

DIGEST
89TH STATED MEETING
THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW HOPE
JULY 23, 2013
WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
RALEIGH, NC

Quorum

Pursuant to the Book of Order (G-3.304) and to the standard practice of this Presbytery, the required number for a quorum in the presbytery is three ministers and three elders, provided at least three churches are represented by elders. A quorum was determined.

Docket

The docket was approved as presented.

Seating of Corresponding Members

The following were seated as corresponding members:

Alice Fisler (Pittsburgh Presbytery); Katherine Higgins (Presbytery of Greater Atlanta); Charles Link (Presbytery of Greater Atlanta); Fred Mangeni (Evangelical Church); Raymond Privott (American Baptist); Evan Walker (Western Kentucky Presbytery)

Appointment of Standing Committee

The following persons were appointed to the Resolutions Committee:

Duane Hix, Moderator (Minister, White Memorial, Willow Springs);
Daniel Cook (Elder, St. Andrews);
Kathy Johnson (Elder, Western Blvd.).

Welcome by Hosts

Rev. Christopher Edmonston, Pastor of White Memorial Presbyterian Church welcomed the presbytery on behalf of the sessions of White Memorial, Westminster and West Raleigh Presbyterian Churches.

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.

Worship

The worship leaders included invited pastors from the Oberlin Road congregations (Wilson Temple Methodist, Oberlin Baptist and the French Congolese churches) Karl Zinsmeister, Rev. Lori Pistor, Rev. Jonathan Sherrod, members of the New Hope Presbytery Multi-Cultural Committee, choir members from White Memorial, West Raleigh and Westminster Presbyterian Churches and Rev. Christopher Edmonston, who preached the sermon. The offering collected goes to The Diaper Train at Saint Saviour's Center in Raleigh.

Gathering in Pickard Hall

The presbytery met with Rev. Katie Owen and Rev. Mary Harris Todd, co-moderators of the Pentecost Project Team, who are guiding the presbytery through its discernment process. After sharing what the team learned from the small groups at the previous meeting and from online surveys, the presbytery, divided into small groups, answered the following questions:

- What does healthy accountability for members of NHP look like?
- What should we ask New Hope sessions to understand the work and yearnings of the church?

Black Caucus Report

Rev. Omotokun Omokunde

Rev. Omokunde shared that Timothy Darling received a mini grant from the Synod of the Mid Atlantic to work with first responders in five counties. Timothy Darling is also involved in a Shield a Badge Prayer program. The Caucus is working to develop a web site and plans to participate in Big Tent 2013.

Report of the Stated Clerk and Communications

Rev. Ted Churn Executive
Presbyter and Stated Clerk

The Presbytery received the following:

1. The minutes of the Commission to Install Rev. Kerri Hefner as Pastor of New Hope Presbyterian Church on February 24, 2013.
2. The minutes of the Commission to Install Rev. Theodore Churn as Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of New Hope on April 7, 2013.

The Presbytery approved the following from the Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk.

Report of the Sessional Records Committee.

Sessional Records were approved as follows: (for 2012, unless otherwise noted:)

