

**DIGEST**  
**84th STATED MEETING**  
**The Presbytery of New Hope**  
**October 15, 2011**  
**First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, NC**

**Attendance**

Ministers	84
Elder Commissioners	90
Lay Members of Council	4
Commissioned Lay Pastors	1
Director of Christian Ed.	--
Elder Educators	2
Corresponding Members	2
Lay Pastors	1
Candidate/Inquirer	6
Visitors	25
Staff	<u>3</u>
Total:	218

**Call to Order**

Elder Phyllis Supple, Moderator, called the meeting to order with prayer at 9:00 AM.

**Quorum**

Pursuant to old BOO G-11.0202 (and G-3.034) 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 by the Moderator.

**Docket**

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

**Welcome by Hosts**

Rev. Carrie Finch welcomed the Presbytery on behalf of the session of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville.

**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.

**Seating of Corresponding Members**

The following were seated as corresponding members: Rev. Jim Still, Cann Memorial P.C. (LWB, Foothills Presbytery); Molly Roach (Salem Presbytery).

**Appointment of Standing Committee**

The following persons were appointed to serve on the Resolutions Committee: Lyndon Fuller (Elder, Kinston, First); Rev. Susan Sexton (Selma P.C.); Claude Greene (Elder, Bethlehem, Rocky Mount).

**Worship**

Worship was led by Rev. Carrie Finch and engaged those present in remembering their baptisms. The offering collected goes to "Presbyterian Disaster Assistance" in The Presbytery of New Hope, along with the canned goods collected during registration.

**REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK and COMMUNICATIONS**

**Rev. Ted Churn, Interim Executive  
 Presbyter and Stated Clerk**

Ted Churn shared with the Presbytery a video by Simon Sinek entitled: "How Great Leaders Inspire Action." He also called the body's attention to ministers who have recently been received into our presbytery; ministers who have recently left the presbytery to serve in other locations; and he introduced the Presbytery Staff.

The Presbytery's attention was directed to the materials in the docket that serve as templates for churches to help with establishing operating manuals and church by-laws in light of the new form of government.

The Presbytery received the following:

1. Minutes of the Commission to install Kevin Brunk as Pastor of Littleton and Stanley White Presbyterian Churches on August 21, 2011.
2. Minutes of the Commission to ordain and install Jane Rose as Associate Pastor of Peace Presbyterian Church, Winterville, on August 20, 2011.
3. Minutes of the Commission to ordain Taylor Lewis Guthrie Hartman as Minister of Word and Sacrament at Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church, Louisville, KY, on July 24, 2011.
4. Minutes of the Commission to install Taylor Lewis Guthrie Hartman as Associate Pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Durham, on Sunday, September 25, 2011.
5. Minutes of the Commission to install Clinton Alan Randall as Pastor of Unity Presbyterian Church, on Sunday, August 21, 2011.
6. Minutes of the Commission to install Scott Hardy as Commissioned Lay Pastor of Jason and Snow Hill Presbyterian Churches, on Sunday, August 14, 2011.

7. Minutes of the Commission to ordain and install Mary Kathleen Duncan as Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Rocky Mount on Sunday, September 25, 2011.
8. Minutes of the Commission to install Kathryn Owen as Duke Campus Minister on Sunday, October 2, 2011.

The Presbytery approved the following:

Report of churches with Sessional Records approved for 2010 (unless otherwise noted) as follows:

Calvary, Wilson, without exception;  
 Covenant, Durham, without exception;  
 Covenant, Wendell, without exception;  
 Farmville, with minor exceptions;  
 Fuquay-Varina, without exception;  
 Garner, First (2006-09) with minor exceptions and 2010, without exception;  
 Northgate (2009-10) without exception;  
 Roxboro, with minor exceptions;  
 Washington, First, with minor exceptions.

#### **Report of Council**

Rev. Ed McLeod, Moderator

The Moderator of Council directed the Presbytery's attention to the proposed challenge budget for 2012, attached to the docket, and highlighted Item #7 of the Council's report, reminding the body that congregations will be asked to increase their giving by 2%.

