

DIGEST
79TH STATED MEETING
PRESBYTERY OF NEW HOPE
February 20, 2010
St. Giles Presbyterian Church

Attendance

Ministers	116
Elder Commissioners	114
Lay Members of Council	4
Commissioned Lay Pastors	4
Elder Educators	1
Corresponding Members	8
Lay Pastors	3
Candidate/Inquirer	4
DCE	2
Visitors	30
Staff	<u>2</u>
Total	288

Call to Order

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

Quorum

Pursuant to BOO G-11.0202 the required number for a quorum in the presbytery is 3 ministers and 3 elders, provided that at least three churches are represented by elders. A quorum was determined.

Installation of Moderator

Rev. Jim Hodge was installed as Moderator of The Presbytery of New Hope for 2010. Out going Moderator Rev. Leigh Gillis was presented with a certificate for her service.

Approval of Docket

The proposed docket was approved as received with changes and the corrections as noted.

Welcome by Hosts

Reverend Jim Hodge welcomed the Presbytery on behalf of the Session of St. Giles 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 were appointed to serve on the Resolutions Committee:
 Rev. Bonnie Pettijohn, Rev. Debbie Kirk, Bruce Mullins, Asonia Jones

Seating of Corresponding Members

The following persons were seated as corresponding members: Rev. Patricia McElroy (Presbytery of Southern New England); Rev. Roland Perdue (Presbytery of Newton); Rev. Chris Kirwan (Presbytery of Central Florida); Rev. Carrie Tuttle (Presbytery of Salem); Rev. Helder Kinam Suh (Presbytery of Hanmi); Rev. Wayne Benson (Presbytery of Pittsburgh). Rev. Tom Carlson (Disciples of Christ), Jon Regier (Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse)

Report of Stated Clerk

Elder Barbara Campbell Davis

Presbytery received the following information;

1. Minutes of the Commission to ordain Keith Benze on October 18, 2009 at First Presbyterian Church, Raleigh.
2. Minutes of the Commission to install Rev. Scott Phillips as Minister for the Presbyterian Campus Ministry of Raleigh at West Raleigh Presbyterian Church on November 1, 2009.
3. Minutes of the Commission to install Rev. Stephen Herring as Designated Pastor for Hollywood Presbyterian Church, Greenville on November 8, 2009.
4. Minutes of Commissioning of Elizabeth Day to serve as Commissioned Lay Pastor for Berea Presbyterian Church, Four Oaks on November 15, 2009.
5. Minutes of the Commission to install MacHenry Shafer as Pastor of Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh on November 22, 2009.
6. Minutes of the Commission to ordain Erin Kesterson Bowers as Minister of Word and Sacrament at First Presbyterian Church, Raleigh on November 22, 2009.
7. Minutes of the Commission to install Rev. Julio Rameriz-Eve as Designated Pastor for Northgate Presbyterian Church on December 6, 2009.
8. Minutes of the Commission to install Rev. Keith Benze as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Henderson on December 6, 2009.
9. Minutes of the Commission to ordain Katherine Hande-Smith as Minister of Word and Sacrament on December 13, 2009.
10. Minutes of the Commission to install Rev. Katherine Hande-Smith in the Validated Ministry for Duke Youth Academy for Christian Formation at Duke University on December 14, 2009.