Bear Grass – without exception; Berea - without exception; Bethany - without exception; Bethlehem, Mebane - without exception; Bethlehem, Rocky Mount - without exception; Blacknall Memorial - without exception (2011, 2012); Brookston - without exception; Butner – with minor exceptions; Calvary, Wilson - without exception; Cann Memorial - without exception; Center Ridge - without exception (2011, 2012); Church of Reconciliation - without exception; Cotton Memorial - without exception; Covenant, Durham - without exception (2011), with minor exceptions (2012); Covenant, Wilson - without exception; Discovery (minutes only) - without exception (2010); Discovery (minutes only) – with minor exceptions (2011, 2012); Durham, First – with minor exceptions (2011, 2012); Edenton, First - without exception; Efland - without exception; Englewood – with minor exceptions; Eno - without exception; Fairfield - without exception; Falkland - without exception; Farmville - without exception; Fountain – with minor exceptions; Frank Price Memorial - without exception; Goldsboro, First – with minor exceptions; Grace Chapel Community - without exception; Greenville, First - without exception; Grifton - without exception; Hebron - without exception; Henderson, First - without exception (2011, 2012); Hollywood - without exception; Howard Memorial - without exception; Hudson Memorial - without exception; Kenly - without exception; Littleton - without exception; Little River - without exception; Macclesfield - without exception (2010, 2011, 2012); Mount Bethel - without exception (2011, 2012); Mount Pisgah - without exception; Mount Pleasant - without exception; New Bern, First - without exception (2011, 2012); New Hope, Chapel Hill - without exception; New Hope, Willow Springs - without exception; North Raleigh - without exception; Oak Hill - without exception; Oakland - without exception; Outer Banks - without exception; Oxford - without exception; Peace - without exception; Providence - without exception; Raleigh, First – without exception; Rivermont - without exception; Roanoke Island - without exception; Roanoke Rapids, First - without exception; Roberson Chapel - without exception; Rocky Mount, First - without exception; Roxboro - without exception; Saint Andrews, Raleigh - without exception; Smithfield, First - without exception; Snow Hill – with minor exceptions; Spring Hill - without exception;

St. Andrews, Henderson - without exception; St. Paul - without exception (2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012); Stanley White - without exception; Timothy Darling - without exception; Triangle - without exception (2011, 2012) Trinity Avenue- without exception (2011, 2012) University - without exception; Warrenton - without exception; West Haven - without exception; West New Bern - without exception; West Raleigh - without exception; Westminster, Durham - without exception; Westminster, Lucama - without exception; Westminster, Raleigh - without exception; White Memorial, Raleigh - without exception; White Memorial, Willow Spring – without exception; White Rock - without exception; William and Mary Hart - without exception; Williamston - without exception; Wilson, First - without exception; Young Memorial - without exception.

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR:

1. Pat O'Neal (elder, William and Mary Hart and former bookkeeper for Presbytery of New Hope), recovering from surgery to remove a brain tumor.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

1. All high school and college graduates in the Presbytery of New Hope.
2. Rev. Drew Clark (Goldsboro, First), who has been awarded the United Way Emil Rosenthal Volunteer Award.
3. White Memorial, Raleigh and Church of Reconciliation on their re-certification as Earth-Care congregations.
4. Reverends Chris and Carrie Tuttle on the birth of their son, Wilson Tate Tuttle, March 21, 2103.
5. Rev. Byron Wade, who took part in the African American Mentoring event at Montreat Conference Center on April 21st.
6. Rev. Mary Kathleen Duncan and her husband David, who are expecting their first baby in September.
7. Westminster Presbyterian Church, Durham on its 50th anniversary.
8. Reverends Connie Button, Joe Harvard, and Marilyn Hein on their retirement.
9. Nancy Rozak on her retirement as Christian educator at Westminster Presbyterian Church.
10. Rev. Ed Stock and Anne Munch Thomas, who will marry on August 31, 2013 in Poulsbo, Washington.

11. Rev. Howard Dudley ordained as teaching elder on June 30, 2013 at Wake Forest Presbytery Church.

CONDOLENCES TO:

1. The family of Elder John Neal Walker (Mt. Olive), who died February 18, 2013.
2. The family of Rev. Roland W. Rainwater (HR), who died February 22, 2013.
3. Rev. Susannah DeBenedetto (St. Giles), whose grandmother died February 25, 2013.
4. Rev. Mary Harris Todd (Morton Memorial), whose mother died March 3, 2013.
5. Rev. Cheryl Henry and her husband, Andy Henry, on the death of Andy's brother-in-law, Paul Duffle.
6. The family of Elder Henry P. Fleming, Jr. (Hudson Memorial), who died March 15, 2013.
7. The family of Rev. George Alexander "Sandy" Thomas (HR), who died March 17, 2013.
8. The family of Rev. Boyd Daniels (HR), who died March 28, 2013.
9. Rev. Joel Alvis (Wake Forest), whose father died March 30, 2013.
10. Rev. Carole McCartney and family on the passing of Carole's husband, Tom, April 6, 2013.
11. The family of Elder Robert Ray (Bob) Mauldin (Rocky Mount, First), who died April 18, 2013.
12. The family of Elder Jean Carter Sullivan Proctor (Rocky Mount, First) who died April 21, 2013.
13. The family of Elder Joseph Brown (Cotton Memorial), who died July 2, 2013.