Presbytery approved the following:

1. The request from the Session of West Raleigh Presbyterian to sell property located at 101 Horne Street, Raleigh.
2. The request from the Personnel Committee to appoint Terry Lamberson to the position of Associate Executive Presbyter for Finance / Church Development and Evangelism, effective September 1, 2011.
3. The request from the Personnel Committee that a special monetary gift be given, through contributions from churches, to Pat Donofrio and Chuck Noonan at an Open House reception at the Presbytery Office on Sunday, September 25, 2011.
4. The request from Rev. David Huffman of Trinity P.C., Raleigh, to refinance the existing mortgage on the sanctuary building (approved Jan. 2008), for \$260,000.00 with North State Bank for a term of 10 years at a fixed rate of 5.75% for seven years, with a new rate to be negotiated for years eight, nine, and ten.
5. The creation of a task force to draft a policy for responding to requests for distributing

literature to Presbytery; posting announcements on the website; and hosting booths at Presbytery meetings. Martha Stevenson and Delores Johnson volunteered to serve.

6. The creation of a task force to consider various models of: "organizing our congregations, aligning presbytery boundaries, and establishing a separation process and policy that is transparent and pastoral for all parties involved." The task force is to be appointed by Moderator of Council and the Interim Exec. Presbyter/Stated Clerk and will regularly report to Council and Presbytery. (The request for a task force came from Presbytery elders and ministers, many of whom attended "The Fellowship" gathering in Minneapolis in Aug. 2011).
7. The request from the Finance Committee for a 2% increase in the budget for 2012.
8. The exploratory phase of a proposal to hire an assistant for Rev. Gun Ho Lee, a position that would be funded at no cost to the Presbytery. Part of the exploratory process involves gathering information on what the prospective employee's relationship to the PCUSA would be.
9. To provide Campus Ministries Committee with a mailing list of NHP churches and pastors in order to request money for the state-wide challenge grant.
10. That the plan for dissolution of St. John's and Northgate Presbyterian Churches in preparation for a merger be referred to the Church Development and Evangelism Committee for revision and guidance. Further, that the ad hoc task force for St. John's and Northgate churches in Durham be dissolved, and that the two congregations foster this new relationship with joint worship services and occasions for fellowship.
11. The audit for 2010.
12. The challenge budget set at \$1,712,988.00.

#### **Report of Committee on Ministry**

Rev. Drew Clark, Moderator

In Memoriam, the COM Moderator called the body's attention to the biography in the docket of Rev. Dr. Albert George Edwards and asked for a moment of silence to honor his life and recognize his passing.

Presbytery approved the following:

1. Interim Agreement, part-time, with Rev. John Taylor and North Raleigh P.C. effective July 1, 2011. The position is on a month-by-month basis for three months, 30 hours per week.

