

**MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**  
**Stated Session Meeting Digest**  
**February 25, 2020**

Senior Pastor Peter Bynum moderated the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

The consent agenda was approved

Approval of minutes:

January 28, 2020 stated session meeting

February 16, 2020 called session meeting

Approve for inclusion in the records of the session that the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated on February 2, 2020

Approve excused absences

The Worship Committee moves that an additional morning worship service be held at 7:30 AM on Easter Sunday April 12.

Admit/Approve routine changes to the membership rolls

**TIME FOR EDUCATION AND MUTUAL GROWTH**

Dr. Bynum read from the Book Introduction to Christian Worship about the balance of the seasons of penance of Lent and joy in Easter.

**REPORTS**

CLERK           A thank you note was received from Thornwell for donations totaling \$1,602.16

DEACONS       The deacons continue their work of implementing their new committee structure. A deacon manual is being developed.

COMMISSIONERS    A report was heard on the winter stated meeting of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery held at the Lowcountry Presbyterian Church in Bluffton on February 22. MPPC ruling elder Susan Mellichamp serves as moderator of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery for the 2020 calendar year. A recap of the meeting may be found at <http://capresbytery.org/winter-stated-presbytery-meeting/>

STANDING COMMITTEES   Reports were heard from all of the standing committees of the session. During the Personnel Report Interim Associate Pastor was recognized with a round of applause in appreciation of her service as her family will be relocating to Milwaukee in June.

STAFF   Members of the staff present offered brief reports.

**NEW BUSINESS**

P. Bynum updated the session about the upcoming listening sessions and follow-up retreat with Dan Holloway of Pinnacle Leadership Associates. Churches around the world are dealing with significant shifts in how they operate and what they are called to do. In this season of change and transition for all churches,

we have chosen to be proactive and to enter into a time of discernment about best practices for our session and MPPC. We have chosen to work with Pinnacle Leadership Associates, a group that has worked with hundreds of other churches including several within our presbytery. Rev. Holloway will help us to ask the right questions and to seek the best alternatives for our session and congregation as we seek to be faithful to God's call.

The session approved to hold a called session meeting at 5:00 p.m. on May 17, for the purpose of examining the officers-elect.