3. That Roxboro Presbyterian Church begin the process to sell a vacant lot.
4. That the offering received at Rev. Ted Churn's installation service be used to provide scholarships for elders to attend the Kaleidoscope Conference on stewardship in 2013.
5. That the presbytery guarantee a \$350,000.00 loan from the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program for Calvary Presbyterian Church, Wilson for the purpose of construction/renovation.
6. That the Finance and Property Committee add an additional three members.
7. That the Finance and Property Committee revise the accepted budget for 2013, realizing that expenses will exceed income by \$228,361.00 should there be no further responses by churches that have not yet submitted their acceptances or if additional efforts to reduce expenses are not effective.
8. That Cornerstone Presbyterian Church add \$250,000.00 to its existing \$1,562,677.00 loan to permit construction of a \$600,000.00 expansion of the education wing.
9. That Peace Presbyterian Church may sell the property known as "lot #3" as is for \$26,500.000. The builder to assume responsibility for whatever grading may be necessary to correct the drainage issue.
10. That the Administrative Commission for New Hope Willow Springs be reappointed.
11. The Minutes of the 88th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of New Hope, February 23, 2013 with the following amendment: "New Hope Presbytery will give \$500 to Camp Albermarle."

Elder Bill Smith thanked those churches who have sent acceptances to the budget. The total promised so far is inadequate to have a balanced budget at this time. It would be helpful for those churches who have not sent their acceptance to do so as soon as possible. Folders for funds available from New Hope Foundation are available.

Report of the Nominating Committee
Elder Francis Turner, Rev. Clinton Randall
Report of the Committee on Representation
Elder Peggy Griffin

The Presbytery approved the following from the Report of the Coordinating Body:

1. That NHPs Nominating Committee request the Camp Albermarle Board of Directors each year to submit nominees for membership on such board and that the Nominating Committee finalize recommendations for approval by presbytery, giving great deference to the requests of the Board of Directors.
2. That Rev. Ted Churn designate one of the members of the Camp Albermarle Board of Directors each year to make at least quarterly reports on the activities and finances of the camp.

The Presbytery approved the following:

Church Development and Evangelism
Committee

Lynn M. N. Henderson I – Class of 2014

Youth Committee

Byron Johnson – Class of 2013

Youth Council

Lynn M. N. Henderson II – Class of 2015

Rev. Randall sought the presbytery's help in identifying persons to serve on presbytery committees, particularly: youth, youth council, campus ministry, multi-cultural, church development and evangelism committees. A nomination form is included in the Commissioner Handbook.

Report of Congregational Ministries

Rev. Katie Ricks

Katie Ricks outlined recent activities including Triennium participation and participation by members of the Multi-Cultural Committee in worship today. Nominees for Older Adult awards are due this Friday, July 26, 2013.

The Growing Together Committee presented a skit about the upcoming Growing Together event to be held at White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, on September 21, 2013. (Information available at: www.nhpresbytery.org).

Report of the Stewardship Task Force

Rev. Ted Churn

Three members of the presbytery who attended the Kaleidoscope Conference last spring presented a video report on stewardship.

The Presbytery is offering to send one Ruling Elder and one Teaching Elder to next year's conference with the provision that they will be an active part of the presbytery Stewardship Team, and will allow their church to be a test case for a workshop on year-round stewardship.

