

Session Agenda, 17 May 2023
Highland Presbyterian Church, Louisville, KY

Lighting the Christ candle; **adopt** agenda

Gathering in worship and growing in spiritual community
Conversation with our confirmands about their statements of faith

Welcome Charlie and Rhys as active members of Highland Presbyterian Church!

Clerk's report and consent agenda
Please sign the Bibles for our fifth graders!

Approve minutes from 19 April 2023 meeting, and **receive** minutes of 7 May 2023 congregational meeting.

Choose four elder commissioners to attend Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky meeting on 22 May 2023 at Briargate Presbyterian Church.

Angie Andriot — Crafty Spirit Contemplative Arts Community

Support and host Crafty Spirit as a revamped New Worshiping Community housed at HPC.

Committee and ministry team action items and updates

Personnel with Congregational Nominating Committee

Call a congregational meeting for Sunday, 28 May, following 11:00 worship to form an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee, with a slate of nominees presented by Congregational Nominating. This search team will be charged with identifying the next leader for our Youth Ministry.

Finance

Change the church's Certificate Of Authority Annual Report filing for the State of Kentucky from "Mike Reed, President and CEO" to "Nolan Huizenga, President and CEO." This returns us to following the HPC by-laws.

Authorize up to but not exceeding \$20,000 from the Legacy Fund to purchase audio/visual equipment and installation for the sanctuary. This is to improve audio quality both for in-room PA and for online streaming, and possibly to improve the camera setup for streaming.

Other timely updates as needed

Pastors' reports: Megan, Nolan

We speak the truth in love to one another about our meeting.

Blessing and sending

Next session meeting: Wednesday, **21 June 2023** at 6:15pm. No church dinner in June or July!

Background info from session minutes for November 2020:

[Discussion item]

Angie Andriot introduced Limen Place, a new worshipping community (not a church) with an arts focus, seeking contemplation in a world of action. Limen Place wants to help people strengthen their spiritual core in order to reach out to the world without losing their balance. It will carry the church into places where it was not expected, looking for those interested in God, and maybe Jesus, but not Christianity. As a start-up, they are looking for partner congregations. Start-up costs are expected to be around \$5000. They will offer classes on topics of interest. It is a PC(USA) program.

And action items from session minutes for December 2020:

[Old Business]

1) Limen Place. Angie Andriot. Limen Place is a New Worshipping Community under PC(USA) Mission Agency (which wants to eventually start 1001 NWCs). Limen Place is now mostly online, but will hold monthly meetings and programming later. **With a motion by Carol Pye and a second by Bill McConnell, the Session approved with majority a fiscal sponsorship of Limen Place.** This is not a financial sponsorship, but involves serving as an arrangement between a non-profit with 501(c)3 status (HPC) and a new charitable effort (Limen Place) that does not. It allows HPC to accept guardianship of funds restricted for Limen Place on their behalf. HPC also accepts responsibility to ensure the funds are properly spent to achieve Limen Place's goals. Limen Place will work towards their own 501(c)3 designation within the next three years. Limen Place will report to the Session, or to a committee (TBD).

Additionally, with a motion by Carol Pye and a second by Alex Novak and unanimous approval, HPC will offer sponsorship on grants, prayer, advocacy, advice (theological, business), one to two places on the board of Limen Place, and free meeting space when possible in the future.