

DIGEST
77TH STATED MEETING
PRESBYTERY OF NEW HOPE
July 21, 2009
Trinity Presbyterian Church

Attendance

Ministers	115
Elder Commissioners	129
Lay Members of Council	9
Commissioned Lay Pastors	2
Elder Educators	2
Corresponding Members	8
Lay Pastors	7
Candidate/Inquirer	8
DCE	1
Visitors	156
Staff	<u>3</u>
Total	440

Call to Order

Reverend Leigh Gillis, Moderator called the meeting to order with prayer at 9:00 AM.

Approval of Docket

The proposed docket was approved as received with changes and the addition of the supplemental materials.

Welcome by Hosts

Reverend David Huffman welcomed the Presbytery on behalf of the Session of Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Introduction of First Time Commissioners

Commissioners attending for the first time were introduced and welcomed. An orientation was provided for all commissioners prior to the opening of the meeting.

Appointment of Standing Committee

The following persons will serve on the Resolutions Committee: Reverend Gloria Johnson, Reverend Bruce Berry and Elders: Sandy Lee and Willie Jackson.

Seating of Corresponding Members

The following persons were seated as corresponding members: Raymond Privott (Southern Baptist Convention); David McKee (Western North Carolina Presbytery); Brian Miles (Mid-Kentucky Presbytery); Sarah Coburn (Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery); Tom Carlson (Disciples of Christ); Bill Cockrill (Charlotte Presbytery); Hyeok-Jin Choi (Atlantic Korean Presbytery); Patrice Nelson (Presbytery of Philadelphia).

Greetings from Synod of Mid-Atlantic

Reverend David McKee brought greetings from the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic and congratulations from the Presbyteries of the Synod for the 20th anniversary.

Report of Stated Clerk

Barbara Campbell Davis, Stated Clerk
 Received by the presbytery:

- Minutes of the commission to install Reverend Ashley Wright Griffith as Chaplain at Peace College on March 19, 2009.
- Minutes of commission to install Reverend William Lee Kinney as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Washington on March 22, 2009.
- Minutes of the commission to install Reverend Christi Owen Brown as Pastor of Leadership Education at Duke Divinity on March 26, 2009.
- Minutes of commission to install Reverend Christopher Tuttle as Pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Churches, Durham on March 29, 2009.
- Minutes of the commission to install Reverend Fred Thrower as Pastor of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church on April 26, 2009.
- Minutes of the commission to install David Crow as Pastor of Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, Mebane on June 7, 2009.
- Report of the Administrative Commission for NC Korean Presbyterian Church.
- Report of the Administrative commission for Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church
- The Report of the Sessional Records Committee

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Jeff Sockwell (Pastor, West New Bern) whose father, Max, is recovering from a heart attack.
- Clara Horner (Elder, Eno) whose Husband, James, is recovering from surgery.
- Pauline Savage (Elder, Roberson Chapel) who is recovering from surgery.
- O.B. Parker (Elder, Morton Memorial) who is contending with cancer.
- Chester Bissett (Elder, Morton Memorial) who is contending with cancer.

6. Tempie Fuller (Elder, Pinetops) who is recovering from a broken pelvis.
7. Jim McKinnon (HR) who is recovering from surgery
8. Antonia Lawrence (Pastor, Faith) who is recovering at home.
9. Celia Allsbrook (Howard Memorial) who is recovering from surgery.
10. Doug Eddy (Pastor, Edenton) whose wife, Joanne, is having heart problems.
11. Jane Love (Interim Pastor Roanoke Rapids, First) whose mother, Shirley, is recovering from a stroke.
12. Edith Lee (Elder, White Rock) who will undergo knee replacement surgery on July 15.
13. St. Paul Epps (HR) whose wife, Katherine, is recovering from hip surgery in Heritage Hospital, Tarboro.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

1. Edenton, 1st on their 100 anniversary.
2. Howard Memorial on the 100th anniversary of their sanctuary.
3. Peace Presbyterian Church, Winterville on their 25th anniversary.
4. Cann Memorial Presbyterian Church, Edenton, on their 120th anniversary.
5. Peggy Rogers Leggett (CLP, Howard Memorial) and Ed Conner (Pastor Cobb Memorial/Nahalah) for their recent completion of the year-long Pastoral Care in Community Program at Duke.
6. Older Adults recognized at this meeting (booklet available on line)
7. High School and College graduates throughout the Presbytery (list available on line)
8. Kevin Brunk (Pastor Roanoke Island) and wife, Wendy on the adoption of their son, Josiah.

