

**DIGEST FIFTY-SEVENTH STATED MEETING  
NEW HOPE PRESBYTERY  
FEBRUARY 22, 2003  
WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA**

**Attendance**

Ministers	133
Corresponding Members	9
Elders	130
Educators/DCE	4
Lay Members of Council	8
Commissioned Lay Pastors	5
Lay Pastors	8
Candidates/Inquirers	4
Visitors	105
Staff	<u>5</u>
Total	410

**Call to Order**

Moderator Jack Simonds called the meeting to order with prayer and song at 9:30 AM.

**Seating of Corresponding Members**

Barbara Campbell Davis, Stated Clerk, moved that the following persons be seated as corresponding members: Reverend Carl Utley (Presbytery of Central Nebraska), Reverend Robert Jacobs (Presbytery of Plains and Peaks), Reverend Robert Vodra (Presbytery of Lake Michigan), Reverend Fred McCaskill Baker (Presbytery of Eastern Virginia), Reverend Tom Cutting (Presbytery of the James), Reverend Richard Rice (Presbytery of Philadelphia), Reverend Larry Green (Blackhawk Presbytery), Reverend William Todd (Presbytery of Coastal Carolina), Reverend Steve Weber (Presbytery of North Puget Sound).

**Adoption of Docket**

The Docket was approved as printed with inclusion of supplemental materials.

**Installation of Moderator**

Reverend Caroline Wylie Smith was installed as Moderator of New Hope Presbytery for 2003.

**Welcome by Hosts**

Reverend Art Ross, White Memorial, Raleigh, welcomed the presbytery on behalf of White Memorial and Westminster Presbyterian Churches of Raleigh. Special thanks were given to Brenda Halbrooks, Gary Fulton and Conway Lanford.

**Introduction of New Elders**

New Elder Commissioners were introduced and welcomed. Orientation was provided for all elders prior to the meeting.

**Appointment of Standing Committees**

The following persons were elected to serve the committees as noted:

Bills and Overtures: Ministers: David Garrison, Greg Gregory, Connie Button. Elders: Peggy Rodgers Leggett, Cam Cover

Resolutions: Ministers: Greg Gregory, Jim Ferry. Elders: John Barnes, Elizabeth Day

Attendance: Ministers: Gene Pierce, Sue Fricks. Elders: Richard Harrell, John Ethridge

**Report of Stated Clerk**

Elder Barbara Campbell Davis

Presbytery received the following:

- Minutes of Commission to install Chad and Cynthia Neal as Co-Pastors of Fuquay-Varina Presbyterian Church on November 10, 2002.
- Minutes of Commission to Commission John Winings (CLP) to serve as Organizing Pastor of Clayton Presbyterian Fellowship on November 17, 2002.
- Minutes of Commission to install Fred Westbrook as Part-time Pastor of Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, Mebane on November 17, 2002.
- Minutes of Commission to ordain and install Ward Baggett as Associate Pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, on November 24, 2002.
- Transferred Eric Sapp (Inquirer) to National Capital Presbytery.
- Report of the Administrative Commission for Camp New Hope/Presbyterian Point
- Report of churches that have not completed Statistical Reports for 2003 – to be completed by February 28, 2003.

Presbytery Approved the following:

- Sessional Records with exception for Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church – years 1999, 2000, 2001.
- Service as members of the Board of Trustees of the Trustees of Davidson College: Reverend Art Ross and Carolann Connor Willingham of White Memorial Presbyterian Church.
- Administrative Commission for the Organization of the Presbyterian Fellowship in Clayton. Members to include: Ministers: Katherine Bryant, Mark Scott, David Huffman, Tom Watkins. Elders: Joan Cassily (1<sup>st</sup> Raleigh), Lemonte Mitchell (Davie Street), Thomas Jackson (Kenly), Wayne Curry (1<sup>st</sup> Smithfield).