Report of Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Rev Cheryl Barton Henry, Moderator

The Presbytery received the following as an Inquirer:

1. Julius Sheppard (Blacknall Memorial)

The Presbytery received the following Inquirer as a Candidate with reception:

1. Rachel Jenkins (Henderson, First) who was introduced by letter from Keith Benze, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Henderson.

Presbytery Moderator Leorita Hankerson examined Rachel for candidacy and declared her to be approved to become a candidate. Rev. Henry charged the candidate and offered the prayer and blessing.

The Presbytery received as a transfer candidate from Grand Canyon Presbytery:

1. Kathryn Schafer (Hudson Memorial)

The Presbytery received the following candidates as certified ready to receive a call:

1. Goodyn Bell (Blacknall Memorial)
2. Blake Daniel, pending completion of full year of candidacy (Blacknall Memorial)
3. John Fawcett (West Raleigh)

The Presbytery approved the following from the Committee on Ministry Report:

Interim Agreements

1. Rev. Lori Pistor to serve as Interim Pastor of West Raleigh Presbyterian Church. Terms: Annual Cash Salary: \$35,536.00; Housing: \$34,269.00; Social Security Offset: \$5,340.00; Reimbursable Expenses: \$7,000.00; Board of Pension Dues: \$23,036.00. Four weeks vacation; two weeks continuing education. Total Compensation Package: \$105,181.00. Effective Dates: August 1, 2013 through July 31, 2014.
2. Extension of Interim Pastor Agreement between Rev. Todd Allen and St. Giles Presbyterian Church. Terms: Annual Cash Salary: \$54,950.00; Housing Allowance: \$15,450.00; Social Security Offset \$5,358.00; Board of Pension Dues: \$23,113.00. Total Compensation Package: \$98,871.00. Effective Dates: June 25, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

Supply Agreements

1. Renewal of Stated Supply Agreement between Rev. Spottswood Graves (HR) and Calvary, Swan Quarter Presbyterian Church. Terms: Annual Cash Salary: \$9,870.00; Housing Allowance: \$1,800.00; Medical Supplement (flexible spending): \$1,575.00; Social Security Offset: \$755.06; Reimbursable Expenses: \$5,000.00. Two weeks vacation; two weeks continuing education. Total Compensation Package: \$19,000.06. Effective Dates: January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.
2. Renewal of Stated Supply Agreement between Rev. Frank Haggard (LWB) and

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lucama.
Terms: Annual Cash Salary: \$6,000.00; Other
Applicable Income: \$100.00. Two weeks
vacation; one week continuing education. Total
compensation package \$6,100.00. Effective
Dates: January 1, 2013 through December 31,
2013.

3. Renewal of Stated Supply Agreement between
Rev. Harry Goodwin (HR) and Grifton Presbyterian
Church. Terms: Annual Cash Salary \$12,000.
Three weeks vacation. Total Compensation Package
\$12,000.00. Effective Dates: January 1, 2013
through December 31, 2013.

4. Renewal of Stated Supply Agreement between
Ron Jones and Plainview Presbyterian Church.
Terms: \$1,100.00 per month. Effective Dates:
January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

5. Annual Renewal of Stated Supply Agreement
between Rev. Jim McKinnon (HR) and Pinetops
Presbyterian Church. Terms: \$1,593.00 per month
(based on two Sundays per month). Each additional
Sunday preached in a month to be paid at a rate of
\$322.00 and added to the monthly rate. Mileage:
\$.50 per mile, expenses reimbursed by receipts.
Effective date: January 1, 2013.

6. Annual Renewal of Stated Supply Agreement
between Rev. Gaylor Lehman (LWB) and Pinetops
Presbyterian Church. Terms: \$285.00 per Sunday;
Mileage: \$25.00 per Sunday, expenses reimbursed
by receipts. Effective Date: January 1, 2013.

