

**DIGEST FIFTY-NINTH STTED MEETING
NEW HOPE PRESBYTERY
JULY 15, 2003
ENGLEWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROCKY MOUNT, NORTH CAROLINA**

Attendance

Ministers	110
Corresponding Members	4
Candidates	5
Lay Pastors	9
Commissioned Lay Pastors	5
DCE/Educators	1
Elders	118
Lay Members of Council	8
Visitors	91
Staff	<u>5</u>
Total	356

Call to Order

Reverend C. Wylie Smith, Moderator, called the meeting to order with prayer at 9:30 AM.

Recording Clerk

Elder Pat O'Neal was elected Recording Clerk for this 59th Stated Meeting.

Seating of Corresponding Members

Elder Barbara Campbell Davis, Stated Clerk, moved that the following persons be seated as corresponding members: Reverend Howard Smith of Wabash Valley Presbytery; Elder Jose Perez (CLP) of Coastal Carolina Presbytery; Reverend Tolokun Omokunde of the Presbytery of Milwaukee; and William Neely of the Presbytery of Providence.

Adoption of Docket

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

Welcome by Hosts

Reverend Drew Clark welcomed the Presbytery on behalf of the Session of Englewood Presbyterian Church.

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:

Resolutions: Ministers: Leigh Gillis (Moderator), Tom Westfall and Elders: John Winings, Jerry Slaymaker

Attendance: Ministers: Sefton Strickland (Moderator), Gerald Niece and elders: Deky Hall, Ann Montgomery

Candidate Sermons

The Presbytery heard sermons from the four candidates (Jeff Spainhour, David Keck, Christopher Todd Hester and Shelly Barrick Parsons). All sermons were approved.

Report of Stated Clerk

Elder Barbara Campbell Davis

The Stated Clerk received two overtures 30 days prior to the Stated Meeting and these were referred to the Bills and Overtures Committee for recommendation:

1. Overture from First Presbyterian Church, Goldsboro – referred to Bills and Overtures Committee for recommendation.
2. Overture from First Presbyterian Church, Henderson – referred to Bills and Overtures Committee for recommendation.

Reports from Administrative Commissions for:

1. Goldsboro Korean Presbyterian Church
2. Manatial de Vida
3. Greenville Korean Fellowship
4. Presbyterian Fellowship in Clayton.

Resolutions:

1. In memory of Reverend James Hutten Costen, Sr. from Mount Pisgah Presbyterian Church.

Communion for Presbytery Sponsored Groups:

1. Reminder that the Presbytery of New Hope approved granting permission to all Presbyterian sponsored groups (Presbyterian Women, Camps, Youth Retreats, Commission/Ordination Service) when able, to serve communion provided that it is served by a minister member of New Hope Presbytery and at least one elder in perpetuity until the Presbytery recommends to rescind this action.

Sessional Records approved for the following churches for the year(s) noted:

1. With no exemptions for 2002:

Berea, Four Oaks	Cotton Memorial, Henderson
Davie Street, Raleigh	Fuquay-Varina
Geneva, Henderson	Hebron, Oxford
Mt. Pleasant, Franklinton	Mt. Pleasant, Willow Springs
Neuse Forest, New Bern	New Bern, First
Nut Bush, Kittrell	Oakland, Clayton
Plainview, Angier	Providence, Angier
First, Smithfield	St. Paul, Louisburg
Washington, First	West New Bern
DurRaleigh, Raleigh	
2. With minor exceptions for 2002:

Goldsboro, First	Milner Memorial, Raleigh
St. Barnabas, Raleigh	White Memorial, Raleigh
Hudson Memorial, Raleigh	
3. No exception for 2001:

St. Giles, Raleigh	
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PRAYER CONCERNS:

1. Laura Dunham (HR) whose husband is recovering from surgery.
2. Mae Parker (TCIRI) who is recovering from injuries received after being attacked by dogs.
3. Tom Murphy (HR Roanoke Island) who is recovering from a recent surgery.
4. Garrett Briggs (LRPC, Elder Raleigh 1st) whose mother is seriously ill.
5. John Thompson (Elder Church of Reconciliation) who is recovering from surgery and also condolences on the recent death of his mother.
6. Ed Stock (HR) who is recovering from open-heart surgery.
7. Eugene Musselwhite, Jr. (HR) who is recovering from hip replacement surgery and now resides in Charlotte, NC.
8. Lemonte Mitchell (Elder, Davie Street) who has been suffering from chest pains.
9. George Alexander Thomas (HR) who is undergoing neurosurgery today, July 15.
10. Bruce Bell (Elder Warrenton) who is recovering from surgery.
11. Hope Wooten (Elder, Rocky Mount Second) who is recovering from surgery.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

