

**DIGEST**  
**82<sup>nd</sup> STATED MEETING**  
**PRESBYTERY OF NEW HOPE**  
**February 19, 2011**  
**First Presbyterian Church, Wilson NC**

**Attendance**

Ministers	139
Elder Commissioners	131
Lay Members of Council	3
Commissioned Lay Pastors	3
Elder Staff members	2
Elder Educators	3
Corresponding Members	6
Lay Pastors	1
Candidate/Inquirer	3
Visitors	24
Staff	<u>2</u>
Total	317

**Call to Order**

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

**Installation of Moderator**

Elder Phyllis Supple of First Presbyterian Church, Durham was installed as Moderator of the Presbytery.

**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.

**Docket**

The Docket was approved as presented with materials provided in the Supplemental Docket.

**Welcome by Hosts**

Rev. Tom Watkins welcomed the Presbytery on behalf of the session of First Presbyterian Church of Wilson.

**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: Emma Jean Levi (Moderator); Kirby Fuller and Nancy Oliver.

**Seating of Corresponding Members**

The following were seated as corresponding members: Rev. John Taylor (Saint Andrew Presbytery);

Rev. Edward Becks (Hudson River Presbytery); Rev. Tom Carlson Disciples of Christ); Rev. Esther Metzger (Presbytery of Middle Tennessee); Rev. David McKee (Presbytery of Western North Carolina).

**REPORT OF STATED CLERK**

**Elder Barbara Campbell Davis**

Presbytery received the following:

- Minutes of the Commission to install Gregory Green as Designated Associate Pastor at Wake Forest Presbyterian Church on November 7, 2010.
- Minutes of the Commission to install Claude Wilson-Stayton as Pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Wendell November 19, 2010.
- Minutes of the Commission to Wanda Neely as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Kinston on December 5, 2010.
- Minutes of the Commission to Charter Discovery Church on November 21, 2010. The Administrative Commission for the Charter of Discovery Church was thanked and the commission dissolved.
- Administrative Commission report from Pinewood Presbyterian Church.
- Administrative Commission report from Campus Ministry.
- That the following persons serve on the Bills & Overtures Committee for 2011: Ministers: Ingram Hedgpeh, Ted Churn, Joe Sandoval, William Peck, Bruce Berry, Connie Button and Elders: Pat O'Neal, Brenda Brown, Ann Stephenson, Ray Watson.
- Sessional Records were approved as follows: Covenant Wendell – 2008 & 2009 without exception; Center Ridge - 2009 with minor exception; Fuquay-Varina - 2009 without exception; Nutbush – 2008 & 2009 with minor exception; Selma – 2009 with minor exception; NC Korean, Durham – 2006 & 2008 with minor exceptions. Center Ridge, Kenly- 2010 no exceptions Frank Price, Black Creek – 2010 no exceptions Kenly – 2010 no exceptions Spring Hill, Lucama – 2010 no exceptions Unity, Newton Grove – no exceptions Westminster, Lucama – no exceptions
- Sara Tatum Pottenger, Westminster Presbyterian Church, to serve a four-year term as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Trustees of Davidson College.
- Report of the Stated Clerk of the Attendance and Absence of Ministers to the Stated Meetings of 2010

- For the year 2011 there will be 233 Ministers and 233 Elder Commissioners eligible to vote at stated meetings.

**PRAYER CONCERNS FOR:**

- Tempie Fuller (Elder, Pinetops) who is recovering from heart complications.
- Brenda Brown (Elder, Roanoke Island) whose daughter is recovering from surgery.
- Rev. Richard Rice (Pastor, Ahoskie, 1<sup>st</sup>) whose wife, Ellen, is undergoing treatments for severe back pain.
- Peggy Cockrell (Elder, Morton Memorial) who is recuperating at home from a recent hospital stay.
- Rev. Lee Adkins (HR) who has suffered a heart attack and is recovering from by-pass surgery.
- Rev. John Speight (HR) who is recovering from surgery.
- Rev. Kerri Hefner (AoP/CM Greenville, First) whose grandmother is seriously ill and for Kerri who is having heart issues.
- Dottie Ridenour (Member, White Memorial, Ral.) who is in Wake Med, Cary.
- Ron Noel (Elder, St. Andrews, Henderson) who has been hospitalized for congestive heart failure.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

- Rev. Christi O. Brown (PA, Westminster, Durham) and Husband, Kelan, on the adoption of their daughter, Letti McCaskill Brown, born November 27, 2010.
- Reverend Chad and Cynthia Neal (Pastors, Fuquay-Varina) on the return of their son from Afghanistan.