- Terms: Salary: \$2,578.00 per month; Housing Allowance: \$1,602.00 per month; Board of Pensions Dues: \$1,359.00 per month; Social Security Offset: \$346.00 per month; Reimbursable Expenses: \$291.00 per month. Total Compensation: \$6,176.00. per month.
2. Interim Agreement with Rev. Jody Moore and Outer Banks P.C., effective September 14, 2011 through September 13, 2012. Terms: Salary: \$35,000.00; Manse Value: \$16,800.00; Social Security Offset: \$4,040.00; Reimbursable Expenses: \$5,500.00; Board of Pensions Dues: \$16,632.00; Medical Supplement (flexible spending): \$1,000.00; Moving Expenses: \$1,000.00. Total Compensation (including moving expenses): \$79,972.00. Four weeks vacation; two weeks continuing education.
  3. Temporary Stated Supply Agreement with Rev. Micky Efir (HR) and Roxboro P.C., effective June 1, 2011 through January 31, 2012. Terms: \$150.00 per Sunday.
  4. Change in 2011 terms of call for Rev. Jason Leonard of Geneva, Hebron, and Oak Hill Presbyterian Churches (Board of Pensions dues increase in the amount of \$484.00 - from \$10,049.00 to \$10,533.00). Terms: Salary: \$19,900.00; Housing Allowance: \$12,000.00; Social Security Offset: \$2,440.00; Board of Pensions Dues: \$10,533.00; Reimbursable Expenses: \$5,000.00. Total Compensation: \$49,873.00.
  5. The dissolution of the pastoral agreement with Rev. Jonathan Sherrod and St. Andrews P.C., Henderson, effective October 31, 2011.
  6. The dissolution of the pastoral agreement with Rev. Christopher Edmonston and Howard Memorial P.C. effective September 11, 2011.
  7. The dissolution of the pastoral agreement with Rev. Cathy Church Norman and Kirk of Kildare, effective November 19, 2011.
  8. The dissolution of the pastoral agreement with Rev. Rebekah Hutto and Mt. Bethel P.C., effective September 18, 2011.
  9. The dismissal of Rev. Katherine Hande Smith to Middle Tennessee Presbytery, effective February 5, 2011.
  10. Rev. Peter Bynum to serve as Moderator of Session for Howard Memorial P.C., effective September 1, 2011.
  11. Rev. Brian Miles (MAL/Chaplain) to serve as Moderator of Session for Neuse Forest P.C., effective September 1, 2011.
  12. Rev. Lisa Hebacker to serve as Moderator of Session for Wake Forest P.C., effective September 1, 2011.
  13. Rev. Mary Banner's term as Moderator of Session for Roxboro P.C. extended through January 31, 2012.
  14. The Honorable Retirement of Rev. Margaret dePrater (MAL) effective October 1, 2011.
  - 15.. 2011 Compensation Package for Rev. Robert Johnson, Ebenezer P.C.
  16. The Validated Ministry of Anna Rainey as Pastoral Resident of White Memorial P.C.
  17. Rev. Judy Stanley to be a Member at Large and placed on the Supply List.
  18. Rev. Cathy Church Norman to be a Member at Large.
  19. To retain the 2011 Minimum Compensation Standards for Ministers (2012 Minimum as projected by the Board of Pensions not approved).
  20. The call to Anna Rainey to serve in a Validated Ministry as Pastoral Resident for Congregational Ministry at White Memorial P.C., Raleigh, effective July 18, 2011 through July 17, 2013. Terms: Salary: \$19,351.00; Housing Allowance: \$18,592.00; Social Security Offset: \$2,903.00; Reimbursable Expenses: (1) Continuing Education: \$1,000.00; (2) Professional Automobile Expenses reimbursed as expended; Board of Pensions Dues: \$11,952.00. Four weeks vacation; two weeks continuing education. Moving expenses provided. Total Compensation (not including auto expenses): \$53,798.00.
  21. The call to Carol Ann Pierson to serve as Associate Pastor for First Presbyterian Church, Goldsboro, effective September 6, 2011. Terms: Salary: \$28,800.00; Housing Allowance: \$19,200.00; Social Security Offset: \$3,672.00; Reimbursable Expenses: \$4,000.00; Board of Pensions Dues: \$15,300.00; Single Dental and Sup. Life: \$571.00; Moving Expenses: \$6,000.00; Total Compensation (including moving expenses): \$77,543.00. Four weeks vacation; two weeks continuing education. A sabbatical leave of three months after five years service.
  22. The call to Jennifer Miles to serve as Associate Pastor for Cary P.C., effective October 7, 2011. Terms: Salary: \$23,500.00; Housing Allowance: \$23,500.00; Social Security Offset: \$3,596.00; Reimbursable Expenses: \$4,500.00; Board of Pensions Dues: \$14,805.00; Cell Phone Reimbursement: \$600.00; One-Time Moving Expense: \$8,000.00; Total Compensation (including one-time moving expense): \$78,501.00. Four weeks vacation; two weeks continuing education. A sabbatical leave of four months after five years service.