4. Administrative commission for organizing a Hispanic Congregation in Southern Wake County,. Members of commission to include: Ministers: Conway Lanford, Carole McCartney, Gerald Smith. Elders: Sandra Archer (White Memorial, Willow Springs), Sherry Coats (Mt. Pleasant, Willow Springs), Jackie Wilson (Wake Forest) and Ara Griffin (Fuquay Varina)
5. List of Ministers Attendance/Excused Absence for 2002 with changes.
6. Distribution of Elder Commissioners for 2003.

**PRAYER CONCERNS FOR:**

1. Reverend Ed Pickard (HR) who is recovering at Glenaire from a recent fall.
2. Jim Holderness (Interim, Greenville First) whose wife, Ginny, is recovering from recent surgery.
3. Claude Andrews (Pastor Fountain) whose brother-in-law, Donald Ray Webb, is critically ill.
4. Carole McCartney (Pastor, Mt. Pleasant Willow Springs) whose husband, Tom, is recovering from heart surgery.
5. Bill Hufham (Pastor First Goldsboro) who had surgery in November 2002.
6. Melicent Huneycutt Verger (Pastor Unity) whose sister, Doris, is hospitalized from injuries after being hit by a drunk driver.
7. Cherrie Henry (Campus Minister) who is recovering from surgery.
8. Jim Ferry (Pastor, Garner 1<sup>st</sup>) whose mother is ill.
9. Jim Tubbs (HR) and Lee Tubbs (Educator, White Memorial Raleigh) whose Daughter, Nora Tisdale, is undergoing treatment for breast cancer.
10. Betty Harris (Elder, Littleton) who is in Nash General Hospital.
11. Allen Proctor (Campus Minister) whose sister is very ill.
12. David McDonald (Pastor 1<sup>st</sup> Roanoke Rapids) whose mother has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

**CONDOLENCES:**

1. Bob Fields (HR) and wife, Charlene, on the death of Charlenes' mother, Lillian Skaggs Whittle, October 29, 2002.
2. The family of Maude Thomas (Elder, St. Pauls) who died on November 17, 2002.
3. Sandra Green, (Former Staff Camp Albemarle) whose Mother, Marie McElmon, died on November 21, 2002.
4. Celia Allsbrook (Staff) and Husband Bill, on the death of his sister in law.
5. Family of Paul C. Creech, Jr. (Elder, First Smithfield) who died on November 30, 2002.
6. St. Paul Epps (HR) and wife, Kathryn, on the death of Kathryn's brother, James E. Lee Gillen, on November 14, 2002.

7. Family and church family of Hazel Currin (Elder Oxford) who died on November 23, 2002.
8. Peggy Griffin (Elder West Haven) on the death of her mother, Rosalind Harris Lamm, December 29, 2002.
9. Steve Braswell (AoP, Triangle) on the death of his father, Dewey Braswell, December 31, 2002.
10. Martha Stith (Elder Mt. Pisgah) on the death of her husband, Charles Lindbergh, January 1, 2003.
11. The family of Reverend Larry Broadright (Pastor Little River) who died January 12, 2003.
12. The family of Rufus Jones (Elder Mt. Pisgah) who died recently.
13. The Family of Reverend Charles Norwood (HR) who died on February 8, 2003.
14. The family of Catherine Buchan (Elder Brookston) who died on February 10, 2003.
15. The family of Rachel Brown (Elder, Milner Memorial) who died January 16, 2003.
16. Family of Mae Anderson (charter member of St. Giles) who died on February 9, 2003.
17. Amaryllyis Dawes (Elder, Rocky Mount Second) on the death of her mother, Ruby Goff, February 10, 2003.
18. The family of Claudia Powers (Elder Cary) who died recently.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

1. Michele James (AoP Peace, Winterville) and husband, Thomas, on the birth of their daughter, Anne Leigh, February 9, 2003.
2. Charles Van Wagner (MAL) on his recent marriage.
3. Maurice Barnes (LIB, White Rock) and wife Vanessa, on the birth of their daughter, Jimesha Zawati Barnes, February 4, 2003.
4. Richard Nystom (HR) and wife, Peggy, on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (January 2).

