

The Presbytery of Denver | Stated Assembly | Saturday, August 13, 2022
Church of the Eternal Hills, Tabernash, CO

MINISTERS (84)	Called				
	Jan 12	Jan 25	Mar 22	May 24	Aug 13
Adams, Joel	P		P		P
Aguilar, Claudia Rubalcava			P	P	P
Amo, Evan			P		
Anderson, John E.	P	P			
Aylor, Richard					P
Beal, Clover	P	P		P	P
Bell, Diana					
Bell, John	P	P	P	P	
Blackstock, Steven				P	P
Boucher, Susan					
Bretz, Paul					
Buchanan, Amelia					P
Buckley, Blair				P	
Cameron, Heather	P	P	P		
Cooper, Dee	P	P		P	P
Cummins, Ian	P	P		P	
Darbonne, Wayne			P		
Davis, Katie Robb		P		P	P
Davis, William	P	P		P	P
Dempsey, Whitney	P	P	P	P	
Doehring, Carrie	P	P	P	P	
Dolquist, Susan					
Emig, James	P	P			
Fenn, Julia					
Flory, Robert	P	P	P	P	P
Foucher, James			P		P
Friesema, Doug	P		P	P	P
Fry, Sheri		P	P	P	P
George, Mark			P	P	
Graber, Kim	P	P	P	P	P
Heil, David	P	P	P	P	P
Herrington, Leta	P				
Huff, Ruth McCollum	P	P	P	P	P
Irwin-Jordan, Rebecca	P	P	P	P	
Kane, Russ (<i>retired 7/31/22</i>)			P	P	
Kim, Eunjoo			P		
Kim, Johann					
Kitchen, Patricia					
Koerner, Sandra		P	P	P	
Lyons, Barbara Lefevre			P	P	P

Marshall, Peggy	P	P			P
McWilliams, Frances					
Meeks, Mark		P	P	P	P
Mooney, Timothy	P	P			
Parsons, Carol		P	P		
Pettit, David		P	P		
Petre'-Hill, Amy					
Poos-Benson, Stephen		P	P	P	
Rabideau, Mark					
Reeves, Katherine					
Rodriguez, Fernando	P	P	P	P	P
Rosewall, Ann	P	P		P	P
Ross, John					
Royle, Barbara					
Sandahl, Cody					
Sausville, gretchen		P			
Scheiber-Sjostrom, Anne	P				
Shaw, Kenny	P	P	P	P	
Shrumm, Don		P	P		
Smith, Olivia Hudson	P	P	P	P	P
Smith, Sandy		P			
Spotts, Christopher	P	P	P	P	
Spurlock, Justin	P		P	P	
Steinbacher, Paula	P	P	P	P	P
Stringer, John					
Stuart, James					
Swaney, Julie					
Syrdal, Matthew		P	P		
Taylor, Ashley Seaman	P				
Traylor, Charles					
Troxler, Loye	P	P		P	
Van Deren, David		P		P	
Vanderborgh, Susan					
VanderWal, Jill		P	P	P	
VanderWal, Scott			P		
Van Oort, Harlan		P	P	P	
Velasco, Lemuel					P
Warntjes, Jordan		P			
Westfall, Louise	P	P	P	P	
Whitehead, Jason					
Wigger, J. Bradley					
Wilson, Gretchen Hope	P	P	P		
Wright, David		P			

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Yu, John	P	P	P	P	P
RETIRED-Ministers					
Angus, Lawrence					
Avery, Lester F					
Avery, William Leslie					
Bailey, Clover		P	P		
Baird, John					
Barley, Kenneth					
Barrett, Phil					
Becker, David					
Beitzel, Christine	P	P	P		
Blackstock, Dwight	P	P	P	P	
Bock, Paul					
Bollinger, Richard					
Brown, Don					
Calhoun, William			P		
Casberg, Sylvia					
Cearley, Cynthia		P	P	P	P
Colwell, William					
de Bree, Thomas					
Dhonau, Donald					
DiPon, Miriam					
Gallegos, Gary					
Gilliland, James					
Granath, Rolfe					
Grimm, Larry					
Groff, Kent					
Grothe, Lance	P	P	P	P	
Gwaltney, Robert					
Hampel, Robert					
Hanner, Alfred					
Hartman, David					
Henderson, Randi					
Heuer, Holly		P	P	P	
Hole, Jonathan					
Jacobsen, Martin					
Johnson, Robert					
Kelly, Jerry					
Kepner, Nancy					
Kingsbury, Nancy					
Kugler, Burton					
Lafollette, Robert					