1. Peter Park (AoP DuRaleigh) and wife, Jenny, on the birth of their daughter, Sofia Hee Jung Park, May 1, 2003.
2. Monte Johnson (AoP 1st Washington) and wife, Kari, on the birth of their daughter, Micah Haley on 2/7/03.
3. Cathy Church Norman (AoP Trinity Avenue) and husband, Bart, on the birth of their son, Elijah Turner Norman, on June 24, 2003.
4. Ellen Crawford True (Campus Minister, ECU) and husband, David, on the birth of their daughter, Abigail Morgan True, on July 2.
5. Jack Simonds (Elder, Blacknall Memorial, Past Moderator of Presbytery) and wife Gloria, on the birth of their 10th grandchild.
6. High School and College graduates for 2003 from our churches.

CONDOLENCES TO:

1. Family of Tom Davis (HR) (former secretary, Albermarle Presbytery) who died April 20, 2003.
2. Family of Robert Burns (HR) who died on May 8, 2003.
3. Family of Harlan Boyles (Elder, Westminster Raleigh) who died on January 23, 2003.
4. Family of Sampson Mobley (Elder Emeritus, Westminster Raleigh) who died on May 6, 2003.
5. Clyde Wiley (MAL) whose sister-in-law died recently.
6. Greg Brown (Laboring in the bounds of New Hope Presbytery) and wife, Joan, on the death of Joan's father on April 26, 2003.
7. The Family of Robert Brewer (Elder, Mt. Pisgah) who died recently.

8. Bob Borland (HR) on the death of his sister, Marjorie Webber, on May 23, 2003.
9. Willie Williams (Elder Mt. Pisgah) whose father-in-law died recently.
10. Flora Sharpe (Elder Mt. Pisgah) whose mother died in February 2003.
11. The Family of John C. Blanton (Elder, Ahoskie First) who died on June 30, 2003.
12. Juli Gicker Anderson (Pastor Rivermont) whose mother, Rose Mary Gicker, died on July 5, 2003.
13. David McDonald (Pastor First Roanoke Rapids) on the death of his mother, Priscilla B. McDonald, on July 5, 2003.
14. Betty Connette (Candidate) whose Mother-in-law, Vashti Dulin Clapp, died on June 15, 2003.
15. William Gilbert (Elder, Howard Memorial) whose wife Frances, died on June 29, 2003.
16. Ephraim Smith (Elder Hollywood) whose mother, Christine, died recently.
17. Portia Turner Williamson (MAL) and husband, Charles, on the death of his brother and also on the death of Portia's sister, Dr. Claudia Turner Jones, and also the death of her cousins husband.

Report of Nominating Committee

Reverend Bettie Kirkpatrick

Bettie Kirkpatrick reviewed the nominating forms and asked that all churches and individuals nominate persons from their churches, sessions or themselves to serve on committees of New Hope Presbytery, the General Assembly and Synod of Mid-Atlantic.

Committee on Representation Report

Elder Jane Hare, Moderator

Jane Hare went over the report found in the docket, stressing the need for additional racial ethnic representation on committees.

Report of Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Reverend Steve Braswell, Moderator

Received as Inquirers:

Beverly Markham (Durham, First)

David Paul (Wilson, First)

Candidate received from Monmouth Presbytery:

Leroy Huizenga (Blacknall Memorial)

Withdrawn from the process: Timothy Ware

Report of Committee on Ministry

Reverend John Causey, Moderator

Presbytery approved the following:

1. That Alston Macon be Honorably Retired effective July 15, 2003.
2. Robert Dunham will take a summer sabbatical for three months beginning May 19, 2003.
3. Jim Holderness to Labor Outside the Bounds of New Hope Presbytery in the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina.
4. The Committee on Ministry was given the power to appoint an Investigative Committee, between stated meetings of presbytery if it is expedient to do so, that

would be ratified at the next stated meeting of presbytery, with parameters of the "Rules of Discipline" contained in the Book of Order. D-10.0201b. A presbytery may provide by rule for appointment of an investigating committee.

