



The Presbytery of the Peaks met via  **zoom on August 14<sup>th</sup> 2021.**

## HERE ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS:

### **We Approved Two New Grant Programs:**

The Cabinet recommended that the Presbytery approve two new grant funds, Church Redevelopment Grants and Black Caucus Innovation Grants. Each of these funds are to enable congregations to explore new areas of ministry and vitality to deepen and broaden their witness and are created from the monies received by Peaks Presbytery from churches dismissed to other denominations through the Gracious Dismissal Process.

To learn more about these and many other grants available for Presbytery congregations, pastors and individuals, visit the Grants page on the Presbyter website here: [www.peakspresbytery.org/grants/](http://www.peakspresbytery.org/grants/)

### **We Welcomed Two New Pastors:**

The Examinations Committee presented Jonathan Moelker and Jude Swanson for examination for ordination. Both shared their faith, answered questions, and were received with joy!

Jonathan will be serving at Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church and as Evangelist at Wild Goose Worshiping Community, while Jude will serve part time at Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church.

### **We Welcomed an Honorably Retired (HR) Pastor:**

In a new practice, the Committee on Ministry introduced Rev. Bill Charles, HR to the Presbytery during its report. In the future, new HR members of Presbytery will have an opportunity to introduce themselves to the body.

### **We Moved an Inquirer to Candidacy:**

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry presented Inquirer Emily Sutphin for approval to become a Candidate for ministry. The Presbytery approved her candidacy.

### **We Entered into a 5 Year Covenant with CEDEPCA**

The Mission Committee gave a detailed presentation on the work done by CEDEPCA and proposed a 5 year covenant between CEDEPCA and the Presbytery of the Peaks for a first read.

### **New 2022 Moderator and Vice Moderator Elected:**

Ruling Elder Helen Dean was elected as our 2022 Moderator and Rev. Betsy Soto as our 2022 Vice-Moderator. Thanks to each of them for their willingness to serve!

### **Did you Miss Anything?**

You can watch the entirety of the meeting on our Facebook page here:  
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