11. A complaint from Terence Whitehead regarding presbyteries reduction of force.
Presbytery Approved the following:
12. Request to concur with Overture OVT-019 from Hudson River Presbytery to overture the General Assembly re. G-6.0106b.
13. Administrative Commission report from Hispanic Mission, Manatíal de Vida.
14. Administration Commission report from Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church.
15. Administrative Commission report from North Carolina Korean Presbyterian Church.
16. Administrative Commission report from Second Presbyterian Church.
17. Administrative Commission report from New Hope, Willow Springs.
18. Administrative Commission report from Greenville Korean Presbyterian.
19. The Administrative Commission for the Hispanic Mission, Manatíal de Vida at Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church, Willow Springs was dissolved as this group has moved to another presbytery.
20. The Administrative Commission for Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh was dissolved.
21. The Administrative Commission for North Carolina Korean Presbyterian Church was dissolved.
22. The Administrative Commission for Second Presbyterian Church, Rocky Mount was dissolved.
23. The Administrative Commission for Northgate Presbyterian Church, Durham, was dissolved. Their final report was published in October 2009 minutes.
24. The following persons serve on the Bills and Overtures Committee for 2010: Reverend Ted Churn, Moderator; Reverend Ingram Hedgpeth, Patricia O'Neal, Delia Robinson, David Buchanan, Susan Baker.
25. In response to recommendations made at the July 15-16, 1996 presbytery meeting that states: "That the Stated Clerk prepare a list of the Ministers of Word and Sacrament of the Presbytery of New Hope, who have not attended a stated meeting during the past year, and that this list be forwarded to the Committee on Ministry and printed in the Docket Book"

 - All Commissioned Lay Preachers serving churches shall be eligible.
For the year 2010 there be 234 Elder Commissioners and 234 Minister Commissioners.

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR:

1. Rev. David Smith (Pastor, Littleton/Stanley White) whose father is recovering from surgery and whose Mother-in-Law is recovering from surgery.
2. Rev. Connie Button (Pastor, West Haven) whose Step-Mother is recovering from surgery.
3. Dotty Snipes (Elder, Fairfield) who is recovering from surgery.

4. Clara Horner (Elder, Eno) whose husband, James, is recovering from surgery.
5. Stephen Finley (Elder, Eno) whose mother, Patsy, is recovering from surgery.
6. Edward Rocap (Elder, Eno) who is recovering from surgery.
7. Rev. Jane Love (Interim, Roanoke Rapids 1st) who is recovering from surgery.
8. Leigh Gillis (Pastor, Cann Memorial) whose father is in the hospital.
9. Christopher Edmonston (Pastor, Howard Memorial) whose Mother-in-Law is in the hospital.
10. Travis Boyd (CLP, Wanoca) whose wife, Linda, is recovering from a broken foot and whose brother Walter, is suffering with heart problems.
11. Eva Clayton (Elder, Cotton Memorial) who is recovering from a broken elbow.
12. Rev. Brian Miles (MAL) who is undergoing tests.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

1. Rev. Jo Nygard Owens (AoP, Hudson Memorial) and husband, BJ, on the birth of their daughter, Amelia, October 17, 2009.
2. Rev. Monty Johnson (Pastor, Discovery Church) and wife, Kari, on the birth of their son, Kameron Neil, December 8, 2009.
3. Darryl Evans (AoP, Washington 1st) and wife, Mary Lee, on the birth of their son, William Allen Evans, January 19, 2010.

CONDOLENCES TO:

1. The family of Roxanne Truax (Elder, Hillsborough) who died on October 25, 2009.
2. Rev. Betty Berghaus (AoP, Westminster Durham) on the death of her Mother-in-Law, Mary Tubbs Berghaus (102) on October 25, 2009.
3. The family of David Knauert (Inquirer for Ministry in NH Presbytery and Mission worker (PCUSA) who died on November 12, 2009.
4. The Family of Ed Clemmer (Elder, Hudson Memorial) who died on November 27, 2009.
5. Rev. Doug Eddy (Pastor, Edenton) whose father, Gordon, died on November 30, 2009
6. The family of Joseph C. Woodard (Elder, St. Barnabas) who died on November 30, 2009.
7. Hartwell Fuller (Elder, Pinetops) and Sigh Fuller (Elder, Rocky Mount, First) on the loss of their brother in December 2009.
8. Virginia Boland (Elder, Eno) on the death of her husband, John, on December 1, 2009.
9. Rev. Jerrod Lowry (Pastor, St. Paul, Staff) whose grandfather, Caleb Belton, died December 6, 2009.
10. Betty Woodruff (Elder Bethlehem, Rocky Mount) on the death of her sister, Wilma Gilliland Hataway, December 10, 2009.