Stated Supply Agreement:

1. Brett Webb-Mitchell and St. John's Presbyterian Church, Durham, through December 31, 2003.

Interim Pastor Agreement:

1. Between Paul Fulks, Jr. and White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Willow Springs for twelve months beginning on July 9, 2003. Terms of call are: Salary \$2,775; Housing \$17,040; Social Security \$1,562; Accountable Reimbursement \$2,000; Pension/Medical \$6,022. Total \$29,999. Two weeks vacation and one week continuing education. Position is part-time with 20-30 hours per week. Dr. Fulks shall attend the Interim Pastor Training no later than December 1, 2003.
2. David Crow to serve as Interim Pastor for Little River Presbyterian Church, Hurdle Mills, effective May 15, 2003 through April 30, 2004.
3. Robert Clark to serve as Interim Pastor for Roberson Chapel and Bear Grass Presbyterian Churches for three months from June 1, 2003 through August 2003. There can be renewal through December 31, 2003.

Lay Pastor Agreement:

1. James Proctor (Lay Pastor) and Nahalah Presbyterian Church effective August 1, 2003 through January 31, 2004. This call is part-time position of 10 hours per week. Terms are Salary \$2,800; Accountable Reimbursement \$1,950.20; Social Security \$214.20. one week vacation and continuing education per quarter.

Dissolutions:

1. Bettie Kirkpatrick and Second Presbyterian Church, Rocky Mount, effective June 6, 2003.
2. Michele James and Peace Presbyterian Church, Winterville, effective May 30, 2003.
3. Bea Copeland and First Presbyterian Church, Wilson, effective June 21, 2003.
4. Fred Westbrook and Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, Mebane effective June 30, 2003.
5. Ellen Crawford True and Campus Ministry East Carolina University and Greenville First Presbyterian effective June 30, 2003.

Dismissals:

1. Richard Knowles to the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia effective May 14, 2003.
2. Michele James to the Presbytery of Cincinnati effective June 3, 2003.
3. Bea Copeland to Salem Presbytery to serve the Second Presbyterian Church effective June 22, 2003.
4. Dvera Hadden to Trinity Presbytery effective June 11, 2003.

Parish Associate:

1. Betty Kirkpatrick to serve as Parish Associate for First Presbyterian Church, Rocky Mount effective June 8, 2003.

Commissioned Lay Pastor

1. Jack Schurman and Berea Presbyterian Church from March 1, 2003 through August 1, 2003.
2. Ed Duetsch and Jason Presbyterian Church from August 1, 2003 through January 1, 2004.

Moderators:

1. St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church – Bob Borland through August 31, 2003
2. Second Presbyterian Church, Rocky Mount - David Garrison through December 31, 2003
3. Macclesfield Presbyterian Church – Steve Herring through September 30, 2003
4. Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, Mebane – Richard Hildebrandt through September 30, 2003
5. Fairview Presbyterian Church – Jim Hodge effective August 3, 2003 through December 31, 2003.

Presbytery approved the following calls:

1. Omotolokun Omokunde to serve as Pastor of Timothy Darling Presbyterian Church, Oxford. The effective date of the call is July 1, 2003. Terms: Salary \$25,000; Manse \$8,130; Utilities allowance \$2,100; Social Security \$2,695; Medical/Pension \$9,276; Accountable Reimbursement \$3,000. Total \$47,501. Four weeks vacation. Two weeks continuing education.
2. David Keck to serve as Pastor of Northgate Presbyterian Church, Durham. The effective date of the call is July 16, 2003. Terms: Salary \$19,700; Housing \$13,300; Social Security \$2,525; Pension/Medical \$9,735; Accountable Reimbursement \$3,000. Total \$48,260. Four weeks vacation. Two weeks continuing education.
3. William Neely as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville. The effective date of the call is August 1, 2003. Terms: Salary \$39,000; Housing \$24,000; Deferred Income \$3,510; Social Security \$5,088; Accountable Reimbursement \$7,500; Pension/Medical \$19,620; Moving Expense \$8,000. Total \$106,718. Four weeks vacation. Two weeks continuing education.
4. Jeff Spainhour to serve as Associate Pastor of Triangle Presbyterian Church Durham. The effective date of the call is June 2, 2003. Terms: Salary \$24,000; Manse value & Equity \$8,149; Social Security \$2,459; Medical & Pension \$9,484; Accountable Reimbursement \$3,000. Total \$47,092. Four weeks vacation and two weeks continuing education.
5. Christopher Todd Hester as Pastor of Cotton Memorial Presbyterian Church, Henderson. The effective date of the call is August 1, 2003. Terms: Salary \$29,000; Housing \$13,350; Social Security \$3,266; Accountable Reimbursement \$3,700; Medical/Pension \$12,593. Total \$62,253. Four weeks vacation and two weeks continuing education.
6. Shelly Barrick Parsons be ordained as Minister of Word and Sacrament. Shelly Barrick Parsons will be transferred after ordination to the Presbytery of West Virginia to accept the call to serve as Campus Minister at West Virginia University. Terms of Call are: Salary \$35,000; Housing \$10,000; Social Security \$3,442.50; Pension \$5,813.10; Medical \$8,477.44;