Lindsey, Suzanne					
Lodwick, Robert					
Mares, Joseph		P	P	P	P
McDonald, J. Edgar					
McGinness, Heidi					
Melting, Marquita					
Minear, John					
Muldrow, Elizabeth					
Neal, Laurel Smith					
Neal, Thomas Fitz					
Ngatia, Jemimah					
New, Rebecca					
O'Lane, John					
Olthoff, Terry	P	P	P	P	P
Oram, Robert					
Park, Augustine					
Piper, Annie					
Piper, John					
Plummer, Stuart					
Purvis-Smith, Terry	P	P	P		P
Purvis-Smith, Ginny	P	P	P		P
Raath, Ethan				P	
Ritterson, Jane					
Ross, Robert J.				P	
Sanders, William	P	P	P	P	P
Schlenker, Janet					
Sewell, Rodney					
Shaffer, Patricia					
Smidt, H. John					
Smith, Parker					
Song, John					
Spear, Bruce	P	P			
Stewart, Richard		P			
Taylor, Bruce	P	P	P	P	P
Thwaites, Edward					
Vestal, B. Clarke					
Vickstrom, Mark					
Warming, Patricia					
Wehrman, Karen					
Wilbanks, Dana					
Wolf, Pamela					
Woodson, Joseph					
Wright, John					

Ruling Elder Commissioned/Eligible-Represented Churches (80 eligible)

Arvada (2)

Ann Butcher

Ruth Curtin

Bethel (2) - not represented

Byers (1) – not represented

Calvary (1)

Diane Ritzdorf

Capitol Heights (1)

Jean Demmler

Central (2)

Celeste Habiger

Steve Davis

Ch. of the Eternal Hills (2) – not represented

Church of the Hills (2)

Jerry Bucholz

Columbine United (2) – not represented

Eagle River (2)

Dietmar Fritsch

Karen Fritsch

Elbert (1) - not represented

Elizabeth (1) – not represented

First Avenue (1) – not represented

First PC –Aurora (1) – not represented

First-Brighton (2)

Julia Henderson

First PC – Englewood (2) – not represented

First PC – Georgetown (1) – not represented

First PC - Golden (2) – not represented

First PC – Leadville (1)

Sarah Savage

First PC - Littleton (2) – not represented

Genesis (1)

Chuck Sparks

Good Shepherd (2)

Joyce Matthews

Noel Matthews

Grace (2)

Susan Pilcher

Green Mountain (2)

Charlene Pearson

Pat Queen

Iglesia Valverde (2) not represented

Kiowa Creek (1) not represented

Montbello United (2) not represented

Montview (4)

Eric Muller-Girard

Mountain View (1)

Marcia Hall

New Hope (3)

Alice Aldridge-Dennis

Mike Dennis

Peoples (2)

Daphne Rice-Allen

Verniece Vafeades

Presbyterian Church of Covenant (2)

Beth Carlisle

Mike Norris

Providence (2) – not represented

Shepherd of the Hills (2) – not represented

South Park (1) – not represented

St. Andrew (1) – not represented

St. James (2)

Dick Lynch

Sharon Lynch

St. Paul (2)

Joann Goss

Strasburg (1) – not represented

Trinity-Arvada (2)

Alan Krueger

Trinity Church in the Pines (1) - not represented

True Light (2) - not represented

United Ch. of Idaho Springs (1) – not represented

Wellshire (3) – not represented

Westminster (2) - not represented

Wheat Ridge (2) - not represented



Corresponding Members (2)

Renee Myers
Roger Nishioka

Others Voting Member (9)

Tu Bui
Sue Cornman
Jo Culbertson
David Goss
Rob Habiger
Peter Hulac
Judy Jensen
Pat Queen
Sandy Safford

Others Present/Visitors (9)

Cleve Dixon
Nancy Dixon
Beth Hewlett
Kiersten Hill
Peter Hulac
Frances Norris
Phuong Tran
Theresa Varnado
Raquel Yslas

SUMMARY

Ruling Elders Present **29**
Ruling Elders Absent **51**
Ministers present (including retired) **32**
Ministers absent (excluding retired) **52**
Corresponding Member **2**
Other Voting Members **9**
(Others Present) Visitors **9**
Total Present 81



Call to Order and Establishment of a Quorum. The meeting came to order at 9:30 a.m. Moderator Paula Steinbacher and Stated Clerk Olivia Hudson Smith were present. A quorum was established.

Prayer

Presbytery Moderator Paula Steinbacher opened with Robert Frost’s poem, A Road Not Taken and prayer.

Introductions and Welcome | Paula Steinbacher

Paula welcomed corresponding members and asked them to introduce themselves including their home Presbytery. New ruling elder commissioners were asked to introduce themselves identifying the congregation which they represent.

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Preliminary Business (Omnibus Motion – Consent Agenda)

The assembly **approved**:

1. **The Docket** as distributed, with such changes as announced at the start of the Assembly.
2. **Enrollment of Corresponding Members** and granting permission of the floor for those who introduced themselves and registered attendance.
3. **May 24, 2022, stated Assembly minutes posted on the website**, except for changes in the attendance roll that may be required.
4. **Receive all reports** of Council workgroups and Standing Committees in the Assembly documents packet.
5. **Receive the Stated Clerk's Report** to receive the final report and dismiss the Kiowa Administrative Commission with gratitude and appreciation for their diligence and dedicated pursuit in due diligence in obtaining a gracious dissolution in a contentious matter: Co-Moderators Rev. Steve Blackstock and Rev. Jordan Warntjes, Ruling Elders Scott Chandler, Wanda Beauman, and Mike Norris, and Ministers of the Word and Sacrament, Dee Cooper and Ruth McCollum Huff.
6. **Approve the Council recommendation** to reallocate the Stated Clerk's housing allowance to 40% of the effective salary of terms of call.