11. The family of Barry Pittman, Jr. (Elder, William & Mary Hart) who died on December 10, 2009.
12. The family of James Pasco Gill (Elder, Geneva) who died on December 30, 2009.
13. The family of Lois Weeks (Elder, Second) who died December 30, 2009.
14. The family of Lloyd Randolph Holland (Elder, Plainview) who died January 4, 2010.
15. Rev. Joseph Ward (Pastor, West Raleigh) on the death of his brother, Charles Ward, January 17, 2010.
16. Carolyn Whitener (Elder, Bethlehem, RM) whose husband, Charles, died on January 20, 2010.
17. Sue McCaughn (Retired Educator) whose father, Art Boutwell, died on January 20, 2010.
18. Sheila Barrick (AoP, Raleigh First) whose father, Howard Spruill, died January 24, 2010.
19. Peter Bynum (Pastor, Rocky Mount, 1st) whose grandmother, Lavon Houis Bynum, died on February 4, 2010.
20. Vines Cobb (Elder, Pinetops) whose sister, Sallie Cobb Andrews, died on February 17, 2010.
21. David Wyly (HR) whose Father-in-Law, Bill Hayes, died on February 19, 2010.

Report of Council

Rev. Ed McLeod, Moderator

Presbytery approved the following:

1. That Second Presbyterian Church, Rocky Mount, was donated to United Ministries of Rocky Mount, Inc. The building has a value of \$50,000 and needs repairs of \$300,000.
2. Approval for First Presbyterian Church, New Bern to sell two adjoining parcels of land located in Jones County previously given to the church about 10 years ago.
3. Approval for Falkland Presbyterian Church to sell their manse.
4. Approval for Church of Reconciliation to submit a loan application to PILP for \$180,000 for renovations and repair for existing buildings.
5. Rev. Robert Dunham to serve on the Personnel Committee class of 2012.
6. The Presbytery will continue to support the North Carolina Council of Churches with \$4200.00.
7. An Administrative Commission was appointed for Presbyterian Campus Ministry. Purpose: The commission will work with and assist the Presbytery of New Hope Campus Ministry Committee and the State Wide Campus Ministry Board to determine new funding patterns for the different Campus Ministry Programs and to help the board be more effective in their roles regarding campus ministers and funds development. Members:

- Ministers: Lisa Hebacker, David Huffman, MacHenry Schafer and Elders: Diane McGrath, Jack Simonds, Felecia Hardy and Joan Cassilly.
8. Recommendation that Presbytery concur with Overture -026 from Mission Presbytery regarding the role of Certified Christian Educators.
 9. The revised budget for 2010 was set at \$1,679,400.00.

Meeting of the Corporation

Rev. Ed McLeod

Barbara Campbell Davis, Stated Clerk, gave the State of the Presbytery address. The meeting of the corporation was closed with prayer.

Report of Committee on Ministry

Reverend Anna Pinckney Straight, Moderator

Presbytery approved the following:

1. Interim Agreement with Rev. Roger Horne and New Hope Presbyterian Church, Willow Springs effective November 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010. Terms: Salary \$9,000; Social Security \$689; Accountable Reimbursement \$1,000; Total: \$10,689.
2. Interim Agreement with Rev. Bruce Berry and Covenant Presbyterian Church, Wendell effective January 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010. Terms: Salary \$19,000; Housing \$25,000; Social Security \$3,443; Accountable Reimbursement \$4,000; Pension/Medical \$13,860. Total Yearly \$65,303.
3. Interim Agreement with Rev. William Nickels and First Presbyterian Church, Kinston effective March 8, 2010 through September 8, 2010. Terms: Salary \$ 34496.76; Housing \$29262.30; Pension/Medical \$20,084; Social Security \$4877.57; Accountable Reimbursement \$5,200. Total of \$93,820.63. (Terms listed are on yearly basks) Six month agreement.
4. Interim Agreement with Rev. Roland Perdue and White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh effective January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010. Terms: Salary \$100,000; Housing \$20,000; Social Security \$9,180; Pension/Medical \$14,400; Accountable Reimbursement \$2,000 + travel mileage. Total \$145,580. Four weeks vacation and two weeks continuing education.
5. Stated Supply Agreement with Rev. Henry Gregory and Macclesfield Presbyterian Church effective November 1, 2009 through November 1, 2010.
6. Rev. Frank Haggard and Covenant, Wilson and Westminster, Lucama Presbyterian Churches effective November 30, 2009 through November 30, 2010.
7. Commissioned Lay Pastor Agreement with Wallace Spragins and Grace Chapel Community Presbyterian Church, Pinetops, effective December 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010.

8. Stated Supply Agreement with Rev. Raymond Privott and Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian Church, Rocky Mount, effective April 2, 2010 – March 30, 2011.
9. Rev. Berry French to continue to serve as Pastoral Resident for Congregational Ministries at White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh through August 14, 2011.
10. Dissolution of Rev. Caroline Craig Proctor and Presbyterian Prison Chaplaincy effective December 7, 2009.
11. Dissolution of Rev. Wanda Neely and First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, effective December 31, 2009.
12. Dissolution of Debbie Osterhoudt and Interim Associate Pastor Agreement with North Raleigh Presbyterian Church effective January 24, 2010.
13. Dissolution of John Witherspoon Johnson (Interim Associate Pastor) and Wake Forest Presbyterian Church effective January 24, 2010.
14. Dismissal of Rev. Erin Kesterson Bowers to Salem Presbytery effective November 23, 2009.
15. Dismissal of John Witherspoon Johnson to Salem Presbytery effective January 24, 2010.
16. Dismissal of Debbie Osterhoudt to the Presbytery of Northeast Georgia effective January 24, 2010.
17. Rev. Jonathan Sherrod to Moderate Young Memorial and Brookston Presbyterian Churches effective November 1, 2009.
18. Rev. John Speight be Honorably Retired effective February 1, 2010.
19. That Rev. Willie Brazil be Honorably Retired effective January 1, 2010.
20. That Lloyd Griffith be Honorably Retired effective December 9, 2009.
21. Rev. Roger Horn (member of Coastal Carolina Presbytery) to Labor within the Bounds of New Hope to serve as part-time Interim Pastor for New Hope Presbyterian Church, Willow Springs effective November 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010.
22. The position of Co-Pastor/Head of Staff be abolished for the First Presbyterian Church, Greenville effective January 1, 2010.
23. The vacancy dues for the Co-Pastor/Head of Staff position at First Presbyterian Church, Greenville be waived.
24. The Installation Commission at First Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, to Ordain Erin Kesterson Bowers to serve as Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, High Point, NC on November 22, 2009 and dismissal of Erin to Salem Presbytery to accept this call.
25. The New Hope Presbytery Policy Governing At Large Members and Honorably Retired Members with changes as noted.
26. The Candidate Indebtedness Policy.
27. Reverend Haywood Holderness was granted the status of Pastor Emeritus of Westminster Presbyterian Church Durham effective February 20, 2010.
28. Ministers Compensation for 2010 as listed on the report.
29. The call to Rev. Chris Kirwan as Pastor of Williamston Presbyterian Church effective January 12, 2010. Terms: Salary \$17,595; Housing \$16,905; Social Security \$2,643.84; Accountable Reimbursement \$3,500; Pension/Medical \$10,886.40; Other Income \$60.00. Total \$51,590.24. Four weeks vacation and two weeks continuing education. Moving expenses provided. Three month sabbatical after five years of service.
30. The call to Rev. Helder Kinan Suh to serve as Designated Pastor of N.C. Korean Presbyterian Church, Durham effective December 1, 2009, for two years. Terms are: Salary \$22,200; Housing \$7,900; Social Security \$2,295; Accountable Reimbursement \$3,000; Pension/Medical \$10,039, moving expenses \$4,200. Total \$49,534. Four weeks vacation and two weeks continuing education.
31. Rev. Caroline Tuttle become a minister member at large of the Presbytery.
32. Rev. Wayne Benson become an Honorably Retired Minister Member of Presbytery.
33. Rev. Roland Perdue become an Honorably Retired minister member of the Presbytery to serve as Interim Pastor at White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh.
34. Rev. Patricia McElroy become a minister member of the Presbytery.
35. Travis Boyd be Commissioned as Commissioned Lay Pastor for Wanoca Presbyterian Church for one year effective March 1, 2010.
36. The Commission to Install Rev. Christopher Kirwan as Pastor of Williamston Presbyterian Church on March 7, 2010 at 3:00 PM. Commission Members: Ministers: Christopher Edmonston, Candace Worth, Doug Eddy and Elders: Travis Martin, Peggy Rodgers Leggett and Barbara Campbell Davis.
37. The Commission to Install Rev. Helder Kinam Suh as Designated Pastor for NC Korean Presbyterian Church, Durham on April 11, 2010 at 4:00 PM. Commission Members: Ministers: Jody Welker, Gun Ho Lee, Moongil Cho, Hyeok Jin Choi and Elders; Kun Chae, Youngil Cho, Hewon Han and Barbara Campbell Davis. Guest Minister Seung Tae Lee will sit with the Commission.
38. The Commission to Commission Travis Boyd as Commissioned Lay Pastor for Wanoca Presbyterian Church on February 28, 2010 at 11:00 AM. Ministers: John Speight, Ed Conner and Elders: Barbara Campbell Davis. Other members to be announced.
39. An Administrative Commission to assist the Pinewood Presbyterian Church. Members: Ministers: Jeff Sockwell, Janel Dixon, Steven