7. Renewal of Stated Supply Agreement between
Rev. Raymond Privott (LWB) and Mount Pisgah
Presbyterian Church. Terms: Annual Cash Salary:
\$19,300.00; Housing Allowance: \$9,244.00; Social
Security Offset: \$2,161.00; Reimbursable Expenses:
\$700.00. Total Compensation Package: \$31,405.00.
Effective Dates: April 1, 2013 through March 31,
2014.

8. Renewal of Stated Supply Agreement between
Rev. David Vallenga and Nutbush Presbyterian
Church. Terms: Annual Cash Salary: \$7,200.00;
Housing Allowance: \$7,800.00; Reimbursable
Expenses: \$400.00. Total Compensation Package:
\$15,400.00. Effective Dates: January 31, 2013
through January 31, 2014.

9. Renewal of Stated Supply Agreement
between Rev. David Wyly (HR) and Peace
Presbyterian Church. Terms: Annual Cash Salary:
\$4,050.00; Housing Allowance: \$2,700.00. Total
Compensation Package: \$6,750.00. Effective Dates:
April 16, 2013 through July 15, 2013.

10. Renewal of Stated Supply Agreement between
Scott Hardy (CRE) and Jason Presbyterian Church.
Terms: Annual Cash Salary: \$3,450.00; Housing
Allowance: \$4,350.00; bonuses, unvouchered
allowances: \$400.00. Total Compensation Package:

\$8,200.00. Effective Dates: July 24, 2012 through
July 24, 2013.

11. Renewal of Stated Supply Agreement between
Scott Hardy (CRE) and Snow Hill Presbyterian
Church. Terms: Annual Cash Salary: \$3,600.00;
bonuses, unvouchered allowances \$1,000.00; Manse:
\$4,800.00. Total Compensation Package: \$9,400.00.
Effective Dates: July 24, 2012 through July 24,
2013.

Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE)

1. Extension of the commission of Travis Boyd
(CRE) to serve Wanoca Presbyterian Church,
effective March 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

Dissolutions

1. Rev. Janel Dixon and Calvary Presbyterian
Church, Wilson, effective March 31, 2013.
2. John Meacham and Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian
Church, effective March 27, 2013.

Dismissals

1. Rev. Janel Dixon to the care of Presbytery of
Philadelphia, effective April 1, 2013.
2. Rev. Dorothy Hand (MAL) to the care of the
Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, effective June 12,
2013.
3. Rev. Johanna Nygard Owens (MAL) to the care of
Salem Presbytery, effective July 10, 2013.

Validated Ministries

1. Received the validated ministry annual report for
John Winings (CRE) and the Haiti Fund, Inc.

COM Manual

1. Honorably retired ministers seeking to transfer
membership to Presbytery of New Hope shall
i) submit a statement of faith and a brief resume of
work, each a page or less and ii) appear at a COM
meeting for informal conversation in small groups.
The stated clerk can delegate approval to COM
members.
2. Transfer of ministers of non-reformed traditions
into membership of the presbytery:
i) If not already ordained to the preaching ministry:
the individual must enter into the preparation
process under the guidance of the Committee on
Preparation for Ministry. There exists the possibility
for exceptions to some requirements, but such

exceptions are to be made on a case-by-case basis. If currently ordained to the preaching ministry and in good standing with another Christian denomination: the Committee on Ministry has purview over the process and will follow Section G-2.0505 of the Book of Order*. Each candidate's path and individual requirements shall be determined by the Committee on Ministry on a case-by-case basis. If a requirement is waived, it requires approval of the presbytery.

*As paragraph G-2.0505 implies, if the individual does not fit the requirements of coming from another "Reformed church (and) been ordained for five or more years," the taking of the five ordination exams should be considered a basic standard for the Committee on Ministry to require. Other possible areas where courses or some form of satisfactory educational experience could be considered by the Committee to require of an individual might include: Presbyterian Polity, Greek, Hebrew, Reformed Worship and Sacraments, and Reformed Theology. This shall include examining the individual's academic transcripts and other markers normally considered in the examination process.