**A Moment in African American Presbyterian History**

Reverend Byron Wade  
 Reverend Byron Wade, Davie Street Presbyterian Church, of African American Presbyterians recognized Reverend St. Paul Epps, HR.

**Report of Committee on Ministry**

Reverend John Causey, Moderator  
 Presbytery approved the following actions:

1. Shirley McNeill to be recognized as Honorably Retired Certified Educator effective February 28, 2003.
2. Robert Burns will be added to the Temporary and Stated Supply Lists.
3. Stated Supply Agreement between Richard Hildebrand and Pinetops Presbyterian Church was changed to an Interim Supply Agreement effective January 26, 2003.

4. **Reaffirmed the action taken by the Presbytery at the 45<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of February 19, 2000, that ministers will be eligible to take a sabbatical leave after five years of continual service in a particular congregation.**
5. That Dvera Hadden to Labor Outside the Bounds of New Hope Presbytery in Trinity Presbytery in South Carolina.
6. Ministers' Compensation Packages for 2003 as listed.
7. Participation of New Hope Presbytery in the Mid Atlantic Racial Ethnic Student Ministries Partnership.
8. New Hope Presbytery participate in the New Pastor Leadership Program in partnership with the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic and Board of Pensions.
9. For Fairfield and Eno Presbyterian Churches to request waiver of their vacancy dues from the Board of Pensions.
10. Policy Concerning Departing Pastors and their Former Parishioners.

Dissolutions:

1. Joe Sayblack and Hollywood Presbyterian Church effective January 19, 2003.
2. Robert Brizendine and Eno/Fairfield Presbyterian Churches effective December 31, 2002.
3. Lori Pistor and First Presbyterian Church, Durham effective March 9, 2003.

Dismissals:

1. Joseph Sayblack to Shenandoah Presbytery.

Stated Supply Agreements:

1. Brett Webb-Mitchell and St. John's Presbyterian Church, Durham from January 1 through June 31, 2003. Brett will also moderate the session.
2. James W. Brown and Mebane Presbyterian Church, Salem Presbytery, from January 1 through December 31, 2003.
3. Harry Goodwin and Grifton Presbyterian Church through October 31, 2003.
4. Vernon Grimes (CLP) and David Green and the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lucama through December 31, 2003. David Green to moderate session.
5. Tom Murphy and Roanoke Island Presbyterian Church through December 31, 2003.

Interim Supply Agreement:

1. Stacy Ikard and Cornerstone Presbyterian Church for six months effective December 29, 2002 through May 31, 2003.
2. Robert Clark and Bear Grass and Roberson Chapel Presbyterian Churches effective November 14, 2002 through May 14, 2003.

Moderators:

1. St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church – Bob Borland through June 30, 2003

2. Raleigh, First – Bob Fields through February 28, 2003
3. White Memorial, Willow Springs – Mark Scott through March 31, 2003
4. Hollywood Presbyterian Church – Ellen Crawford True through March 31, 2003
5. Little River Presbyterian Church – Lori Pistor, temporary, effective January 13, 2003 (Due to death of Larry Broadright)
6. Fairfield & Eno Presbyterian Churches – Tempe Fussell through December 31, 2003.
7. White Rock Presbyterian Church – Juliann Gicker-Anderson from March 1, 2003 to February 29, 2004.
8. Raleigh, First – Tom Cutting (Interim minister) beginning March 1, 2003.

Commissioned Lay Pastors:

1. Robert W. Owens, Jr. to be commissioned to serve as Commissioned Lay Pastor for Benson Presbyterian Church effective to January 31, 2004.

