

January 8, 2021

# LAS NOTICIAS

## Weekly Missive

### Character: The Heart of Leadership Officer Training: January 12, 19 and 26



I posted on Facebook this morning: "And so it ends in ignominy, as was always its necessity. Form vacant of substance cannot endure nor authority absent of character." I did not give a referent but am quite certain you have a guess as to whom the quote refers.

I chose not to provide a specific referent because the quote seems to apply beyond the present situation. After all, there have been other presidents, of both parties, whose obvious character flaws were overlooked by the electorate for the sake of personal charisma or certain policies (Bill Clinton and Richard Nixon leap to mind).

I have zero influence in the Beltway and am more concerned that we make sure our own house is in order. Therefore, let me respectfully suggest this: in church leadership character counts, even while we acknowledge we all fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:9-20). What we do is ultimately an expression of who we are. It matters not if we know the best strategies, are skilled in using the most effective tools, or have charisma that can melt butter in a Wisconsin winter: character counts.

At next week's **Officer Training (1/12 from 12:30-3:00 via Zoom)**, the theme is "Foundations and Finances." We will read and reflect upon Scripture and the Foundations section in the Book of Order.

Specifically, we will discuss the following:

The Calling of the Church,  
The Marks of the Church,  
God's Mission and Christ as Head of the Church, and  
The Great Ends of the Church.

In addition, we will look at best practices for finance teams and the Rev. Kristin Leucht will provide a brief overview of how the Board of Pensions serves your church, including explaining the very Presbyterian term "effective salary."

If you wish to participate in next week's officer training, here is the **Zoom link for 1/12:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86117977540?pwd=OEImNjhoRFR2VHJXSXWxjVC9IbjI1Zz09>. To access the study guide we will use, go to the presbytery website, click on "Files," scroll down to "Clerks of Session," and click on "Officer Training." Both websites are virtually identical but here are the links for each:

<https://pbygrandcanyon.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Officer-Training-2020.pdf>

<https://presbyterydecristo.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Officer-Training-2020.pdf>

Grace out,

Brad Munroe

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**SAVE THE DATE:**



## New Date for Annual Meeting

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, January 30, 2021** for the Annual Stated Meeting of Presbytery beginning at 9 a.m. It will be held via Zoom. **Clerks, please send the names and email addresses of your elder commissioners to [pbyoffice@gmail.com](mailto:pbyoffice@gmail.com) ASAP** so that the link and materials may

be sent to them. The call will be posted on Friday, January 16.

## Clayton Cobb

With heavy hearts, we join friends and family in mourning the death of Clayton Cobb on Saturday, January 2.

Clayton served as a Church Consultant with the Board of Pensions for churches and presbyteries in Southern California, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Colorado, and Hawaii from September 2011 until his retirement in October 2019.

Prior to working with the Board, he served as associate pastor and then pastor of several congregations in California, most recently as pastor of St. Peter's by the Sea in Rancho Palos Verdes.

Those who served with Clayton knew him to be a warm, and caring person. He was quick with a smile and a laugh and had a genuine desire to help others. We will miss his wit, his wise counsel, and his friendship. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Jeannie, and their families.



### JANUARY

- 12- Officer Training via Zoom (see above)
- 19- Officer Training via Zoom
- 26- Officer Training via Zoom
- 30- Annual Presbytery meeting via Zoom-  
**Date Change!**



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- Our nation at this moment in time  
Rev. Bill Voigt, who is recovering from a head injury suffered on December 5

## Get to know your Presbytery Staff



### **BETH KATH, Associate Stated Clerk**

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Beth was raised in Pittsburgh and then lived in New Jersey for 30 years. She attended two large PC(USA) churches in the Garden State, serving both as an elder and Clerk of Session and active in many other ways within the congregations. Beth has one daughter who lives in Glendale. She enjoys music at the Phoenix Symphony and ASU Gammage. She is our resident queen of minutes, minutes, minutes for both presbyteries.

#### Contact Beth:

- To report matters related to the Office of General Assembly, including:
  - COM: to report changes in terms of call (ministers and CREs)
  - COM: to report status of ministers (temporary, permanent, validated, at-large)
  - CPM: to report status of inquirers and candidates
- To send minutes of a committee, commission, or special meeting
- To request minutes of meetings, including presbytery meetings for presbytery permanent records

NOTE: For questions related to Session records review, send to Carol Gerlach – [rlgclg6@hotmail.com](mailto:rlgclg6@hotmail.com) and Jeanette Miller – [stampconn@gmail.com](mailto:stampconn@gmail.com)

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