23. The call to Rev. Jonathan Sherrod to serve as Pastor for Westminster P.C., Raleigh, effective November 1, 2011. Terms: Salary: \$12,800.00; Housing Allowance: \$25,000.00; Social Security Offset: \$3,102.00; Reimbursable Expenses: \$3,500.00; Board of Pensions Dues: \$12,774.00; Medical Supplement (flexible spending): \$1,000.00; Deferred Income (403b): \$1,200.00; Other Applicable Income (long-term care insurance): \$553.44. Total Compensation: \$59,929.44. Four weeks vacation; two weeks continuing education.
24. The call to Rev. Christopher Edmonston to serve as Pastor for White Memorial P.C., Raleigh, effective September 12, 2011. Terms: Salary: \$63,750.00; Housing Allowance: \$61,250.00; Social Security Offset: \$9,563.00; Reimbursable Expenses: (1) for continuing education - \$2,000.00, (2) actual expenses consistent with WMPC policy for ordained staff; Board of Pensions Dues (capped at \$105,800): \$35,631.00; Moving expenses and moving allowance consistent with WMPC policy. Total Compensation: \$172,194.00. Four weeks vacation; two weeks continuing education. A sabbatical leave of four months after five years service.
25. The Commission to Install Rev. Jonathan Sherrod as Pastor for Westminster P.C., Raleigh, on November 20, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. Commission Members: Ministers: Ted Churn, Lisa Hebacker, John Langham; Elder: John Price. Guest Minister: David Sherrod; Guest Elder: Betty Sherrod.
26. The Commission to Ordain and Install Jennifer Miles as Associate Pastor, Cary P.C., on November 20, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. Commission Members: Ministers: Kyle Allen, Carol Pierson; Elders: Rhonda Carlile, Wayne Honeycut, Delores Parker, Kenneth Cates. Guest Minister: Todd Allen.
27. The Commission to Ordain and Install Anna Rainey as Pastoral Resident for Congregational Ministry, White Memorial P.C., Raleigh, October 23, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Commission Members: Ministers: Lisa Hebacker, Christopher Edmonston, Elizabeth Michael; Elders: Abby Pressel, Jim Crawford, Charlene Brown.
28. The Commission to Ordain and Install Carol Ann Pierson as Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Goldsboro, on October 30, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. Commission Members: Ministers: Drew Clark, Jim McKinnon; Elders: Nona Andrews, Scott

- Hardy, Freeda Lawrence.. Guest Ministers: Carson Rhyne, Rodger Sellers.
29. The Commission to Install Rev. Christopher Edmonston as Pastor for White Memorial P.C., Raleigh, on October 30, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Commission Members: Ministers: Ted Churn, Ed McLeod, Franklin Golden, Byron Wade; Elders: Robert Paschal, Edward L. Roberson, Inez Ribustello, Barbara Campbell Davis, Hugh McNeil. Guest Ministers: Mary Katherine Robinson, Kathy Beach-Verhey, William Terry, Matthew Rich.
  30. Request of Mt. Bethel to have vacancy dues waived by Board of Pensions as the Associate Pastor position has been discontinued.
  31. The recommendation of Council to approve Latino Lay Leader Training Program and to provide \$1,000.00 per year. COM will arrange for a line item on its budget.
  32. To refer the COM Process Statement Regarding Examination of Candidates (included in the docket) back to the Committee on Ministry for reconsideration. (This action took place after open discussion). The COM Moderator is to report to the Presbytery at the February Presbytery meeting.

#### **Report of Examinations Committee**

Rev. Gary Fulton, Moderator

The examinations of the following were sustained:

Ordinands: Anna Rainey, Carol Pierson, Jennifer Miles

Change within Presbytery: Rev. Jonathan Sherrod; Rev. Christopher Edmonston.

