Tobin	2019	Present

*CP = Commissioned Pastor*

<b>Corresponding Member or Staff</b>	<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Status</b>
The Reverend Sara Dingman	Synod Executive	Present
Judy Johnson	Executive Assistant	Present
The Reverend Jennifer Burns Lewis	Visioning & Connecting Leader, Presbytery of Wabash Valley	Present
The Reverend William McLean	Presbyter for Congregational Care	Present
Ruling Elder Blake Wood	Stated Clerk	Present

#### SUMMARY OF THE ROLL

##### Commissioners

Present: 15

##### Corresponding Members & Staff

Present: 5

Total Attendance: 20

The Stated Clerk reported that a quorum was established for the Special Meeting.

**A motion to approve the Proposed Docket was seconded and adopted.**

#### **WORSHIP**

The Synod entered a time of worship, led by the Reverend Andrew Kort.

#### **OVERVIEW OF THE SYNOD 2018 BUDGET**

The overview of the 2018 Budget was facilitated by the Synod Executive, the Reverend Sara Dingman.

The Synod Moderator, the Reverend Kim Hulen, assumed the chair.

#### **COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION REPORT**

Stated Clerk Wood was recognized to offer the committee report.

A nomination was presented for the office of Synod Vice Moderator. Moderator Hulen asked if there were further nominations from the floor. Hearing none, nominations were declared closed.

**A motion to elect the Reverend Andrew Kort of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley as Synod Vice Moderator was adopted.**

Nominees were presented for various positions within the Synod. Moderator Hulen asked if there were further nominations from the floor. Hearing none, nominations were declared closed.

**A motion to elect the following individuals was adopted:**

##### **Synod Council, Class of 2019**

**The Reverend Catherine Knott, Presbytery of Ohio Valley**

##### **Synod Council, Class of 2020**

**The Reverend Susan Baller-Shepard, Presbytery of Great Rivers**

##### **Board of Directors, Class of 2020**

**The Reverend Alan Finnan, Presbytery of Ohio Valley**

##### **Permanent Judicial Commission, Class of 2023**

**The Reverend Barb Parker, Presbytery of Whitewater Valley**

**Ruling Elder Jayne Williams, Presbytery of Ohio Valley**

**Standing Committee on Personnel, Class of 2019**  
**The Reverend Laurie Williams, Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois**

**Standing Committee on Personnel, Class of 2020**  
**The Reverend Christina Berry, Presbytery of Blackhawk.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion to adjourn was seconded and adopted.** Moderator Hulen closed the special meeting with prayer and the Synod adjourned at 4:50 P.M. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Blake Wood  
Stated Clerk