**CONDOLENCES TO:**

- Barbara Campbell Davis (Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk) on the death of her Aunt, Ruthie Lee Nauls, January 13, 2011.
- The family of Loretta Bishop (Elder, Saint Andrews) who died on January 24, 2011.
- The family of O. B. Parker (Elder, Morton Memorial) who died December 16, 2010.
- Rev. Brett Webb-Mitchell (MAL) on the death of his father, Donald P. Mitchell, January 11, 2011.
- Rev. Jody Welker (Pastor, Kirk of Kildaire) whose father, Joe Welker, died December 23, 2010.
- Rev. David Crow (Pastor, Bethlehem, Mebane) whose father, William, died December 12, 2010.
- Rev. Melicent Huneycutt-Verger (HR) whose mother, Jessie Huneycutt (106) died December 7, 2010.
- The family of Nan Lancaster Russ (Elder, West Haven) who died on December 2, 2010.
- Rev. William Peck (HR) on the death of his wife, Joyce, February 5, 2011.
- The family of Larry Stephen Champion (Elder, St. Giles) who died February 11, 2011
- Willem Van Eck ( ) on the death of his wife.

**Statistical Report Reminder**

The Stated Clerk reminded those churches that had not completed their Statistical Report for 2010 that the deadline is February 23, 2011.

**Report of Nominating Committee**

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

Committee on Preparation for Ministry:

Class of 2013: **Virginia Joines** (University)

Committee on Ministry:

Class of 2011: **Jim Henninger** (Triangle)

Committee on Representation:

Class of 2013: **Margaret Malloy** (White Rock)

Camp Albemarle Board of Directors:

Class of 2013: **Gail Scoggins** (White Memorial, Raleigh)

**Report of Examinations**

Rev. Gary Fulton, Moderator

The examinations of Rev. Ned Beckes, Rev. Samuel Johnson Taylor, Rev. Esther Metzger and Candidate Marguerite Moore Serrine were sustained.

**Report of Committee on Ministry**

Rev. Andrew Clark, Moderator

Presbytery approved the following:

- Interim Agreement with Edward "Ned" Beckes and Wake Forest Presbyterian Church effective December 8, 2010 through December 8, 2011. Terms: Salary \$37,423; Housing \$33,077; Social Security \$5,393; Accountable Reimbursement \$4,000; Pension/Medical \$22,208; Moving Expense \$4,000. Total \$106,101. Four weeks vacation and two weeks continuing education.
- Interim Agreement with Rev. Jane Wilson and Little River Presbyterian Church effective November 15, 2010 through November 14, 2011. Terms: Salary \$28,000; Housing \$12,000; Social Security \$3,060; Accountable Reimbursement \$5,000; Pension/Medical \$12,600. Total \$60,660. Four weeks vacation and Two weeks continuing education.
- Interim Agreement with Rev. Bill Nichols and Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church, Durham effective December 1, 2010 through December 1, 2011. Terms: Salary \$42,000; Housing \$38,000; Social Security \$6,120; Accountable Reimbursement \$7,500; Pension/Medical \$25,200. Total \$118,820. Four weeks vacation and two weeks continuing education.
- Interim Agreement with Rev. Haywood Holderness and White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh effective January 24, 2011 through April 24, 2011. Terms: Salary \$40,000; Housing \$20,000; Board of Pensions Annuity \$7,150; Accountable Reimbursement \$1,700. Total \$73,350. Four weeks vacation, two weeks continuing education and two weeks sick time based on 60% of time.

