

General Mission Board Minutes

3:00 PM, October 21, 2025 at ETSU Campus Ministry House

Present: Sam Schauss, Brandon Davis, Bishop Greene, Dave Welch, Todd Jenkins, Rick Raum, Rodney Norris, Gwen Hunter, William Anderson, Kaye Florence, Gary Helton, Kathi Cary

Excused: Maggie Rust, Dave Light

Presbytery Staff: Bev Johnson, Karen Russel, Collin Adams

Guest: Rebecca Nunley

Rodney Norris called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present.

Rebecca Nunley led the Board in prayer.

Rebecca gave the report from the Disaster Relief Team (DRT). The DRT asked for permission to do a fundraiser Thanksgiving of 2025. They also have a request to do fundraisers in March and September of 2026. Motion was made and seconded to approve these requests.

Motion passed.

The GMB was in favor of the DRT signing an MOU with the Christian Appalachian Project.

The DRT asked for time on the Presbytery agenda.

The rest of the report is included in the minutes.

Brandon Davis gave the report for Campus Ministry. He presented the plan for the future of the ministry and ways to support and build it for the future. The committee feels that a director is needed to continue the ministry and will work with Personnel and the GMB to decide what that position will look like. The Campus Ministry Committee feels that they will be able to live into this vision even without the Campus House.

GMB (spoken by Karen Russell and unanimously agreed with), wants to see the program survive and be viable.

Karen Russell gave the report from the Trustees.

Dave Welch gave the report from the Administration and Personnel Subcommittee. The subcommittee presented the **motion** that we offer Rev. Karen Russell an additional six months of employment at her current full-time salary and benefit package while a search for a new EP is conducted. Should we find an EP before the end of the six-month period, we would pay out the remainder of the six months' salary. This Motion was passed.

Motion was to schedule a GMB for January 13 at 3:00 PM meeting to discuss the Presbyter position and create a search committee. Motion was seconded. It was suggested that Aaron Catron be invited to that meeting as chair of the Vision Task Force. Motion passed.

The Committee on Ministry brought a policy on transferring ordinations from ministers of other denomination for first reading. The motion passed.

Bishop Greene reported from the Mission and Discipleship Committee. Ten minutes was requested for a presentation at the Presbytery Meeting.

Rick Raum presented from the Finance Committee. The proposed budget was presented. Motion was made to accept the budget. Motion passed.

The motion to “recommend to the General Mission Board that the Trustees be told that the Campus House be sold, with Campus Ministry relocated to an alternative location” was brought back to the GMB. Question was called, that motion was approved. The motion passed.

Motion was made that the proceeds of the sale of the Campus House be invested in a separate fund with the financial needs of Campus Ministry given first priority in decisions of the use of any income from that fund. Motion received a second and passed.

The GMB will present the Presbytery with the following Motion:

That the Campus house be sold and the proceeds be invested in a separate fund with Campus Ministry being given first priority in the use of income from that fund.

The dates of the 2026 presbytery meetings were proposed and approved.

The dates of the General Mission Board were presented and approved.

The Strategic Planning Team report was given.

The reports of the Presbytery Administrative Commissions were presented.

The Transitional EP report was presented.

The Stated Clerk gave a verbal report.

Treasurer's Report was presented.

Presbytery Moderator had no report.

Presbytery Vice-Moderator reported that he will be attending the Moderator's Conference via Zoom.

The Presbytery Agenda was set.

Joy and concerns were shared

Gary Helton closed the meeting in prayer at 5:37 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Collin Blair Adams

Stated Clerk