

**Called Presbytery Assembly – February 21, 2023
Via Zoom**

ROLL – coming soon!

Call to Order and Establishment of a Quorum: The meeting came to order at 5:30 p.m. Moderator John Yu and Stated Clerk Olivia Hudson Smith were present. A quorum was established.

Land Acknowledgement and Prayer:

John Yu opened the Assembly with a Land Acknowledgement and prayer.

Assembly Convenes

Moderator Yu called upon Stated Clerk to explain who is eligible to vote pursuant to Presbytery Bylaws.

Servant Leadership Development Committee (SLDC): Nancy Dixon

Nancy reported that SLDC was bringing forth a slate to complete the Ministry Relations Committee core. The Moderator and Vice-Moderator were previously elected at the January 24, 2023, Assembly.

Motion: The Servant Leadership Development Committee (SLDC) brings the following slate to serve as the core committee and team leaders with their focus areas for the Ministry Relations Committee (MRC) : Beth Hewlett, Relations and Connections Lead; Bill Sanders, Pastoral Care Lead; Don Shrumm, Transitional Lead; gretchen Sausville, Resources and Discovery Lead; and, Jordan Warntjes, Mediation Lead. **Approved.**

Council: Rob Habiger

Rob report that Council approved for recommendation to the Assembly constituting a new church entity within the Presbytery of Denver.

**Administrative Commission – Arvada Presbyterian and Trinity Presbyterian
Merger**

Motion:

The Council of the Presbytery of Denver recommends to the Assembly that it approve constituting a new church, “Community of Grace, a Presbyterian Church” from the merger of the Arvada Presbyterian and Trinity Presbyterian churches as having completed the tasks on the document from the Stated Assembly of January 25, 2022 to become a new Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregation with the Charting service to be on March 26, 2023, at 2:30 p.m. at the former Trinity Presbyterian Church building with the following organizing commission:

Rev. Dee Cooper, Lead Presbyter; Rev. Bill Davis, Interim Pastor, RE Diane Ritzdorf, Vice-Moderator Committee on Ministry; RE Ann Butcher, Co-Moderator Administrative Commission (Arvada); RE Michael McLane, Co-Moderator Administrative Commission

(Trinity); RE Cathy Futch, Clerk of Session Nominee; Rev. Olivia Hudson Smith, Stated Clerk; Rev. John Yu, Presbytery Moderator, RE Pat Queen, Presbytery Vice-Moderator.

Approved

Generative: Beth Carlisle and Brontë Shedden

Beth reported that the staff is exploring a new voting technique for the Assembly. Brontë, the new staff Administrative Assistant walked the Assembly through a practice test for voting using cell phones and a QR code. Presbytery staff will assist those needing assistance on an individual basis.

Adjournment: John Yu

Closing Prayer: Olivia Hudson Smith

Olivia closed the Assembly with prayer recognizing Black History from an unknown author.