



Presbytery Highlights

February 4, 2020

Rock Prairie Presbyterian Church



WORSHIP

Our theme of Co-Working in God's Service continued in worship, as we prepared to plant and water for the sake of the gospel. Stated Clerk J. Herbert Nelson preached, and Rachel Yates and Sara Miles presided at the Lord's Table. New Presbytery leaders were commissioned, and we celebrated the installation of Judy Jaggard (moderator) and Nicole Farley (vice-moderator). Out-going moderator Will Houts presented Judy a moderator's cross and a stole designed and sewn by Catherine Neal.

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Rock Prairie prepared a special dinner for our new moderator and Rock Prairie member, Judy Jaggard. Several of the appetizers and the main course soup were recipes from Judy's mother, and she delighted knowing her mother was there in heavenly spirit to watch Judy's installation.



EDUCATION HOUR

Seated comfortably in rocking chairs, our own Stated Clerk, Christian Boyd, and the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, J. Herbert Nelson, had a conversation about the roles that each of us play as co-workers in God's service. J. Herbert Nelson also discussed plans for the Baltimore General Assembly this summer. Our question about per capita drew this reaction, "Thank you, Lord!" His explanation even drew a round of hearty applause.

BUSINESS RECAP

Much of our meeting focused on a new policy to allow ministers of other Christian churches to serve our congregations on a temporary basis. After much discussion and some amendment, the policy and rules were approved that will allow the Presbytery to validate these temporary ministries. The CTM will oversee the application and qualification process and will bring a recommendation to the Presbytery for decision. We will offer mentoring and other support to these new minister colleagues. Thank you for the good and thoughtful discussion!