V. CONDOLENCES TO:

1. Jason Leonard (Pastor, Geneva, Hebron, Oak Hill) whose grandfather, Bill Leonard, died on June 12.
2. The family of Robinson Everett (Elder, Durham First) who died on June 12.
3. The family of Gilda Renfro Six (Elder, Spring Hill) who died on June 7.
4. The family of James Fred Webb, Jr. (Elder, Greenville First) who died on May 30.
5. The Family of Bill Bartholomay (Elder, Westminster Durham) who died on May 25.
6. Ann Stephenson (Lay Pastor, Elder, White Memorial, WS) whose husband, Leroy "Jay" Stephenson, died on May 23.
7. Joe Bowman (Elder, Covenant, Wendell) whose brother-in-law, Randy Brock, died May 16.
8. The family of James Manley (CLP) who died on May 17.
9. Leigh Gillis (Pastor, Cann Memorial) on the death of her Aunt, Roberta Nesbit, on May 13.

10. The family of Anne Parker Phillips (Elder, Rocky Mount First) who died on May 13.
11. Cindy Neal (Co-Pastor, Fuquay Varina) whose father, Malcolm Graham, died April 16.
12. The family of Fern Deter (Elder, Eno) who died on March 30.
13. The family of Oscar G. Gulley, Jr. (Elder, William & Mary Hart) who died on April 20.
14. The family of Frances Daniel (Oldest Member of Oak Hill) who died on June 29.
15. David Wyly (HR) whose mother, age of 91, died July 18, 2009.
16. Carol Sloan (Elder 1st Raleigh) who died July 17, 2009.
17. Robert Hedrick (elder Hudson Memorial) who died July 18, 2009.

Announcement

Karl Zinsmeister, Director of Music at White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh spoke about the "Presbyterian Hymnal Project" The new hymnal projected for 2014. Project funded by the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation. More information: Presbyterian Hymnal Project Website: www.presbyterianhymnal.org
Face Book: www.twitter.com/pcos
Blog: www.adamcopeland.com and www.adamcopeland@gmail.com or contact Karl Zinsmeister at www.kzinsmeister@whitememorial.org
This information will be posted on the Presbytery Website.

Report of Council

Reverend Ed McLeod, Moderator
The Presbytery approved the following:

1. That The Presbytery of New Hope support the City of Rocky Mount "Be a Fan" supporting the Special Olympics with a donation of \$250.00
2. That the Presbytery of New Hope have two locations: one being in the Raleigh area and one being in the Greenville area.
3. That the session of Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian Church, Rocky Mount receive \$2,500 in funds to assist with their costs to demolish their manse.
4. That Reverend Gun Ho Lee receive \$3,000 for his sabbatical.
5. Reverend Sam Stone serve on the Nominating committee class of 2011 and

Reverend Ed Stock serve on the Committee on Representation class of 2011.

6. Reverend David Keck was approved to distribute a survey to ministers within the presbytery.
7. The session of Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, encumber their property at 622 Cranbrook Rd, Raleigh to secure a loan in the amount of \$175,000, to help bridge their financial gap.
8. That First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, apply to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for a one-time grant for \$3,000 to help send the North Pitt County High School football team to a camp as a follow-up to a shooting this spring.
9. That a Church Partnership Fund be established to assist Discovery Fellowship in Clayton.
10. That funds received from the sale of church properties, after all debts are paid, be distributed as follows: 50% church development/ evangelism; 40% for use by other division and committees of presbytery through an application process; 10% toward creating an endowment for the presbytery.
11. That 100% of the proceeds of the sale of the Presbytery Office would go for the rental/purchase of new office space and equipment.
12. To extend Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh a line of credit up to \$5,000 to be repaid within a year, for the purpose of their audit.
13. That Reverend Joseph Hester be the representative for the North Carolina Statewide Disaster Relief Program for the Presbytery.
14. That the Mission Committee distribute a brochure detailing the mission partners of the presbytery at the July Stated Meeting.
15. Stated Meetings for 2010: February 20, 2010 – St. Giles Presbyterian Church, Raleigh; July 20, 2010 – First Presbyterian, Rocky Mount; October 16, 2010 – Covenant Presbyterian Church, Wendell.
16. That the 2009 presbytery mission budget be reduced by 19.71% (\$186,600.00).
17. That the Presbytery of New Hope Mission budget for 2010 be set at its current 2009 level of \$1,679,400.
18. That the personnel manual be revised at section 15.05 Reduction of force by changing 15.05b outplacement Assistance and by adding a new section for 15.05d Severance.
19. Audit for 2008.