5. Interim Agreement with Rev. Judy Pidcock and Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church, Raleigh effective March 1, 2011 through May 31, 2011. Salary \$27,479; Housing \$49,500; Social Security \$5,889; Pension/Medical \$24,248; Accountable Reimbursement \$7,000. Total \$114,116. (Annual salary )
6. Interim Agreement with Rev. Ted Churn and North Raleigh Presbyterian Church effective March 1, 2011 through August 31, 2011. Terms: Salary \$41,250; Housing \$25,750; Accountable Reimbursement \$4,650. One week vacation per quarter. (Terms listed by annual compensation)
7. Stated Supply Agreement with Rev. David Wiley and Pinewood Presbyterian Church November 7, 2010 through March 13, 2011.
8. Stated Supply Agreement with Rev. Frank Haggard (Laboring in Bounds) and Westminster, Lucama and Covenant, Wilson Presbyterian Churches January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.
9. Stated Supply Agreement with Rev. James Workman and St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church through June 1, 2010 through February 29, 2012.
10. Stated Supply Agreement with Rev. Harry Goodwin and Grifton Presbyterian Church effective January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.
11. Stated Supply Agreement with Ron Jones (Lay Pastor) and Plainview Presbyterian Church, Angier effective January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.
12. Stated Supply Agreement with Rev. Ted Churn and North Raleigh effective March 1, 2011 through August 31, 2011.
13. Peggy Rogers Leggett to serve as Commissioned Lay Pastor at Howard Memorial Presbyterian Church for one year effective January 1, 2011 through January 13, 2012.
14. Travis Boyd to serve as Commissioned Lay Pastor with Wanoca Presbyterian Church effective February 28, 2011 through February 28, 2012.
15. Rev. Kristi Miles (Salem Presbytery) to Labor within Bounds to serve as Parish Associate for West New Bern Presbyterian Church effective February 2, 2011 through January 31, 2012.
16. Rev. Bob Fields to Moderate Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church effective December 2010-March 31, 2011.
17. Rev. Carole McCartney to Moderate Plainview Presbyterian Church effective January 1, 2011-December 31, 2011.
18. Rev. Judy Stanley to Moderate Rivermont Presbyterian Church.
19. Rev. Sam Stone to Moderate New Hope, Willow Spring effective January 1-March 31, 2011.
20. Rev. Cheryl Henry to Moderate Butner effective January 23, 2011 - March 1, 2011.
21. The dissolution of pastoral agreement with Rev. Ron Stoker and New Hope Presbyterian Church, Chapel Hill effective February 1, 2011.
22. The dissolution of pastoral agreement with Rev. Dawn Stoker and Efland Presbyterian Church effective February 1, 2011.
23. The dissolution of pastoral agreement with Rev. Mike Nevling and Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church, Raleigh effective December 14, 2010.
24. The dissolution of pastoral agreement with Rev. Roger Horne and New Hope, Willow Springs effective December 31, 2010.
25. The dissolution of pastoral agreement with Rev. Ed Donnell and Roxboro Presbyterian Church effective March 31, 2011. Rev. Ed Donnell be Honorably Retired effective March 31, 2011.
26. The dissolution of pastoral agreement with Rev. Ashley Griffith and Peace College effective January 31, 2011.
27. Dismissal of Ron Stoker to the Presbytery of Cherokee effective February 1, 2011.
28. Dismissal of Rev. In Sung Hoang to the Presbytery of Mid-South effective November 9, 2010.
29. Dismissal of Rev. Mike Nevling to the Presbytery of Chicago effective December 15, 2010.
30. Rev. Raafat Girgis be received as Minister Member at Large, by letter of transfer effective December 10, 2010.
31. Rev. Clyde Wiley be Honorably Retired effective March 1, 2011.
32. Efland Presbyterian Church request for relief from Vacancy Dues.
33. That the Committee on Ministry will operate under current policies and procedures as set forth by the 2009-2011 Book of Order in the NFOG passes. This will be in effect until such time as Committee on Ministry Manual of Operations is completed.
34. That Rev. Thomas Wilson be Honorably Retired effective March 1, 2011.
35. Rev. Jim McKinnon to serve as Part-time Pastor for Pinetops Presbyterian Church effective January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.
36. Rev. Bruce Berry to Labor Outside the Bounds of New Hope to serve Pollocksville Presbyterian Church (Presbytery of Coastal Carolina) effective March 1, 2011,
37. Rev. Ashley Griffith to be added to the supply list.
38. Request from Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh for relief from Vacancy Dues.
39. Validated Ministry Report for Haiti Fund, Inc. from John Winings (CLP)
40. 2011 Ministers Terms of Call as submitted
41. Esther Metzger become a Minister Member at Large of New Hope Presbytery.
42. Samuel "John" Taylor become a Minister Member at Large of New Hope Presbytery.
43. The call to Marguerite Moore Serrine to serve as Associate Pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church,

Raleigh. Effective date is March 6, 2011. Terms: Salary \$17,192.50; Housing \$17,192.50; Social Security \$2,630; Pension/Medical \$10,831; Accountable Reimbursement \$3,000. Total \$50,846. Four weeks vacation and two weeks continuing education.

44. That Tom Carlson (Disciple of Christ), Labor within the Bounds of New Hope, to serve as Pastor of Butner Presbyterian Church. Effective date is March 1, 2011. Terms: Salary \$12,500; Housing \$13,000; Social Security \$1,950.75; Pension/Medical \$9765.08; Accountable Reimbursement \$2,000. Total \$39,215.83. Sabbatical leave of four months including vacation after five years of service. Call is 80% time. Four weeks vacation and two weeks continuing education.
45. That Edward “Ned” Beckes become a Minister Member at Large of New Hope Presbytery.
46. The Commission to Ordain and Install Marguerite Moore Serrine as Associate Pastor at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Raleigh on March 6, 2011. Commission Members: Ministers: Art Ross, Steven Wicks, David Huffman, Marilyn Hein and Elders: Paul Davis, Susan Alexander, Mary Shelby.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY**

Rev. Christopher Edmonston Co-Moderator  
 Received as an Inquirers: Corey Larsen (Washington, 1<sup>st</sup>); Charlene Brown (St. John’s); Jonathan Lett (Blacknall Memorial)

**Announcements**

- Rev. Joe Harvard announced that on Feb 28, Layton Ford will speak about “Attentive Leadership” at First, Durham
- Elder John Etheredge reported on One Great Hour of Sharing.
- Rev. Chad Neal reported on Edwart Demo, Campus Crusade for Christ on April 3-4.

