



The Presbytery of Huntingdon

Vision: Loved by Jesus Christ, called to love all others.

The Synod of the Trinity
Presbyterian Church (USA)

1319 Logan Avenue
Tyrone, PA 16686

PHONE (814) 682-7289
WEB SITES: www.huntingdonpresbytery.com
www.huntingdonresources.org

June 9, 2020

Dear brothers and sisters in the faith,

“To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven.” These words from the book of Ecclesiastes are as true today as when they were written. They also apply to each of our lives.

Since beginning my ministry as your General Presbyter back on January 27th of 2003, it has been my honor and joy to serve with and for you in the name of Jesus Christ daily. However, as I will be turning 65 this October, it is time for me to step down from the call as your General Presbyter at year end. My last day as your General Presbyter will be December 31, 2020.

Please know what a good presbytery you all, together, have created. We aren't perfect, but we try to pray, think and talk through the challenging topics of our time. I have so appreciated input from so many of you through the years as we have sought to strengthen congregations for faithful service to Jesus Christ and in mission to our neighbors. No doubt, this will continue into the future.

If I have done anything to hurt or offend anyone, please know it wasn't intentional, and you have my sincere apologies. If I have done anything that has helped anyone, please know I am grateful to God for the privilege of so serving.

Moving forward, our Personnel Committee and Visioning Team are already actively working with our transitional Synod Executive, Sue Wonderland, to seek the person who will become your Interim General Presbyter. At the right time, as future needs and plans become clearer, they will also guide you in looking at options for further future leadership. The Interim Search Team will be reporting to you with regularity, starting with their own letter shortly after you receive this letter.

My husband and I will be staying in our current home near Reedsville. I will be ratcheting back my presbytery service for at least the first two years after stepping down as GP, stepping down from all committees and other official presbytery tasks. This so that the Interim GP and any other GP who might serve with you subsequently will have the opportunity to get to know you and become a justifiably respected leader in our presbytery. I will look forward to seeing many of you at presbytery meetings, but please respect both my request of you and our presbytery's policy that I do NO General Presbyter work starting January 1, 2021.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me.

In Christ,

Joy Kaufmann
General Presbyter