3. Interim ministers pursuing installed positions: i) Only after the developmental tasks of interim ministry are addressed and stated goals for the congregation completed are an interim leader's intentions to candidate for an installed position to be made known to the PNC, at which time an open search is conducted in accordance with the existing process for filling a vacancy in pastoral leadership. ii) If, after an open search, the teaching elder who is serving in an interim capacity is determined to be the candidate the PNC wishes to pursue, the teaching elder and PNC will provide rationale for the discernment at the time of the interview with COM. iii) If approved by COM, the teaching elder shall be elected by the congregation and installed as a designated pastor for a period of two years. The intent of the designated pastor period is to allow for adequate transition time from the role of interim to installed leadership, to provide space for ongoing discernment, and to provide a natural boundary for reassessment or reaffirmation of the pastoral relationship. iv) If after two years the pastoral relationship is affirmed by the congregation, teaching elder, and COM, the designated pastor is called and elected as the installed pastor. If the call is no longer affirmed by the teaching elder or congregation, an interim pastor is elected, and the search process begins again. v) According to the Book of Order, such relationship shall be approved by three-fourths vote of the presbytery.

Other

1. The honorable retirement of Rev. Marilyn Hein, effective June 1, 2013.
2. The honorable retirement of Rev. Joseph Harvard, effective May 5, 2013.
3. Rev. Deyk Hall (MAL) and Rev. Joseph Ward (MAL) to be placed on the supply lists (interim, stated, temporary, pulpit).
4. Jonathan Nelson (Inquirer, Presbytery of New Brunswick), to be placed on the pulpit supply list for approximately one year.
5. Nola Boezeman (candidate for ordination, Reformed Church of America), to be placed on the temporary and pulpit supply lists.
6. Rev. Christi Brown to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery of New Hope to serve in Foothills Presbytery, effective March 13, 2013.
7. St. Giles Presbyterian Church to form Pastor Nominating Committee for the position of pastor.
8. White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh to form Associate Pastor Nominating Committee for Associate Pastor for Youth and Families.
9. First Presbyterian Church, Greenville to form Associate Pastor Nominating Committee for position of ECU Campus Minister/Associate Pastor.
10. Hollywood Presbyterian Church to form Pastor Nominating Committee.
11. Duraleigh Presbyterian Church to form Pastor Nominating Committee.
12. Board of Pensions vacant pulpit dues waived for Associate Pastor position, West Raleigh Presbyterian Church (position dissolved).
13. Changes in ministers' terms of call reported in 2013 for the following ministers, (pending final review of computations): Claude Andrews, Edward Bellis, Keith Benze, Betty Berghaus, Mark Davidson, Karen Dukes, David Dunderdale, Bob Dunham, Christopher Edmonston, Harry Goodwin, Thomas Harris, Taylor Lewis Guthrie Hartman, Joseph Harvard, Lisa Hebacker, Ingram Hedgpeth, Marilyn Hedgpeth, Nolan Huizenga, Gloria Johnson, Monte Johnson, Melinda Merkley King, Deborah Kirk, Diane Knauf, Chad and Cindy Neal, Wanda Neely, Kathryn Owen, Allan Poole, Anna Rainey, Karen Ricks, John Rogers, MacHenry Schafer, Anna Pinckney Straight, Fred Thrower, Chris Tuttle, Byron Wade, Joseph Welker, Stephanie Arnold Workman
14. Rev. Alice Fisler to transfer from Pittsburg Presbytery, effective July 23, 2013.

Calls

1. The call to Rev. Charles Link to serve as Pastor of Little River Presbyterian Church, effective May 1, 2013. Terms: Annual Cash Salary \$34,000.00; utilities provided; Shared Housing Equity \$2,360.00; Deferred Income (403b) \$1,000.00; Social Security Offset

\$3,715.45; Board of Pensions Dues \$16,027.44; Reimbursable Expenses \$3,000.00; Manse Value \$11,208.00. Total Compensation Package: \$71,310.89. Five weeks vacation; two weeks continuing education.