Wicks, Jim McKinnon and Elders: Billy Leggett, Martha Strayhorn and Helen Rackley.

Report of Examinations

Rev. Katherine Kussmaul

The examination of Ministers: Patricia McElroy, Roland Perdue, Caroline Tuttle, Chris Kirwan, Helder Kinan Suh, A. Wayne Benson and Lay Pastor Travis Boyd was sustained.

Announcements

Rev. Mark Davidson spoke on Israel-Palestine Mission Network

John Etheredge spoke to the assembly about One Great Hour of Sharing

Vince Patton of Presbyterian Publishing Corporation spoke of the new publications available and new telephone number for ordering: 800-334-6580

Report of Bills & Overtures

Rev. Ted Churn, Moderator

Overture 026 to concur with Mission Presbytery regarding the role of Certified Christian Educators passed by voice vote.

The Overture-019 to concur with Hudson River Presbytery passed by written ballot:
Yes 158 No 69 Abstain 1

Worship

Worship was led by Rev. Marcia Mount Shoop, Rev. Jim Hodge, Rev. Willem Bodisco Massink, Rev. Aleta Ash, Esther Yang, Rev. Jeffrey Kim, Rev. John Peter Mukendi, Rev. Bruce Grady, Gerald Longoria. Communion was offered to the assembly. The offering of \$1,779.69 was collected for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, designated for Haiti.

Report of Multicultural Committee

Rev. Marcia Mount Shoop spoke about the recent work of the committee.

Report of Nominations

Elder Ellen Hall, Moderator

The following persons are elected to serve on the committees for the terms indicated.