Congregational Ministries Report

Ann Cobb, Moderator

Marcia Mount Shoop reported on the work of the Multi-Cultural Committee and network. There is a Regional Multi-Cultural Conference in Charlotte on October 30-31. A multi-cultural institute is being planned for Montreat.

Outreach Division

Rev. Linda Parker, Moderator
Marquita Alpine, Campus Ministry student and National Representative for People of Color in Campus Ministry thanked the body for its investment in Campus Ministry.

Theological Education Fund

Rev. Connie Button, Member of the Theological Education Fund Support Network spoke to the assembly about ways for congregations to support seminaries in the PCUSA. Suggests that sessions give 1% of mission budget to theological education.

Leadership Division

Rev. Jim Ferry Moderator
Rev. Bob Inskeep spoke about the upcoming Minister/Educator/CLP retreat to be held on October 25-27 at the Trinity Center, Salter Path.

Announcement

Nancy McLean, Member of White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, gave details on “The Russia Mission Group”, conference to be held in Raleigh on August 13-15. More details at the Presbytery Website.

Congregational Ministries

Continued

Ms. Joanne McMenamin, Moderator of Older Adult Committee led the recognition of the Older Adult Nominees from churches within the presbytery.

The Christian Education Committee presented a skit inviting the assembly to the Growing Together event to be held September 19, 2009 at Johnson Community College, Smithfield.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Susan Mazzara, Moderator
Received as Inquirers: David Knauert (Durham, First); Nita Henderson (Cotton Memorial,) Certified Ready to Receive a Call: Carrie Finch (Garner, First); Keith Benze (Raleigh, First); Katherine Hande-Smith (St. Giles); Susan Sexton (White Memorial, Raleigh); Tyler Williams (White Memorial, Raleigh); Removed from Inquirer Rolls: Sara Toering
The Presbytery received Candice Ryals as a Candidate. She was introduced by letter by Reverend Joseph Harvard. Candice was presented by Susan Mazzara, examined by Rev. Leigh Gillis. Rev. Leigh Gillis asked the

constitutional questions and declared Candice approved to become a candidate. Susan Mazzara presented the charge to the applicant. Rev. Leigh Gillis offered the prayer and blessing of the applicant.

The Presbytery approved as Ordination Exam Readers-October 2009: Betty Berghaus, Drew Clark, Nancy Jones, and Gun Ho Lee.

Announcement

Rev. Bob Ellis of the Office of the General Assembly spoke about the works of Mission Giving in the Congo.

Worship

Worship was led by Reverend David Huffman, Vickie Byrd with music by Sooyoung Kang, Paul Davis, Nancy Elder, Ralph Everett, Jamison Carrigan, Anna Huffman and the Trinity Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir. The offering of \$1,526.20 will be donated to Urban Ministries of Wake County and Good Samaritan Fund for Community Emergency Relief.

Report of Committee on Ministry

Billy Leggett, Moderator

The Presbytery approved the following:

