



Denver Presbytery Stated Assembly Highlights









October 22, 2019
Wellshire Presbyterian Church



Rev. Dr. John H. Bell, Jr., Rev. Katie Robb Davis, and Rev. Kira Anderson welcomed the Assembly to Wellshire Presbyterian Church where the Assembly enjoyed fellowship, hospitality, a delicious meal, and the beauty of a newly renovated sanctuary. The Assembly was gifted with the talents of Wellshire's musicians and choir. The Assembly extended thanks to the Pastors, Staff, Musicians, Choir members and the host of volunteers for providing a spirit-filled Assembly.



Worship was integrated into the business of the Assembly. The message "Mission Accomplished or Mission Impossible?" was offered by Adrian Miller, Esq., Executive Director, and Colorado Council of Churches, based on Ezekiel 37:1-14. Participating in worship, Rev. Katie Robb Davis, Wellshire Director of Music and Worship Arts, Christine Gaudreau, and Pianist, Patrick Lee.

-  The Assembly welcomed our visiting partners from the Presbytery of Zimbabwe, Rev. Lydia Neshangwe, Rev. Tafazdwa Kasere, Rev. Simbarashe (Simba) Agushito, and Mrs. Doreen Shupi Agushito. Rev. Neshangwe brought greetings on behalf of the Presbytery of Zimbabwe and presented a gift to Presbytery of Denver.
-  The Assembly approved the minimum compensation for salary and housing increase by 3% in 2020 to \$51,078 and when a manse is furnished, a salary of \$37,188, and that guidelines for supply preaching be amended to recommend \$175 to conduct one worship service a Sunday and \$225 for conducting two worship services on Sunday.
-  The Assembly welcomed three new minister members: Leta Herrington, at Large; Rev. Joe Mares, Temporary Supply Pastor at Bethel; and, Becca Jordan-Irwin, Interim Pastor Providence.
-  The Assembly approved a change in Amy Mendez' title from Pastor for Church Development and Multiracial Ministries to Presbytery Associate for Mission.
-  The Assembly approval a 3% increase in staff compensation for the year 2020.
-  The Assembly approved Arvada Presbyterian Church to list all properties for sale at the listing price of \$2.7 million. The Assembly authorized Arvada Presbyterian Church to accept an offer to purchase the property at no less than 90% of the list price.
-  The Assembly approved the purchase and installation of a columbarium by Westminster Presbyterian Church placed on its property.
-  Long Term Initiatives workgroup's name is now Cultivation and Innovation.

- On the recommendation of Transitional Presbytery Pastor, Dana Hughes, Council approved hiring Joel Adams as a Temporary Presbytery Associate for one-year.
- Four Inquirers are under care of Committee on Preparation for Ministry: Sophie Beal, Joanna Douglass, Jordon Shive, and William Thomas. Two Candidates are under care: Denise Shannon and Bill Wilkin.
- The fall leadership event is on November 8-9 at Highlands Camp featuring the Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, Director of the PC (USA) Office of Public Witness, who will address Advocacy 101.

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