

Highlights from the Presbytery Meeting

The first Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of New Covenant for 2023 was held on Saturday, March 18. The business transacted included:

- Sustaining the examination for Candidate Matthew Beach who is being called to the Heights Presbyterian Church.
- Recognized Jessie Kuehner as a Certified Christian educator.
- The motions to approve Constitutional Amendments T,U, and CC failed.
- The budget for the presbytery was proved, although there was a decline of \$200,000.
- Four nominees were approved to serve on the following committees: Preparation for Ministry (2, which included Rev. Dan Walker 2024); Evangelism and Church Growth (1) and Personnel (1).
- Approved a resolution regarding safety measures to ensure responsible gun ownership.
- Heard a report from RE John Lemen, Stated Clerk for Judicial Process, regarding disciplinary charges filed against a minister member of the presbytery. That minister has renounced the jurisdiction of the PC(USA). The New Worshipping Community where that person served also voted to leave the denomination. Celebrated the ministries of the Synod Partnership for Disaster Recovery (Rev. Kathy Less-Cornell), Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (Marla Endieven) and Texas Presbyterian Foundation (Jake Wilson).
- Welcomed Rev. Wayne Eberly and Rev. Carolyn Michell as new Minister Members. Workshops were offered by Jake Wilson from Texas Presbyterian Foundation on Legacy Giving and Dave Coles and Shaw Kang on a fun way to assess congregational vitality.
- Worship, including communion, was led by Rev. Matt Morse (Navasota, First), Rev. Gayle Grubbs (Shiro), RE Debra Crawford with a moving sermon given by Rev. Caress Murray (College Station, Covenant) preaching.

We are grateful to Rev. Matt Moree, RE Patti Porter, and the many volunteers from First in Navasota for providing such a warm welcome to the commissioners.

WPC was represented by Vicky Smith, Jeannette Booher and Judy Ota