

Westminster Presbyterian Church
Akron, Ohio
Wednesday, April 8, 2020
Minutes of Session E-meeting - FINAL

Be adaptive, engaging, generous, inclusive and relevant. Be faithful. Be Westminster!

The e-meeting of the Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church was called to order by the Moderator, the Reverend Jon Hauerwas at 1:57 p.m. on April 8 by email.

Elders (+ present, * excused, - absent)

Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
+ Michael Dunbar	+ Phil Fry	+ Rob Gilbert
+ Brad Hall	+ Nancy Keogh	+ James Gray
+ Shelley Koutnik, Treasurer	+ Becky Pool	+ Sandy Gruneich
+ Todd Willis	+ Don Rearick	+ Ginny Melver

Also present by email: Pastor Jon Hauerwas, Moderator; Alec Works, Acting Clerk of Session

Note: The minutes for the March 31, 2020 Special Session meeting noted that a Zoom (virtual) meeting was planned for Tuesday, April 7. Per email discussions, that meeting and a weekly meeting for April 14 were cancelled. The next virtual meeting was scheduled for April 21, if needed.

New Business

The agenda consisted of one motion from the Outreach Committee and requests for time off from Pastor Hauerwas. Pastor Hauerwas reported that the latest projections he has seen say that Ohio's peak for COVID-19 will be mid-May. He is thus assuming that in person worship will remain suspended through at least June 2. He has organized the work schedule below so that he is present for occasions such as Mother's Day and Father's Day and when we have agreed to meet with Session. It is his belief that now is a better time for him to be away than later, when in person events, meetings, and services are more likely.

A motion was received and seconded for the time off requests. Eleven elders responded, all approving both of the following motions.

From Outreach:

2020-097 MOTION prevailed to offer a volunteer opportunity at Haven of Rest Ministries for members of our congregation with announcements on April 19 and May 3. Volunteers are responsible for setting up tables and preparing the area for guests on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Volunteers are asked to bring their own masks. [Note: This request is an addition to the ask for monetary donations for Akron Canton Foodbank, Good Neighbors and United Way that was approved by Session on March 31, 2020.]

2020-098 MOTION prevailed to approve the following time off for Pastor Hauerwas:

- April 13 (day off from Good Friday), April 15, 16, 17, 19 (4 days including one Sunday of vacation). Sandy Selby is able and willing to preach on April 19.
- April 27, 29, 30, May 1, and May 3 (5 days including one Sunday of study leave). Sandy Selby is able and willing to preach on May 3.
- May 11, 13, 14, 15, and 17 (5 days, including one Sunday of study leave). Sandy Selby is able and willing to preach on May 17.

- May 25 (day off for Memorial Day), May 26 (regular day off), May 27, 28, 29, 31 (4 days of study leave, including one Sunday). Sandy Selby is able and willing to preach on May 31 (Pentecost Sunday).
- Since June 2 is the day of the Presbytery meeting at Hudson, which would be his typical day off, Pastor Jon will instead take the day off on Wednesday, June 3.
- June 22, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29 (6 days including one Sunday of study leave). George Murphy is able and willing to preach on June 28. He is a Lutheran minister, in full Communion with the PC(USA) and able to serve at the table at the early service that day if we happen to be meeting in person.
- July 1, 2, and 5 (3 days off including one Sunday of vacation). [June 30 is a typical day off and July 3 is a holiday.] Sandy Selby is able and willing to preach on July 5.

Pastor Hauerwas is scheduled to preach the following Sundays: April 12, April 26, May 10 (Mothers' Day), May 24 (Memorial Day weekend), June 7, June 14, and June 21 (Fathers' Day). The summer worship services (8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.) are currently scheduled to start June 7.

The e-meeting was adjourned by Pastor Hauerwas at 5:13 p.m. on April 10.

Alec Works, Acting Clerk of Session

Pastor Jon Hauerwas, Moderator