Labor within the Bounds:

1. Approved request of First Presbyterian Church, Raleigh to call Thomas A Cutting (Presbytery of the James) to Labor within the Bounds of New Hope Presbytery and serve as Interim Minister from March 1, 2003 through February 29, 2004.

The Following calls were approved:

1. To Robert Alan Jacobs as Associate Pastor for St. Giles Presbyterian Church, Raleigh be approved. The effective date of the call is December 1, 2002. Terms: Salary \$20,000; Housing allowance \$19,220; Pension/Medical \$11,177; Accountable Reimbursement \$3,000; Social Security \$3,000. Total \$56,397. Four weeks vacation and Two weeks Continuing Education.
2. To Robert Brizendine as Pastor for Hillsborough Presbyterian Church be approved. The effective date of the call is January 6, 2003. Terms: Salary \$30,000; Housing allowance \$20,000; Pension/Medical \$14,250; Social Security \$3,825; Accountable Reimbursement \$3,000. Total \$71,075. Four weeks vacation and Two weeks Continuing Education.
3. To Larry Green as Associate Pastor for First Presbyterian Church, Garner be approved. The effective date of the call is March 1, 2003. Terms: Salary \$25,000; Housing Allowance \$11,000; Social Security \$2,754; Accountable Reimbursement \$5,000; Pension/Medical \$10,152. Total \$53,906. Four weeks vacation and two weeks Continuing Education.
4. To Richard Rice as Pastor for First Presbyterian Church, Ahoskie be approved. The effective date of the call is February 1, 2003. Terms: Salary \$23,000; Housing \$7,300; Social Security \$2,318; Medical/Pension \$8,636; Accountable

Reimbursement \$4,000. Total \$45,254. Four weeks vacation and two weeks Continuing Education.

5. To Carlton Utley as Interim Pastor for Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian Church, Cary be approved. The effective date of the call is January 23, 2003. Terms are: Salary \$45,307; Housing \$6,600; Utility Allowance \$3,600; Pension Medical \$16,098; Social Security \$4,247; Accountable Reimbursement \$10,500. Total \$88,352. Four weeks vacation and two weeks Continuing Education.
6. To Robert Vodra to serve as Camp Albemarle Director be approved. The effective date of the call is February 1, 2003. Terms of this call are: Salary \$29,750; (Manse Provided) Housing Allowance \$1,000, Social Security \$3,135; Pension & Medical \$11,944; Dental & Long Term Care Insurance \$772; Accountable Reimbursement \$4,700; One time moving expense up to \$6,000. Total \$66,758. Four weeks vacation and two weeks continuing education.

The following Commissions were approved:

1. To Install Robert Jacobs as Associate Pastor of St. Giles Presbyterian Church, Raleigh on February 23, 2003 at 4 PM be approved. The commission will consist of: Ministers: James Hodge, Rosemary Noga Welton, Katherine Bryant. Elders: George Gibson, Phill Stiles, Ellen Hall. Reverend James F. Kay of the Presbytery of New York City will sit with the commission.
2. To Install Robert Brizendine as Pastor of Hillsborough Presbyterian Church on March 2, 2003 at 5:00 PM be approved. The commission will consist of: Ministers: Robert Dunham, Richard Hildebrandt, Tempe Fussell, Harriet Isbell and Elders: Barbara Campbell Davis, Charles Morgan, Charles Waddell, Ann Montgomery.
3. To Install Larry Green as AoP at First Presbyterian Church, Garner on March 23, 2003 at 11 AM be approved. The commission will consist of Ministers: Jim Ferry, Graham McChesney, Bea Copeland. Elders: Bob Atkinson, Earle Purser and Barbara Campbell Davis.
4. To Install Richard Rice as Pastor for Ahoskie Presbyterian Church on March 16, 2003 at 3 PM be approved. The commission will consist of: Ministers: David Wyly, Thomas Wilson, Jane Love and Elders: Billy Leggett, Peggy Rodgers Leggett, Lisa Newsome, Barbara Campbell Davis. Guest Reverend Osy Nuesch of Philadelphia Presbytery will sit with the commission.

