

PRESBY-LITE

A low-fat review of the Presbytery of Detroit meeting
of March 25, 2017, held at Southminster Presbyterian Church, Taylor

Strengthening and Transforming Our Congregations to be Missional, Pastoral, Prophetic

The promotion of social righteousness. F-1.0304

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled" Matt 5:6 (NRSV).



CALLS AND TRANSFERS

New Calls

Daniel Michalek to interim pastor,
Novi Faith Community.

Jasmine Smart to temporary supply
associate pastor **Kirk in the Hills**

Nathaniel Phillips to Pastor, **Kirk in
the Hills**

Keith Provost to part time paid parish
associate at **Rosedale Gardens**

J. Bernard Taylor to validated
ministry at **Presbyterian Villages
Westland**

Transfers

Charlotte Summers from pastor, **Troy
Northminster**

Emma Ouelette to the Presbytery of
Eastern Virginia

Yo Sup (Joseph) Sohn to San Jose
Presbytery

Lawrence Cater to the Church
Triumphant on January 26.

David Krehbiel to the Church
Triumphant on February 23.

MAJOR ACTIONS TAKEN

**Approval of Amendments to the Book
of Order.** Presbytery voted to
approve amendments 16-D (on the
relationship of a person who has
renounced jurisdiction of the church)
and 16-E (on certified service
requirements).

**Elections of Stated Clerk and
Treasurer.** Presbytery elected
Edward Koster and Timothy Ngare
to three-year terms as stated clerk
and treasurer. As required by
Bylaws, the election was by ballot.
The votes were 93-14 for Mr Koster
and 98-3 for Mr Ngare.

Examination for Ordination.

Presbytery examined and approved
Jasmine Smart for ordination. Ms
Smart, a candidate of New
Brunswick Presbytery, has a call as
the temporary supply pastor at **Kirk
in the Hills.**

Domestic Refugee Grant Partnership.

Presbytery approved a grant request
prepared by the Social Justice
Ministry Team to the Presbyterian
Disaster Assistance program for
"New Beginnings," a program to
support Freedom House, a national
program supporting refugees.

2016 Annual Report. Presbytery
approved the annual report to the
General Assembly. Presbytery closed
1 church, and now has a total of 79.
Presbytery lost 832 members, and
now totals 22,310. (This will decrease
our number of GA commissioners
from 8 to 6.) Presbytery began the
year with 231 teaching elders on the
roll and ended the year with 218.

REPORTS AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Refugee Ministry. Presbytery has taken
up the theme the promotion of social
righteousness (F-1.0304) as the theme
for 2017. This meeting's program was
on Refugees. Fran Hayes preached on
Leviticus 19:34 and Mt 25:31-46,
asking "When Did We See you?"
Kevin Picuch, an attorney and
teaching elder member of Presbytery,
reported on his ministry as the
Executive Director of the Southwest
Detroit Immigration and Refugee
Center. Among other things, the
Center represents refugees who have
been given court hearings to appear
before an immigration judge. He
reported on the legal status and rights
of such refugees. He reported that last
year the USA was scheduled to

receive 85,000 refugees. Of that
number, 16,370 were from Syria and
4000 from Latin America (3/4 of
whom were from Cuba). Presbytery
also heard about refugee programs at
Grosse Ile and Grosse Pointe
Memorial. Berkley United Methodist
Church reported on its sanctuary
program. Presbytery was told there
will be a program called What's
Really Going On with Immigration in
America, which he and Susan
Krehbiel (the daughter of David
Krehbiel) will present at Pontiac First
on April 18 at 7:00 p.m.? The
presentation will be posted as a video
on the Presbytery web site.

Motor Mission Corps Site

Coordinator. The Coordinating
Cabinet reported that the Presbytery
Operations Team has hired Adam
Delezenne as the site coordinator for
a new mission program of the
Presbytery. The program brings in
Presbyterians to serve in mission
projects in Detroit.

Sale of Jefferson Avenue property.

The Trustees reported that it had
approved on behalf of Presbytery the
sale of a property owned by Jefferson
Avenue Church. They approved it
because all requirements were in
place and there was no need to delay
until the Presbytery meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

Session Records reading. The Stated
Clerk announced the reading of
session records on April 1 at 10:00 at
Detroit Westminster and April 19 at
7:00 p.m. at Livonia St Paul's.

God's Wonders. The Stated Clerk
reports a robin in his front yard as he
is preparing this Presby-Lite.