2. The call to Dr. Paul Rowland to serve as Commissioned Ruling Elder of Berea Presbyterian Church, effective July 7, 2013 through July 7, 2016. (Rev. Duane Hix to continue to moderate session). Terms: Annual Cash Salary \$6,000.00; Housing Allowance \$4,000.00; Reimbursable Expenses \$2,000.00. Total Compensation Package \$12,000.00.

3. The call to Rev. William Evan Walker to serve as Pastor of Roxboro Presbyterian Church, effective July 1, 2013. Terms: Annual Cash Salary \$16,800.00; Housing Allowance \$5,800; Utilities Allowance \$3,006.00; Medical Supplement \$3,200.00; Deferred Income \$1,800.00; Shared Housing Equity \$1,200.00; Manse \$9,542.00; Social Security Offset \$3,163.00; Reimbursable Expenses \$3,500.00; Board of Pensions Dues \$13,645.00. Total Compensation Package: \$61,656.00. Four weeks vacation; two weeks continuing education.

4. The call to Blake Daniel to serve a 2-year Validated Ministry as Pastoral Resident for Congregational Ministry at White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, effective mid- July 2013. Terms: \$37,943 (once ordained, employee may allocate a portion as Housing Allowance); self-employment supplement (once ordained, church pays one-half of self-employment tax rate to employee each month); FICA (prior to ordination) church pays employer portion of FICA to United States Government (deducted via payroll); health insurance (prior to ordination) – 90% of individual coverage paid by church, employee pays full cost of dependents; health insurance (after ordination) – full participation in Board of Pensions Health, Retirement, Death and Disability plans; continuing education/professional expenses \$1,000.00; professional automobile expenses reimbursed as expended; moving expenses \$2,000. Four weeks vacation and two weeks continuing education.

5. The call to Rev. Katherine Higgins to serve in a Validate Ministry as Associate Director, Clinical Pastoral Education at UNC Hospitals, Chapel Hill effective July 23, 2013 Terms: \$33.90 per hour (40 hours per week, exempt).

Commissions to Ordain/Install

1. The Commission to install Rev. Charles Craig

Link as pastor of Little River Presbyterian Church on Sunday, September 22, 2013.

Members of the Commission: Ministers: Rev. Craig Miller, Rev. David Huffman, Rev. Dr. Robert Brizendine; Elders: Tom Fisler, Dan Daniel. Guests of the Commission: Rev. Kerry Foster (Shenandoah Presbytery), Rev. Robert S. Link (HR, Coastal Carolina Presbytery), Rev. Stuart Link (Coastal Carolina Presbytery).

2. The Commission to ordain George Howard Dudley, Jr. at Wake Forest Presbyterian Church on Sunday, September 22, 2013. Members of the Commission: Ministers: Rev. Katie Owen, Rev. Christopher Edmonston, Rev. Byron Wade; Elders: Kathy Wells, Rick Mayo, Len Clark, Edward Roberson. Guests of the Commission: Rev. Steve Lindsley (Salem Presbytery), Brian Haslip (Howard Memorial).

3. The Commission to install Rev. William Evan Walker as Pastor of Roxboro Presbyterian Church on Sunday, June 30, 2013. Members of the Commission: Ministers: Rev. Ted Church, Rev. Dr. James E. Fird, Rev. Mary Banner; Elders: Anne Montgomery, Nancy Dallas. Other Commissioners to be named.

Report of Examinations Committee
Rev. David Huffman, Moderator

The examinations of the following were sustained:

<u>Ordinand</u>	<u>Commissioned Ruling Elder</u>
Blake Daniel	Dr. Paul Rowland

Transfers

Rev. Charles Link (Presbytery of Lackawanna)
Rev. William Evan Walker (Presbytery of Western Kentucky)

Rev. Katherine Higgins (Presbytery of Greater Atlanta)

Rev. Alice Fisler (HR, Pittsburgh Presbytery)

Rite of Retirement – Rev. Joe Harvard
Committee on Ministry Co-Moderator Dick Marks
Rev. Joe Harvard was introduced by Rev. Jimmy Hawkins who shared his experiences of being in ministry with Joe in Durham for many years. Elder Dick Marks recognized the honorable retirement of Joe Harvard, presented him with a certificate of retirement and offered a prayer of thanksgiving for his years of faithful ministry.