1. Interim Supply Agreement with Reverend William Cockrill and Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church effective March 1, 2009 through February 28, 2010. Terms: Salary \$51,700; Housing \$27,000; Social Security \$7,021; Pension/Medical \$24,796; Accountable Reimbursement \$5,000. Total \$114,512.
2. Interim Supply Agreement with Reverend Jody Moore and Westminster Presbyterian Church, Raleigh effective April 19, 2009 through April 19, 2010. Terms: Salary \$25,000; Housing \$15,000; Social Security \$3,060; Pension/Medical \$12,600; Accountable Reimbursement \$3,000. Total \$58,660. Moving expenses included.
3. Interim Supply Agreement with Reverend Hewan Han and North Carolina Korean Presbyterian Church extended through December 31, 2009 or until a pastor is called.
4. Interim Supply Agreement with Reverend Ted Churn and North Raleigh Presbyterian Church effective August 23, 2009 through August 31, 2010. Terms: Salary \$40,000; Housing \$25,000; Social Security \$4,973; Accountable Reimbursement \$4,500; Pension/Medical \$20,475. Total \$94,948.
5. Temporary Supply Gaylord Lehman and Frank Price Presbyterian Church, Black Creek effective March 1, 2009 through May 31, 2009.
6. Stated Supply Reverend Spottswood Graves and Calvary Presbyterian Church, Swan Quarter effective May 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009
7. Stated Supply Reverend Raymond Privott and Mount Pisgah Presbyterian Church effective April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010.
8. Dissolution of Commissioned Lay Pastor Jack Schurman and Berea Presbyterian Church effective March 31, 2009.
9. Dissolution of Reverend Lynn Stall and North Raleigh Presbyterian Church effective April 20, 2009.
10. Dissolution of Reverend Steve Herring and Pinewood Presbyterian Church effective June 22, 2009.
11. Dissolution of Reverend Mary Gale and First Presbyterian Church, Kinston effective July 20, 2009.
12. Dissolution of Reverend James Gale and Rivermont Presbyterian Church, Kinston, effective July 31, 2009.
13. Dissolution of Reverend Art Ross and White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, effective August 31, 2009.
14. Dismissal of Reverend Lynn Stall to Salem Presbytery effective March 31, 2009.
15. Dismissal of Reverend James Gale to the Presbytery of Hearland effective August 1, 2009.
16. Dismissal of Reverend Mary Gale to the Presbytery of Northern Kansas effective August 9, 2009.
17. Reverend John Brothers to Moderate North Raleigh Presbyterian Church from May 1, 2009 through August 31, 2009.
18. Reverend Bill Nichols to Moderate Rivermont Presbyterian Church, Kinston effective July 1, 2009.
19. Reverend Jonathan Sherrod to Moderate Brookston & Young Memorial Presbyterian Churches effective August 1, 2009.
20. Reverend Drew Clark to Moderate Pinewood Presbyterian Church effective July 1, 2009.
21. Received the Validated Ministry Annual Report for John Winings (CLP) and the Haiti Fund, Inc. Renewed the Commission to the Haiti Fund effective June 1, 2009 through May 30, 2012.
22. Reverend Jim McKinnon was elected Pastor Emeritus of First Presbyterian Church, Wilson.
23. The request from First Presbyterian Church, Wilson, to Board of Pension to have vacancy dues waived for the Associate Pastor Position.
24. Reverend Karen Snyder (Disciples of Christ) to be placed on the Supply List.

