

Presbytery of Detroit
Minutes of the Special Meeting
January 30, 2023
Via Zoom Technology

The Presbytery of Detroit convened with prayer in a special meeting at 12:00 p.m. on the above date, held electronically via Zoom technology.

The Moderator offered a land acknowledgement.

The Moderator recognized Rev. Jacqueline Spycher as Assistant to the Stated Clerk.

Stated Clerk's Report: The Stated Clerk reported receipt of a disciplinary allegation against a member of the Presbytery of Detroit on January 3, 2023. The Rules of Discipline provided at D-1.0101: "all participants are to be accorded procedural safeguards and due process, and it is the intention of these rules so to provide." After consultation with Flor Velez-Diaz, Manager of Judicial Process for the General Assembly of the PCUSA and the Stated Clerk of the Synod of the Covenant, the Clerk determined that the due to the nature, circumstances, and persons involved, including conflicts of interest at the Presbytery level, in order to accord procedural safeguards to all participants, it would be appropriate to request that the Synod assume original jurisdiction of this allegation for judicial processes only, and keep any other details regarding the allegation confidential. The Stated Clerk also spoke of an amended process that was approved at the last General Assembly and is still awaiting approval by the presbyteries; should it be received, special meetings by the entire presbytery will no longer be required in like situations.

Rev. Tom Oxtoby moved that the Presbytery of Detroit request that the Synod of the Covenant assume original jurisdiction, for ecclesiastical judicial processes only, of the written statement of an alleged offense received by the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Detroit on January 3, 2023.

No discussion or comments were made.

The moderator put the question on the main motion. The votes by secret electronic ballot were tallied as follows:

Yes: 99%

No: 1%

Motion carried.

The moderator closed the meeting with prayer at 12:09 p.m.

The next meeting of the Presbytery would be February 25, 2023, at 9:00am, at First Presbyterian Church of Pontiac and via Zoom.

ATTEST:

Marianne J. Grano

Marianne Grano, Stated Clerk

ATTACHMENT ONE: THE ROLL