Dental \$335.00. Total \$63,068.04. Four weeks vacation, two weeks continuing education.

Call to Commissioned Lay Pastor:

1. Elizabeth Day be Commissioned to serve as Commissioned Lay Pastor for Fairview Presbyterian Church, Selma. Effective date of this call is August 1, 2003 through October 31, 2003.. Terms are: Salary \$1,950; Travel expenses \$1,281.15 Total for 3 month package \$3,231.15.

The Following Commissions were approved:

1. To install William Neely as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville on September 14, 2003 at 4 PM. The Commission will consist of: Ministers: C. Wylie Smith, Gun Ho Lee, Maurice Barnes and Elders: Mark Pabst, Edith Lee, Ann Barnhill, Barbara Campbell Davis. Guest ministers to sit with the commission: Dr. Wanda S. Neely, Father Justin Kerber, Reverend Gray Southern and Reverend Hugh Burlington.
2. To ordain and install Jeffrey Adam Spainhour as Associate Pastor of Triangle Presbyterian Church, Durham on September 14, 2003 at 4:00 PM. The Commission will consist of: Ministers: Mike Nevling, Ray Cobb, Cathy Church Norman and Elders Carol Chalk, Ken Eves, Anne Montgomery.
3. To ordain and install David Keck as Pastor of Northgate Presbyterian Church, Durham on July 20, 2003 at 3 PM. The Commission will consist of: Ministers: Denise Thorpe, Joseph Ward, Bonnie Pettijohn and Elders: Barbara Campbell Davis, Cam Cover, Scott Wells, Agnes Laws. Also sitting with the commission will be Reverend Leander Keck and Michael Konvicka.
4. To install Omotolokun Omokunde as Pastor of Timothy Darling Presbyterian Church on August 10, 2003 at 3 PM. The Commission will consist of: Ministers: Byron Wade, Tom Murphy, Antonia Lawrence and Elders: LeMonte Mitchell, Martha Stith, Aquine Jackson, Michael Dickey and Natarlin Best. Guest Minister Krista Kiger will sit with the commission.
5. To ordain and install Christopher Todd Hester as Pastor of Cotton Memorial Presbyterian Church, Henderson on August 24, 2003 at 4 PM. The Commission will consist of Ministers: Rick Brand, Byron Wade and Elders: Rick Sahawe, Amy Brown-Douglas, Elmer Cummings and Barbara Campbell Davis. Guest Ministers: Molly Clark, Steve Mitchell, Sam Henderson and Jeff Martin will sit with the commission.
6. To ordain Shelly Barrick Parsons as Minister of Word and Sacrament on August 10, 2003 at 4 PM at Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church. The commission will consist of: Ministers: Jim Lambeth, Allen Proctor, Wylie Smith and Sheila Barrick. Elders: Martha Barrick and E Jones. Guest Minister Jennifer Ayers and Elders Anne and Gary Smith will sit with the commission.

Commissioning of Lay Pastor:

1. To Commission Elizabeth Day as Commissioned Lay Pastor to serve Fairview Presbyterian Church on August 3, 2003 at 3:00 PM. The Commission will consist of: Ministers: Bob Jacobs, Jim Moseley, Jim Hodge, Wylie Smith, Marilyn Hein and Elders: Thel Creech, Connia Watson, Sid Scales, Peggy Rodgers Leggett, Mildred Creech, Dr. Frank Day, Joan Dixon.

Report of Commissioned Lay Pastor Committee

Jeff Sockwell

The following persons were recognized for completion of the prescribed two-year Lay Pastor training program.