25. Reverend William Cockrill to Labor Within the Bounds of the Presbytery of New Hope to serve as Interim Pastor at Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church.
26. Reverend Sunny Chang to Labor Outside the Bounds of the Presbytery of New Hope to serve on Supply List in National Capital Presbytery.
27. Reverend Julio Ramirez-Eve will serve as Supply Pastor to Northgate Presbyterian Church as well as Pastor of the Hispanic Fellowship that worships at Northgate.
28. Reverend Carole McCartney to serve as Parish Associate at White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Willow Springs.
29. That an Administrative Commission be appointed to work with the closing of Second Presbyterian Church. Members to include: Leon Bissette, Janice Smith, Martha Stith, Russell Cockrell, Rev. Preston Smith, Rev. Rob Westlund, Claudine Green and John Stratton
30. The Intentional Interim Ministry Policy for the Presbytery of New Hope. (This Policy can be found at the Presbytery website: www.nhpresbytery.org)
31. Honorable Retirement of Reverend John Jarvis Edgerton effective October 25, 2008.
32. Honorable Retirement of Reverend Claude Andrews effective May 7, 2009.
33. Honorable Retirement of Reverend Art Ross effective September 1, 2009.
34. An Ordination Commission for Sarah Wiles, Candidate of New Hope Presbytery Certified ready to receive a call, on September 27, 2009 at Wake Forest Presbyterian Church be approved pending successful examination by the Presbytery of Detroit on August 25, 2009. Commission to include: John Hartman, Carolyn Wiles and John Wiles. Sara has received a call from First Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor, MI to serve as a Pastoral Resident.
35. The call to David Roberts to serve as Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families at First Presbyterian Church, Greenville effective July 26, 2009. Terms of call: Salary \$15,796; Housing & Utilities \$16,000; Social Security \$2,616; Pension/Medical \$11,025; Deferred Income \$2,400; Accountable Reimbursement \$3,500. Total \$51,677. Four weeks vacation and two weeks continuing education.
36. Reverend Jody Moore become a Minister Member at Large.
37. The call to Dorothy Hill to serve as Associate Pastor for Youth & Discipleship at First Presbyterian Church, Goldsboro effective July 12, 2009. Terms of call: Salary \$24,015; Housing \$15,000; Social Security \$2,985; Accountable Reimbursement \$3,000; Pension/Medical \$12,030; Death/Disability \$403; Optional Dental \$331; Supplemental Life \$96. Total \$57,860. Four weeks vacation and two weeks continuing education.
38. Rev. Brian Miles become a Minister Member at Large.
39. The call to Rev. Hyeok-Jin Choi to serve as Pastor for Goldsboro Korean Presbyterian Church effective June 10, 2009. Terms of call: Salary \$16,800; Housing \$10,200; Accountable Reimbursement \$3,000; Social Security \$2,066. Total \$32,066. This is a Part-time call.
40. The call to Steve Herring to serve as Designated Pastor of Hollywood Presbyterian Church, Greenville effective July 1, 2009. Terms are: Salary \$16,233; Housing \$16,232; Social Security \$2,689; Accountable Reimbursement \$2,000. Total of \$37,154.00.
41. The call to Peter Bynum to serve as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Rocky Mount effective August 1, 2009. Terms are: Salary \$44,980; Housing \$22,110; Social Security \$5,226; Pension/Medical \$21,521; Accountable Reimbursement \$6,000; other income \$1,320. Total \$101,067. Sabbatical leave of three months after six years. Four weeks vacation and two weeks continuing education.
42. The Commission to Ordain and Install David Roberts as Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families at First Presbyterian Church, Greenville on July 26, 2009 at 6:00 PM. Members of the Commission: Ministers: William Neely, Wanda Neely, Kerri Hefner, Jerrod Lowry and Gun Ho Lee and Elders: Billy Leggett, Jane Alexander, Kathy Dudley, Andrea Croskery.
43. The Commission to Ordain and Install Dorothy Hill as Associate Pastor for Youth & Discipleship at First Presbyterian Church, Goldsboro on August 16, 2009 at 10:30 AM . Members of the Commission: Ministers: Drew Clark, Ryan Rasmussen and Elders: Nancy Haravin, Beth Parrish, Greg Knolls, Barbara Campbell Davis. Guest Ministers Keith Hill (Presbytery of the James) and Delianne Koops (Presbytery of Lake Michigan) will sit with the commission.
44. The Commission to Install Rev. Heoyk-Jin Choi to serve as Pastor for Goldsboro Korean Presbyterian Church on September 27, 2009 at 5:30 PM. Commission members: Ministers: Moongil Cho, Drew Clark, Gun Ho Lee and Elders: Chae S. Baker, Chin O. Thigpen, Youngil Cho, Barbara Campbell Davis. Guest Minister

- Seung Whan Park will sit with the commission.
45. The commission to ordain Peter A Bynum to serve as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Rocky Mount on July 26, 2009 at 11 AM at First Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, NC. Commission Members: Ministers: Marilyn Hein; Jim Holderness and Elders: John Turnage, Wicky Thorpe, William Stokes, Linda Smith. Reverend Ernie Thompson of Coastal Carolina Presbytery will sit with the commission.
46. The Commission to install Peter A. Bynum to serve as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Rocky Mount on October 18, 2009. Commission to be arranged.

Examinations

Reverend Katherine Kussmaul, Moderator
The examination of David Roberts, Jody Moore, Dorothy Hill, Brian Miles, Hyeok-Jin Choi and Peter Bynum was sustained.

Commissioned Lay Pastor Committee Report

Rev. Lisa Hebacker, Moderator
Recognized for 1st and 2nd year of CLP Training:
John Etheredge and Anne Etheredge
Recognized for completing 1st year of CLP Training:
Alex Bowers, Brian Buttram, Dewey Cassell, Christine Feno, Nita Henderson, Candice White.

Report of Standing Committee

The Presbytery received the report of the Resolutions Committee, given by Reverend Gloria Johnson for the committee: Reverend Bruce Berry and Elders Sandy Lee and Willie Jackson.. The report of the attendance was given by Rev. Juli Gicker-Anderson, recording clerk.

Adjourn

The meeting was closed with prayer by Moderator, Reverend Leigh Gillis at 3:00 PM.

NEXT MEETING

OCTOBER 17, 2009

**PEACE
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
WINTERVILLE**