5. To commission Robert Owens, Jr. to serve as Commissioned Lay Pastor for the Benson Presbyterian Church on March 2, 2003 at 4 PM be approved. Members of the commission: Ministers: John Causey (Moderator), Millicent Hunneycut-Vergeer, Carole McCartney. Elders: Martha Taylor, Bob Taylor and Dale Herring.

**Report of Examinations Committee**

Reverend Tom Murphy, Moderator  
The examination of Robert Alan Jacobs, Larry Green, Richard Rice, Carlton Utley and Robert Vodra was sustained.

**Rite of Retirement**

Elder Educator, Shirley McNeill, First Presbyterian Church Smithfield, was recognized for her years of service and presented with a certificate for her retirement.

**Report of Committee on Preparation for Ministry**

Reverend Steve Braswell, Moderator

Enrolled as inquirers:

Amanda Covington (White Memorial, Raleigh)  
Maryanne Potter (New Hope, Chapel Hill)

Certified ready to receive a call:

Carrie Rhoads (Cary)

Received as a candidate with a reception:

Kris Moore (Hudson Memorial)

**Worship**

Worship was led by the Presbyterian Campus Ministries in the Presbytery: NC State University, NC Central University, Duke University Westminster Fellowship, Eastern Carolina University, UNC-Chapel Hill, and Peace College. Dr. Brock Downward, Director of Music at White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh was the organist. The offering collected today is for the Food Bank of North Carolina.

**Report of the Amendments Advisory Committee**

Reverend David Garrison, Moderator

The Amendments were voted on with the results as follows:

Amendment 02-A.1	154	yes	40	no
Amendment 02-A.2	143	yes	49	no
Amendment 02-A.3	119	yes	73	no
Amendment 02-A.4	124	yes	70	no
Amendment 02-A.5	137	yes	57	no
Amendment 02-B	109	yes	81	no
Amendment 02-C.1	158	yes	34	no
Amendment 02-C.2	157	yes	35	no
Amendment 02-C.3	164	yes	28	no
Amendment 02-C.4	154	yes	34	no
Amendment 02-C.5	157	yes	35	no
Amendment 02-D	174	yes	17	no
Amendment 02-E	150	yes	37	no

### **Announcements**

- Reverend Spottswood Graves gave a report on the work of the General Assembly.
- Elder John Etheredge gave a report on One Great Hour of Sharing/Self Development of People
- Robert Bishop shared the work of the Presbyterian Homes and Family Services

### **Report of Nominations Committee**

Reverend Paul Lang, Moderator

Presbytery approved the following nominations:

General Assembly YAD: Howard Dudley (Wake Forest Presbyterian Church)

Vice Moderator Of Presbytery: Youngil Cho

Permanent Judicial Committee:

Class of 2008: William Hawkins; David Verner, Cader Howard, Phyllis Kort, T.T. Clayton, Art King

Foundation:

Class of 2003: Houston Black

Class of 2005: Wicky Thorpe, Bruce Bell, Mitchell Perry

Ministries of Mission Committee:

Class of 2005: Freida Lawrence, Ingram Hedgpeth, Joe Harvard, John Fricks

Leadership Division:

Class of 2005: James Lambeth, Mark Scott, Ellen Hall

Committee on Ministry:

Class of 2005: Peggy Rodgers Leggett

Committee on Preparation for Ministry:

Class of 2005: Owen Stepp, Jay Martin, Troy Dixon, Harriet Jennings

Finance & Property:

Class of 2005: Gordan Vestal

Organizational Review Committee:

Class of 2004: David Garrison

Outreach Division:

Class of 2003: Bob Stoops, John Etheredge

Class of 2004: Bill Hufham

Class of 2005: Bonnie Pettijohn, Pat Adams, Sefton Strickland

Self Development of People:

Class of 2003: Tilda Howard

Class of 2004: Rosa Brodie

Stewardship Education:

Class of 2005: Jim Holderness

### **Report of Council**

Elder Connia Watson, Moderator

Presbytery approved the following actions:

1. The Session of Northgate Presbyterian Church is approved to sell property located next to the church. This property had been purchased to

improve access to the church, however, it is no longer needed for that purpose.