Report of Resolutions Committee
Rev. Duane Hicks, Elder Dan Cook and Elder Kathy Johnson

Members of the Resolutions Committee offered the following resolution to the Presbytery. We, the people of the Resolutions Committee; in order to form a more perfect presbytery, establish divine justice in our midst, ensure the ultimate tranquility of commissioners, provide for the common defense of Roberts Rules of Order, promote the general welfare of our churches, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and to our posteriors, So ordain and establish these resolutions for the 89th stated meeting of the Presbytery of New Hope.

Be it **RESOLVED** that:

we give great thanks to White Memorial, Westminster, and West Raleigh Presbyterian churches, staff and members for:

- the warm and helpful hosts who guided us through our day;
- the inspiring and meaningful worship service celebrating the multicultural committee’s meaningful sharing of the Word joined by Wilson Temple Methodist, Oberlin Baptist and the French Congolese churches;
- personalized preparation and presentation of breakfast and lunch attending to all the varied dietary needs.

WHEREAS we celebrate the collective wisdom of our teaching elders, ruling elders and give thanks for our first time elder commissioners;

WHEREAS we give special thanks for the leadership of the Pentecost Project discernment process, knowing that the Holy Spirit is working in our presbytery; And furthermore, we give praises for the first responders in our state and our nation for their care and love and dedication;

WHEREAS we celebrate the seeds of renewal in our churches, in our presbytery, our denomination, our state, our country and our world;

WHEREAS we express appreciation for the tireless efforts of all who make up the Coordinating Body;

WHEREAS we give thanks to God for those who serve and would explore service in various roles on committees and related bodies;

WHEREAS we understand these funds that we give (and ask for) are gifts from God and gifts that we are charged and challenged to return to Him to continue His work;

WHEREAS we celebrate new faces in new places, old friends and new, and all those moving in and out within our presbytery and all presbyteries;

WHEREAS we celebrate the report of C.P.M. announcing the reception of Julius Sheppard as an inquirer; Rachel Jenkins as an approved candidate and welcome Kate Schafer as she transfers from Grand Canyon Presbytery;

WHEREAS we affirm the conscientious and difficult work of the Committee on Ministry in supervising the call and dissolutions of calls, the life of our churches and our pastors;

WHEREAS we appreciate the gate keeping role of the Examinations Committee in preserving the honored theology of the Reformed branch of Christianity and encouraging those who are entering to serve in our presbytery: Blake Daniel, Chuck Link, Evan Walker, Katherine Higgins, Paul Rowland and Alice Fisler;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we submit to you these resolutions as a statement of thanksgiving for the providence of God and to the glory of that same God, who rules here and in all times and places. Amen.

Report of Assistant to the State Clerk
Rev. Deky Hall, recording clerk, gave the attendance report for the meeting.

Attendance	
Ministers/Teaching Elders	106
Elder Commissioners	109
Lay Members of Coordinating Body	7
Commissioned Ruling Elders	1
Non-Commissioned Ruling Elders	1
Corresponding Members	6
Candidates/Inquirers	7
Elder Educators	1
Educators	1
Visitors	30
Presbytery Staff	3
TOTAL	<u>272</u>

Offering: \$1,916.50 was collected during the Service of Worship and given to Saint Saviour's Center in Raleigh for their Diaper Train Ministry.

Adjourn

Upon a motion from the floor, Moderator Leorita Hankerson adjourned the meeting and closed the meeting with prayer at 3:30 p.m.

NEXT STATED MEETING

October 26, 2013

**First Presbyterian Church
New Bern, NC**