#### **Report of the Nominations Committee**

Elder Frances Turner, Moderator

#### **and Report of Committee on Representation**

Rev. Ed Stock, Moderator

The Presbytery approved the following individuals for the committees and classes indicated:

#### **Commissioners to 220<sup>th</sup> General Assembly**

##### **Ministers**

Paul Lang

Julio Ramirez-Eve

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Candace Worth

##### **Elders**

Susan Mazzara

Peggy Griffith

Billy Leggett

John Etheridge

#### **Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD):**

Wilson Kennedy

#### **Vice Moderator of Presbytery - 2011 and**

#### **Moderator of Presbytery - 2012:**

Ray Cobb

#### **Council:**

Class of 2013: Jane Love

Class of 2014: Robert Dewey Cassell, III, Elizabeth Michael

**Finance and Property:**

Class of 2013: Carol A. Moehering

Class of 2014: Aubrey Blanks

**New Hope Foundation:**

Class of 2013: Richard B. Jackson

Class of 2014: Wendy McCorkle, Lanette Harper Pridgen

**Committee on Representation:**

Class of 2013: Edwin W. Stock

Class of 2014: Mollie Bass

**Division for Leadership Development:**

Class of 2014: Dixie Crew

**Committee on Ministry:**

Class of 2014: James F. Ferry, James W. Davis, Robert C. Brizendine, Kyle Allen, Richard Marks, Carrie Finch

**Examinations Committee:**

Class of 2014: David F. Crow, Marla Cates, Art Ross, Tom Murphy

**Sessional Records:**

Class of 2014: Mark Daughtrey, Martha Strayhorn

**Committee on Preparation for Ministry:**

Class of 2014: Gloria Johnson, Paul Rowland, Jody Moore, Keith Benze, John Rogers, Claudia Draffin

**Older Adult Committee:**

Class of 2014: Peggy Kearney, Stephen Aschmann

**Multicultural Committee:**

Class of 2014: Stephen Herring

**Division for Outreach Ministries:**

Class of 2014: Phyllis R. Perry, Tom Carlson, Hugh McNeil

**Church Development and Evangelism:**

Class of 2014: Bruce Berry, Kirby Fuller, Sam Son, Aleta Ash

**Ministries of Mission:**

Class of 2014: Howard E. Young, Sandy Lee, Candace White, Lynette Williams

**Campus Ministry:**

Class of 2012: Richard Jackson

Class of 2013: Judy Pidcock

Class of 2014: Hugh McNeil, Eileen McAvoy, Brett Webb Mitchell, Lee Kinney

**North Carolina Presbyterian Higher Education Ministries**

Class of 2012: Ray Watson

Class of 2013: Sherwood Smith

Class of 2014: MacHenry Schafer

**PRAYER CONCERNS FOR:**

1. All those whose lives have been affected by Hurricane Irene.
2. Bill dePrater as he undergoes tests and procedures at UNC Hospital for lung-related issues.
3. Karen Dukes (Pastor, Kenly P.C.), resting at home after having gall bladder removed.

**CELEBRATIONS:**

1. Little River P.C. - 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
2. Rev. Chris Kirwan (Williamston) and his wife Alyssa on the birth of their daughter, Raelyn, on October 14, 2011.

**CONDOLENCES TO:**

1. The family of Rev. Albert Edwards, (Honorably Retired Minister member of the Presbytery) who died Aug. 7, 2011.
2. The family of Betty Gray Parker Creech (Elder, Howard Memorial.) who died Aug. 7, 2011.
3. The family of Ben C. Courts (Elder, University), who died Aug. 28, 2011.
4. The family of Thelma Boyd (Elder and Church Educator, University), who died Sept. 2, 2011.
5. The family of Bruce Bell (Elder, Warrenton).
6. The family of Melvin Dennis, (Elder, Hollywood), who died Sept. 5, 2011.
7. The family of Dr. Earnest Page (Elder, Deacon, White Memorial) who died Sept. 13, 2011.
8. The family of Steve Johnson (Elder, Kirk of Kildare, Board member of NC State Campus Ministry), who died Sept. 18, 2011.
9. Janet and Rev. Jeff Sockwell and their family on the death of her father, Jerry Oakley, killed in a car accident.
10. Rev. Jane Love and her family on the death of Jane's mother, Shirley Faye Williams Love, who died Sept. 30, 2011.

