

Presbytery of the Highlands
Stated Meeting
Interim Report of the Administrative Commission
for the Westminster Presbyterian Church,
Phillipsburg
November 12, 2024

The Administrative Commission for the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Phillipsburg was formed in May 2023. Members of the AC are RE Cathy Ahart, Rev. Nicholas Hatch, Rev. Ryon Herin, RE Pete Peterson (Moderator), staff liaison Lizabeth Hutchinson, Resource Staff/Stated Clerk Steven Shussett, and Presbytery Leader Jeanne Radak.

The commission for the AC is, after many years of ministry, to work with the Session to conclude the affairs of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, dissolve the Westminster Presbyterian Church, provide for the spiritual and pastoral care of any remaining members and assist in their transition to new church homes, take possession of the property, all funds, all records, and to oversee the disposal of the property on behalf of the Presbytery.

In the interim period since this past spring, our realtors have continued to list the property and occasionally respond to inquiries. During the summer, our realtors recommended delisting the property and then relisting it at a lower price which included the stained glass windows in the sanctuary. The windows had previously been listed as a negotiable item option to purchase. During October, we were notified by the executrix of a former member of the church that the Presbytery (on behalf of the church) would receive a \$10,000 bequest from the woman's estate. Accompanying the bequest is a recommendation for the funds to be sent to a mission organization in Phillipsburg that Westminster Presbyterian Church used to partner with and the woman had been active in that ministry.

We continue in the hope of finding an activity interested enough in the property to make an offer.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Peterson

Moderator, Westminster Administrative Commission