**Celebration of Historically Black Presbyterian Colleges**

Rev. Janel Dixon

Rev. Dixon reported on the Historically Black Presbyterian Colleges and recognized graduates of these colleges.

**Report on the Proposed Amendments to the Book of Order**

Rev. Ingram Hedgpeth, Moderator Bills and Overtures Called the body to prayer and identified the members of the Bills and Overtures Committee. He called attention to the voting procedures to be followed. Members debated the FOG and other proposed amendments. After discussion and vote the results are as follows:

**FOG** Yes: 170 No: 92  
**10A** Yes: 158 No: 118

**10B** Yes: 241 No: 25  
**10C** Yes: 255 No: 32  
**10D** Yes: 240 No: 28  
**10E** Yes: 255 No: 17  
**10F** Yes: 245 No: 23  
**10G** Yes: 241 No: 18  
**10H** Yes: 254 No: 14  
**10I** Yes: 259 No: 15  
**10J** Yes: 248 No: 17  
**10K** Yes: 254 No: 13  
**10L** Yes: 249 No: 14  
**10M** Yes: 246 No: 20  
**10N** Yes: 245 No: 30  
**10O** Yes: 245 No: 16

**Report of Council**

Rev. Ed McLeod, Moderator

Presbytery approved the following:

1. That the Personnel Committee will serve as Interim Executive Search Committee until the process is approved and an Interim Executive is elected.
2. Request from the Session of William & Mary Hart Presbyterian Church, Tarboro, to apply to the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program for a loan in the amount of \$135,000 to renovate the Education Building.
3. Dates for Stated Meetings for 2012: February 18, 2012 – Wake Forest Presbyterian Church; July 17, 2012 – Howard Memorial Presbyterian Church; October 20, 2012 – First Presbyterian Church, Raleigh.
4. To serve on Nominations Committee-Class of 2012: Jack Simonds, Janet Livengood and Class of 2013: Ann Montgomery, Barry Barbour
5. To serve on Personnel Committee – Class of 2012: Ellen Hall.
6. Personnel Policies of New Hope Presbytery be changed as follows: Change to section 17.13 (a) to read - Moving expenses to be paid by Presbytery.
7. New Hope Presbytery to adopt the Sexual Misconduct Policy of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
8. That the Presbytery of New Hope continue to use the present Manual of Operations and Standing Rules until new ones can be developed that include how we change in light of FOG.

**State of the Presbytery**

Barbara Campbell Davis, Stated Clerk

Barbara Campbell Davis gave the State of the Presbytery address and announced her retirement effective June 30, 2011, Rev. Joe Harvard offered prayer for Barbara and the Presbytery during this time of transition.

### **Worship**

Worship was led by Reverends Tom Watkins, Janel Dixon, Frank Haggard, Tolokun Omokunde and Bruce Grady, with Dawn Marie Okomunde, Nicholas James and Jacob Kennedy and the joint Choirs of Calvary and First, Wilson Presbyterian Churches. The offering collected will be directed to Hope Station along with the canned goods collected during registration.

### **Leadership Division Report**

Rev. Jim Ferry, Moderator

Rev. Jim Ferry reported that the 1<sup>st</sup> Healthy Boundaries Workshop will be on March 1, 2011. The Leadership Division Handbook was distributed to all churches.

### **Report of Congregational Ministries**

Katie Ricks, Moderator

Katie Ricks offered information on the Stewardship Training, to be offered in the future, dates and places to be announced.

### **Report of Outreach Division**

Rev. Jane Wilson, Moderator

Rev. Jane Wilson reported that a total of 27 Hunger Grants totaling \$40,000 were distributed for 2011. Seventeen Outreach Grants were also distributed totaling \$26,800. She gave a report on Campus Ministry and the mission trips to be taken this year. Jane also reported that over 110 persons from 43 churches were in attendance at the ACTS 16:5 conference held at Triangle Presbyterian Church. Two additional ACTS 16:5 conferences will be held, one in the east on May 10 and one in the west on May 11, watch for more information to be provided in the near future.

### **Report of Resolutions Committee**

The report of the Resolutions Committee, given by Emma Jean Levi, Moderator, was received by the presbytery.

### **Report of Attendance**

Rev. Juli Gicker-Anderson, recording clerk gave the report of the attendance for the meeting.

### **Adjourn**

The Moderator, Phyllis Supple closed the meeting with prayer at 2:30 PM.

## **NEXT STATED MEETING**

**JULY 19, 2011**

**TRIANGLE  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH,  
DURHAM**