2. Officers of Council for 2003: Connia Watson, Moderator; Jane Love, Recording Secretary.
3. Staff of New Hope Presbytery has received a Cost of Living increase of 2.3% effective January 1, 2003.
4. Recommendations from the Administrative Commission to Camp New Hope /Presbyterian Point:
  - a) That New Hope Presbytery will not fund program activities beyond December 31, 2002.
  - b) That New Hope Presbytery will pay ½ of insurance costs (annual 2003) if the Administrative Commission can not pay it from their budget. New Hope will pay ½ of the insurance payments when the camps cease to operate or until such time as the properties are transferred.
5. Request of the session of the Covenant Presbyterian Church, Durham, to sell property on 1306 Church Street with proceeds to go to the building fund.
6. Request of the session of the Cotton Memorial Presbyterian Church to purchase property located on Highway US 39 for consideration for future building.
7. Reaffirmed approval for the Edenton Presbyterian Church to encumber property for up to \$350,000 to secure a loan and guaranteed repayment of the loan.
8. Lease Purchase Option for the Trinity Presbyterian Church Property by the Greater Mission Church.
9. Covenant with St. Andrews Presbyterian College.
10. Dates for the Stated Meeting of Presbytery for 2004: Saturday February 21, 2004; Tuesday, April 20, 2004; Tuesday, July 20, 2004; Saturday, October 16, 2004.

Presbytery Approved the following::

1. That the Presbytery reaffirm the action of the Council regarding the Long-Range Planning Committee for Camp New Hope/Presbyterian Point. The council approved the recommendations from the Long-Range Planning Committee to sell Camp New Hope to New Hope Presbyterian Church for the purchase price of \$540,000 and to continue to negotiation with the Henderson YMCA for the transfer of the lease with the Army Corp of Engineers and the transfer of all improvement and equipment held by Presbyterian Point under the best possible terms.
2. And that the Officers of the Corporation of The Presbytery of New Hope, Inc. be authorized to

sign the contracts of sale and transfer for these two properties.

3. Salem Presbytery took action on these recommendations on February 1, 2003. We are co-owners with Salem of these two properties.

#### **Meeting of the Corporation**

Elder Connia Watson, Moderator

The meeting of the Corporation was opened and Elder Barbara Campbell Davis, Stated Clerk, gave the State of the Presbytery Address.

#### **Report of Outreach Division**

Reverend Brenda Halbrooks gave a report on the Ministries of Mission Committee.

#### **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**

Elder John Fricks gave a report on the work of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Committee.

#### **Report of Congregational Ministries**

Reverend Connie Button, Moderator

Reverend Connie Button gave a report on the work of the Congregational Ministries Division.

#### **Presbyterian Women Report**

Elder Janice Smith, Moderator

Janice Smith gave a report of the gatherings of the Presbyterian Women and invited all women of the presbytery to attend the gatherings held throughout the year.

#### **Report of Standing Committees**

Resolutions: Report Received

Attendance: Report Received

Bills and Overtures:

Presbytery Adopted the Resolution in Support of Clinical Correctional Chaplaincy from Session of Frank Price Presbyterian Church.

Presbytery Adopted the Resolution in Opposition to the War in Iraq from The Session of The church of Reconciliation by a vote of 54 for and 37 against.

#### **Adjournment**

Reverend Caroline Wylie Smith, Moderator, closed with meeting with prayer at 3:45 PM.

## **NEXT STATED MEETING**

**April 22, 2003**

**Elizabeth City, NC**