Commissioners to General Assembly:

Rev. Linda Parker

Elizabeth Wisniewski

YAD: **David Wood**

Alternate Commissioners:

Ministers: **Paul Lang; Candace Worth; Julio Ramirez-Eve; Marilyn Hedgpeth; Donovan Drake and Elders: Ray Watson; Susan Mazzara; Peggy Griffith; Billy Leggett and Leorita Hankerson**
Synod Commissioner: Class of 2012: **Janice Smith**
Moderator Elect: **Phyllis Supple**
New Hope Foundation: Class of 2012: **Bob Phipps**

Committee on Ministry:

Class of 2010: **David Pointer; Rev. Marilyn Hedgpeth**

Class of 2012: **Leorita Hankerson**

Ministries of Mission:

Class of 2010: **William Miller**

Class of 2012: **Ruth Worsley**

Campus Ministry: Class of 2012: **Daphne Smith**

Stewardship: Class of 2012: **Bruce Berry**

Finance & Property: Class of 2012: **Louis Sinclair**

Committee on Representation:

Class of 2012: **Hyeok Jin Choi**

Self Development of People:

Class of 2010: **Carole McCartney**

NC Presbyterian Campus Ministry:

Class of 2010: **Sherwood Smith**

Class of 2012: **Ray Watson**

Report of Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Rev. Betty Berghaus, Moderator

The presbytery approved the following:

1. Received as an Inquirer:

Tracy Walston (White Memorial, Raleigh)

2. Certified Ready to Receive a Call:

Betsy Eder (West Raleigh); Aimee Goldmeyer (Saint Andrews, Raleigh); Jane Rose (Peace)

3. The Candidate Indebtedness Policy.

Report of African American Caucus

Rev. Janel Dixon spoke about African American Clergy Women in the Presbyterian Church. She highlighted Rev. Dr. Katie G. Cannon the first African American Woman to be ordained in the United Presbyterian Church.

Celebrating African American Female Clergy in New Hope:

Rev. Willie Brazil, HR

Rev. Meri Lee Douglas, MAL

Rev. Portia Turner Williamson, MAL

Rev. Linda Parker, Campus Minister

Rev. Dr. Troy Janel Dixon, Calvary Wilson

Other African American female leadership in New Hope:

Inquirer under care: Nita Henderson

Candidate under care: Ester Acolatse

Lay Pastors:

Natarlin Best

Ann Etheredge

Felecia Hardy

Nita Henderson

Nathlyn Ohree

Tracy Turner

Executive Presbyter: Barbara Campbell Davis

Update on Haiti

John Winings (CLP) of the Haiti Connection presented a slide show and review of his recent trip to Haiti. The floor was open to questions about helping this nation recover from the recent earthquake.

Leadership Division

Rev. Jim Ferry, Moderator

Rev. Jim Ferry reviewed the Leadership Division Booklet distributed to all churches. The new Minister/Educator orientation will take place on March 2, 2010.

Outreach Division

Rev. Linda Parker, Moderator

Rev. Linda Parker reviewed the work of the committees with Outreach Division, Campus ministry, Prison Ministry, Ministry of Missions.

Report of Resolution Committee

The report of the Resolution Committee, given by Bruce Mullin was received by the Presbytery.

Attendance Report

The attendance report was read by Juliann Gicker-Anderson, Recording Clerk.

Adjournment

The meeting was closed with prayer by Moderator Jim Hodge at 2:56 PM.

Next Meeting

First Presbyterian Church

Rocky Mount

July 20, 2010

March 3, 2010

Memo to: New Hope Presbytery

From: Barbara Campbell Davis, Stated Clerk

Subject: Decision and Order Remedial Case 219-14 of The Permanent Judicial Commission of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

The Presbytery of New Hope received the decision and order regarding Frederick Nash Westbrook, III Appellant (Complainant), v.

Presbytery of New Hope. Appellee (Respondent) on March 2, 2010.

I have attached it for your information. The Order will be read into the record at the next Stated Meeting on July 20, 2010 at First Presbyterian Church, Rocky Mount.

The Order can also be found on the Permanent Judicial Commission Website. (219-14)