**Report of Committee on Preparation for Ministry**

Rev. Betty Berghaus, Co-Moderator

The Committee received two inquirers: Rachel Jenkins (First, Henderson) Blake Daniel (Blacknall Memorial).

The Committee certified one candidate as ready to receive a call: Katie Ricks (Church of Reconciliation). The Committee Co-Moderator acknowledged the presence of a written protest in the docket about the candidate, and reminded the body that the majority of the Committee voted in favor of certification as ready to receive a call.

The Presbytery received three candidates:

Charlene Brown (St. John's), who was introduced by letter from Rev. Franklin Golden and Rev. Amanda Diekman, St. John's P.C.; Tracey Daniel (White Memorial, Raleigh), who was introduced by letter from Rev. Lisa Hebacker, Assoc. Pastor, White Memorial P.C.; Petra Wahnefried (Trinity Avenue) who was introduced by letter from Rev. Elizabeth Michael, Assoc. Pastor, Trinity Avenue P.C.

Presbytery Moderator Phyllis Supple examined the three applicants for candidacy and declared them to be approved to become candidates. Rev. Betty Berghaus charged the candidates and offered the prayer and blessing.

#### **Announcements and Presentations**

1. Rev. Joe Harvard introduced Rev. Paul Roberts, Dean and President of John C. Smith Seminary in Atlanta, who gave a talk about the Theological Education Fund and his Seminary.
2. The following churches were recognized as certified Earthcare Congregations: Church of Reconciliation; White Memorial, Raleigh; Kirk of Kildare.
3. Rev. Gun Ho Lee offered a video presentation regarding the 2012 Multicultural Ministries Conference, November 8- 1, in Charlotte, NC.
4. Rev. Joe Harvard announced that Rev. Bruce Rigdon will be speaking about Russian and Eastern Orthodox Christianity, October 24, 2011, First, Durham, 10:00 am - Noon.
5. Rev. Ted Churn announced "An Evening With the Stated Clerk of the OGA - Gradye Parsons" - October 22, 2011 from 7-9 pm. Location to be determined.
6. Madora Hix announced the APCE conference in February; more details available at [www.apce.org](http://www.apce.org).

#### **Report of Leadership Division**

Rev. Jim Ferry, Moderator

Jim Ferry discussed the Healthy Boundaries program, required of ministers every three years.

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

Rev. Jane Wilson, Moderator

Tamara Eller spoke to the Presbytery about the role of the Stewardship of Creation Enabler, and the Earthcare Congregations program. Rev. Jonathan Sherrod shared "A Creation Care Story."

Willie Brazil spoke to the Presbytery about Presbyterian Prison Ministries and challenged each member of the Presbytery to give 25 cents

per week to the Presbyterian Prison Ministries (For more info contact Willie Brazil at [wmbrazil@bellsouth.net](mailto:wmbrazil@bellsouth.net)).

Tom Watkins, Chair, advised the Presbytery of the new "Disaster Assistance Sub-Committee" of the Presbytery's Ministry of Missions. Next meeting: November 15, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

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

Elder Katie Ricks, Moderator

Katie Ricks outlined three committees of this Division: Youth, Christian Education and Growing Together, and Multi-Cultural Committee.

#### **Committee and Outreach Reports**

The following committees and organizations provided written reports with the docket:

- ~Self-Development of People - John Etheridge, Moderator;
- ~Ministries of Campus Ministry - Hugh McNeil, Moderator
- ~Presbyterian Prison Ministries - Board Secretary
- ~Stewards of God's Creation - Tamara Eller

#### **Report of Resolutions Committee**

Elder Linwood White (Rivermont P.C.) offered the Resolutions of Thanks on behalf of the Resolutions Committee.

#### **Report of Assistant to the Stated Clerk**

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

#### **Adjourn**

Moderator Phyllis Supple adjourned the meeting, and Rev. Carrie Finch, host of the Presbytery meeting, closed the meeting in prayer at 4:00 p.m.

**NEXT STATED MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 18, 2012**

**Location To Be Announced**