Council (Part 1)

Racial Ethnic Diversity | John Yu

In the ongoing effort to tell our stories and how ethnicity and culture influence faith, RED shared a video of Rev. Dee Cooper, newly elected Lead Presbyter.

Agency Review Task Force (ARTF | Rob Habiger

Rob provided an overview and update on the progress of the ARTF in preparation to vote on two motions recommended by Council to the Assembly.

Workshop. Following the overview and update the Assembly move to the Fellowship Hall for a ARTF workshop to provide greater detail of the proposed new agency structure.

Motions

Council through the Agency Review Task Force recommends to the Presbytery that it approve the new agency structure developed by the Agency Review Task Force based on the recently adopted Mission, Vision, and Values of the Presbytery of Denver. **Approved**

The Agency Review Task Force of Council recommends to the Presbytery that it approve Council through the Agency Review Task Force to form the Servant Leadership Development Committee. **Approved**

Finance and Property | Pat Queen

The Council workgroup recommended two motions for approval by the Assembly.

Motions

The Council recommends to the Assembly approval of the Cell Tower Policy as proposed. **Approved**

The Council recommends to the Assembly approval of the Presbytery Expense Reimbursement and Investment Policy, the Mortgage Assistance Policy, and the Denver Presbytery Equity Share Agreement policy as proposed. **Motion Failed**

General Assembly 225 Commissioners | Olivia Hudson Smith

Olivia Introduced the GA Commissioners with thanksgiving for their ministry and dedication to the extended hybrid Assembly: RE Brad Drenth (Trinity) Mid-Council Committee, Rev. Terry Olthoff (HR) Co-Moderator International Engagement Committee, RE Pat Queen (Green Mountain) Environmental Justice Committee, and Rev. Paula Steinbacher (Church of the Eternal Hills) Polity Committee. The Assembly viewed a video featuring each of the Commissioners focused on two overtures from their respective committees considered during plenary and their GA experience.

Matthew 25 General Assembly Video. During GA, a video was shown featuring Mountain View United Church, a union church of the Presbytery of Denver, under the leadership of retired pastor, Rev. Wayne Laws, and current pastor, Rev. Tracy Hughes for the initiative to use part of its land to build affordable housing. The Assembly viewed the video produced by PMA.

Treasurer | Sue Pilcher

Sue presented the July Financial report showing a net income for the period of \$16,441.33, and unrealized investment income of \$219 million, which represents a 25% gain of previous loss.

Committee on Ministry | Cindy Cearley

Cindy reported that approximately one-third of the Presbytery's churches are in stages of transition. Cindy introduced new minister member Stephanie Crosby, from National Capital Presbytery who is transferring her membership to Denver Presbytery and will moderate the Session at First Presbyterian Littleton.

Mission Engagement Advisor, West: P. René Myers

René spoke of her work as a "Mission Engagement Advisor for the Presbyterian Church (USA) serving in the Synods of Alaska-Northwest, the Pacific, Southern California and Hawaii, and The Southwest. Her role is to build relationships with mid-councils, congregations and Presbyterians which sustain and increase financial support for God's mission throughout the world." René presented slides and a video highlight the work of the Presbytery Mission Agency.

Council (Part 2)

Workshop | Corey Schlosser-Hall (video)

Corey delivered a recorded workshop focused on the Servant Leadership Development Committee, with passion and experience to identify and ensure that leaders who reflect the diversity of the Presbytery and local communities are identified, trained, nurtured, and given responsibilities commensurate with their skills and passion. The workshop included an assignment that participants provide two names of individual that they would recommend for service in the new structure. Participants were encouraged to complete the Passion Discovery Form and to encourage those they recommend doing the same.

Keynote Address | Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

Rodger Nishioka is a Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the PC(U.S.A.), Seminary professor, and Christian educator. He currently serves as director of Adult Educational Ministries at Village Church in Prairie Village, Kansas. He was previously the Benton Family Associate Professor of Christian Education at Columbia Theological Seminary. Rodger focused on the ordination vow, “Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? of the three ordained ministries in the PC(U.S.A.)

ASSEMBLY AT WORSHIP

Service of Installation of Rev. Dr. Dee Cooper, as Lead Presbyter of the Presbytery of Denver.

Rev. Cindy Kohlmann, Former Co-Moderator of the 223rd General Assembly delivered the Sermon, “Justice and Joy”. The Eucharist was served, which included an invitation to table by the Reverends Lydia and Paul Neshangwe, Presbytery of Zimbabwe. Presbytery Moderator Re. Paula Steinbacher administered the Constitutional questions to Dee, with questions to the Presbytery given in Korean by Rev. John Yu, Presbytery Co-Moderator.

Adjournment and Closing: Paula Steinbacher

Respectfully submitted:

Rev. Olivia L. Hudson Smith, JD
Stated Clerk