

MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)
Stated Session Meeting Digest
January 26, 2021

CALL TO ORDER, OPENING DEVOTIONAL AND PRAYER, AND ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The meeting was held via Zoom videoconference. Pastor Peter Bynum moderated the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The moderator declared that a quorum was present and offered the opening prayer.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of minutes: November 17, 2020
- B. Approval of excused absences
- C. To consent, with regret and appreciation for her service, the request of Shirley Hendrix to resign from the session
- D. The Congregational Nominating Committee moves to call the annual meeting of the congregation to be held on March 14, 2021.
- E. Admit/Approve routine changes to the membership rolls:

DEACONS REPORT

The deacons held a successful Diaper Donation Drive, continue to assist with ushering, and are sending birthday cards to our nonagenarians.

CLERK'S REPORT

*The Lord's Supper was celebrated on December 6, 2020 and January 3, 2021

*Session minutes for 2019 were submitted on December 10, 2020 for review by Charleston Atlantic Presbytery.

*The Rev. Mr. Peter Jorgenson, Associate Pastor from 1980-1984, entered the Church Triumphant on December 10, 2020.

*Winter STEPS on February 27 8:45-10:00 AM, Summer STEPS August 28 @ MPPC or via Zoom

*Called session meeting January 31 at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving new members.

*A letter was received from Rev. Dan Holloway concluding his working relationship with the session. A follow-up report from him will be forthcoming.

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REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS TO CHARLESTON ATLANTIC PRESBYTERY FALL STATED MEETING

Commissioners Branham, Custer, Mozingo, Richardson, and Schreck attended the meeting along with Pastors P. Bynum and B. Edwards, and ruling elder J. Deavor. Ruling elder S. Mellichamp completed her year of service as moderator of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery and passed the gavel to her successor Rev. George Coleman at the conclusion of the meeting.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

*Christian Education: Preparation for the Lenten study is going well. Books have arrived, and groups are forming or have been formed. Because of COVID, the key note and small-group studies will take place remotely. The Learning Center Board continues its search for the new director; interviews are in progress.

*Congregational Nominating Committee: Work proceeds on generating a slate of nominees.

*Fellowship & Congregational Life: Advent activities were well received and appreciated.

Missions: Wise Giving gifts totaled over \$30,000. A \$5000 grant was made to Water Missions International.

*Personnel: Staff reviews have been completed. Staff morale is good, and the committee will continue to look for ways to partner with staff in ministry.

*Pinnacle Work Group: Recommendations will be brought to the February meeting. A Zoom educational event led by Dan Holloway was held January 9.

*Worship: An additional camera for the sanctuary will be purchased from Endowment Funds. Attendance for Christmas Eve services was approximately 1238.

*Property and Grounds: Work continues on solving flooding of the Hope House parking lot. Inspection and recertification of alarm systems have been completed and an additional security camera has been added to cover the Fellowship Hall parking lot.

*Finance: Fiscal year ending numbers as of December 31 are as follows:

	Actual YTD	Budgeted YTD	%
Revenues	\$1,208,984.68	\$1,390,749.60	86.93%
Expenses	\$1,184,521.84	\$1,390,749.60	85.17%
Net	\$ 24,462.84	\$0.00	

Balances as of 12/31/2020:

Operating \$253,760, Temporary Restricted \$461,416, Endowment \$1,234,740

NEW BUSINESS

A. T. Dozier, E. Dunn, K. Richardson, E. Amory, J. Molinari were elected as commissioners to the February 27 Winter Stated Meeting of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery.

B. The 2020 statistical report was approved. Copies are available from the clerk upon request.

STAFF REPORTS

P. Bynum thanked the staff for their efforts on the many Christmas Eve services and discusses the increase in pastoral care needs of the congregation due to COVID 19. B. Edwards noted that mission efforts continue despite the limitations of COVID-19 relationships with a number of mission partners have deepened. L. McGregor Simmons noted that the use of Zoom for educational events presents opportunities for the future. D. Wiard provided a calendar of coming CE events:

February 14: Lenten Kickoff

April 11 Examination of the Confirmation Class

April 18 Youth Sunday

May 2 Confirmation Sunday