

**MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**  
**Stated Session Meeting Digest**  
**April 27 and May 4, 2021**

**April 27, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was held in the Fellowship Hall. Associate Pastor Bart Edwards moderated the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The moderator declared that a quorum was present and opened the meeting with prayer.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of minutes: March 23, 2020 stated meeting  
    Called meeting of April 15, 2021  
    Called meeting of April 18, 2021  
    Annual Meeting of the Congregation of April 18, 2021
- B. To admit to the church records:  
    Baptisms  
    That the Lord's Supper was celebrated on April 4, 2021.
- C. Admit/Approve routine changes to the membership rolls:
- D. Elect the *ad hoc* "Committee on Committees" to serve with the moderator and clerk [A-6.01]: Andrew de Holl, Ellen Creed Branham, and Eliza Dunn
- E. To set the time to reconvene this meeting upon its adjournment to be 6:30 PM on May 4, 2021.
- F. To approve a joint recommendation from the Personnel and Finance Committees:
  - To temporarily increase Rev. Bart Edwards' salary by \$5,000.00/month, his professional expense reimbursements by an additional \$166.00/month, and his car allowance by \$333/month.
  - To temporarily increase Rev. Lib McGregor Simmons' salary by \$1,000.00/month, given as a housing allowance.
  - To scale back, upon the arrival of an interim Senior Pastor/Head of Staff, the increased pay for Rev. Edwards and Rev. Lib McGregor Simmons as follows:
    - o 1st month Interim is on staff no change in
    - o 2nd month 25% reduction
    - o 3rd month 50% reduction
    - o 4th month 75-100% reduction
- G. To approve a recommendation from Property & Grounds to
  - Open all ground level campus lavatories (Seabrook (1st floor), Grace (1st floor and basement), Fellowship Hall, and all in the Administration Building (both floors).
  - Open the use of the Parlor and Fellowship Hall for meetings, scheduled through Operations Director (same as outside meetings).
1. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. A. de Holl moved to call a congregational meeting on Sunday May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 following the 10:30 AM worship service for the purpose to concur in the request of the Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum to dissolve his pastoral relationship with Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church and to act upon changes to the terms of call of the Rev. Bart Edwards. The motion was seconded and passed.
  - B. K. Richardson moved to elect the following ruling elders as commissioners to the Spring Stated Meeting\* of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery (Tuesday May 18 via Zoom): M. Cross, J. Deavor, J. Molinari, B. Ostrom, and W. Thompson

C. D. Woods addressed the council with a few remarks affirming support by the presbytery as MPPC moved forward.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct B. Edwards adjourned the meeting with prayer.

The session then attended the Time for Listening to hear concerns from the congregation.

**MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)  
Adjourned Stated Session Meeting Digest  
May 4, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER.**

The meeting was held in the Fellowship Hall. Associate Pastor Bart Edwards moderated the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The moderator declared that a quorum was present. Ruling Elder E. Dunn read Romans 12 and offered the opening prayer

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of minutes: Called meeting of April 25, 2021  
Stated Meeting of April 27, 2021

**DEACON'S REPORT**

The deacons sponsored the farewell celebration for Rev. Bynum and have supplied leadership for two services of healing and wholeness.

**CLERK'S REPORT**

The Lord's Supper was celebrated on Sunday May 4, 2021.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance:** As of March 31, 2011:

	Actual YTD	Budgeted YTD
Total Revenues	\$512,334.07	703,602
Total Expenses	\$593,683.31	\$759,964.35
Net Total	(\$81,349.24)	(\$56,362.35)

Balances as of 3/31/2021

Operating \$220,551; Temporary Restricted \$426,681; Endowment \$1,288,020

**Missions:** The Kenya Ministry Team lost two wonderful servants, Russ Keller of MPPC and Dr. Solomon Nzyuko of Daystar University in Nairobi.

**Personnel** lifted up the staff for their work in this time of transition.

**Worship** will be discussing the summer worship schedule.

**Fellowship & Congregational Life** supported the recent New Members Class.

**Christian Education** is seeking volunteers for VBS and other activities.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Reopening** Recommendations from Property & Grounds Committee were distributed electronically for study and review and will be docketed for action at the May stated meeting.

B. **Interim Pastor Search** L. Bruorton moved on behalf of the Personnel Committee that the session elect the Interim Head of Staff/Senior Pastor Search Committee: Susan Dalton, Tom Dozier, Betsy Hills, Kimbo Richardson, Lindsay Bruorton, and Andi White Boggan. The motion passed.

C. **Healing Process** The session engaged in a time of listening.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct K. Richardson adjourned the meeting with prayer.