Jack Cover	David Edwards
Jack Pierce	Ron Jones
Elizabeth Day	Tracy Turner
Tom Fisler	John Meacham

Report of Examinations Committee

Reverend Tom Murphy, Moderator

The Examinations of Ordinands: David Keck, Jeffrey Spainhour, Christopher Todd Hester and Shelly Barrick Parsons; Transfers: Omotolokun Omokunde and William Neeley and Commissioned Lay Pastor: Elizabeth Day were sustained.

Worship

Worship was led by Reverend Drew Clark with assistance by Lisa Cooper, Mary Ruth Johnson, Ed Chappel and special music by Lettie Lawrence, Mary Ruth Johnson and Steve Lawrence. During the worship service Reverend Gun Ho Lee was commissioned to serve as Evangelist with New Hope Presbytery. Reverend Steve Herring led the commissioning service. The offering collected today of \$1,589.16 will be given to the American Red Cross/Twin Rivers Chapter.

Announcements

Reverend Joe Harvard spoke on the need for Program Budget funds to be designated for Theological Education Funding.

Reverend Greg Gregory thanked the Presbytery for supporting the Prison Chaplaincy in North Carolina.

Report of Commissioners to 215th General Assembly
General Assembly Commissioners for the 215th General Assembly from New Hope Presbytery were: Ministers - Sheila Barrick, William Hufham, David Wiseman; Elders - Ann Barnhill Natarlin Best, Willie Williams and YAD. William Huffman, David Wiseman, Ann Barnhill and Howard Dudley spoke of their experience at the General Assembly. Written reports were distributed to all.

Report of Congregational Ministries

Reverend Connie Button, Moderator

A skit was presented to the presbytery promoting the Growing Together even held on September 20, 2003. Outstanding Older Adults were recognized for their service to the church and community. Each received a certificate and Book from the committee.

Report of Bills and Overtures Committee

Reverend Bonnie Pettijohn, Moderator

The Bills and Overtures Committee reviewed the Overture from First Presbyterian Church, Goldsboro and one from the First Presbyterian Church Henderson. After much discussion both overtures were returned to the committee for further research and to **be returned to the presbytery at the next stated meeting on October 18, 2003.**

Report of Council

Elder Connie Watson, Moderator

Presbytery approved the following requests:

1. From Camp Albemarle Committee to secure a loan in the amount of \$100,000 to build a new house and two additional cabins.
2. From Hollywood Presbyterian Church to encumber their property to secure a loan in the amount of \$235,000 for necessary repairs on the church and to add an asphalt parking lot.
3. Endorsement of the request from First Presbyterian Church Smithfield for application to the Presbyterian Women for Funds from the Birthday Offering for C.O.V.E.

Received the following report:

1. From the Long-Range Planning Committee for Camp New Hope/Presbyterian Point.

Approved the following:

1. The Committee on Ministry was given the power to appoint an Investigative Committee, between stated meetings of presbytery if it is expedient to do so, that would be ratified at the next stated meeting of presbytery, with parameters of the "Rules of Discipline" contained in the Book of Order. D-10.0201b. A presbytery may provide by rule for appointment of an investigating committee.
2. Three Stated Meetings of Presbytery per year beginning in 2004. Meetings will be held in February, July and October of each year.

Received the following:

1. The Presbytery received the 2004 Proposed Preliminary Challenge Budget of \$1,850,000 as information. **Vote on the proposed budget for 2004 will be at the next stated meeting on October 18, 2003.**

Council Action:

1. Denied request from Cornerstone Presbyterian Church for the Council to extend the line of credit with BB & T for an additional \$770,000. They urged the Congregation to continue to work with the Church Development/Evangelism Committee and the Administrative Commission to pursue other possibilities for fund raising and evangelism.

Report of the Outreach Ministries Division

Elder Sylvia Hendrick, Moderator

Sylvia Hendrick gave a report on the recent work and actions of the Outreach Ministries Division and committees. Sylvia urged the presbytery to become more

involved in the work of the Ministries of Mission Committee.

Report of Standing Committees

The reports of the Resolutions and Attendance committees were received.

Adjournment

Reverend C. Wylie Smith, Moderator, adjourned the meeting at 5:00 PM with prayer.

**NEXT STATED
MEETING**

**CARY PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

OCTOBER 18, 2003