

**91st STATED MEETING
PRESBYTERY OF NEW HOPE
February 22, 2014
Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian Church
Cary, NC**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with prayer at 9:00AM by Moderator Elder Leorita Hankerson.

Quorum

Pursuant to BOO G-3.304 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.

Seating of Corresponding Members

The following were seated as corresponding members: Robert Brawley (Presbytery of Chicago); Dan Davis (Baptist); Amanda Golbek (Presbytery of the Cascades); Benjamin E. Kane (Presbytery of Middle Tennessee); Katherine Kussmaul (Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois); Sang-Hyun James Lee (Trinity Presbytery); Fred Mangeni (Evangelical Church); Alice Nord (Presbytery of New Covenant); Bernard Nord (Presbytery of New Covenant); Charles L. Pope III (Presbytery of Coastal Carolina).

Appointment of Standing Committee

The following persons were appointed to the Resolutions Committee:

Rev. Jonathan Sherrod (Minister, Westminster, Raleigh); Donnie Cuddington (Elder, Center Ridge); Camille Lambe (Elder, Cary Presbyterian)

Bills and Overtures Committee

The following persons were appointed to the Bills and Overtures Committee:

Rev. Connie Button (Moderator); Rev. Jody Welker; Felicia Hardy; Keith Benze and Susan Roberts.

Welcome by Hosts

On behalf of the session and all of the many member volunteers, Pastor Jody Welker welcomed the presbytery to the Kirk of Kildaire. He announced that the offering collected during

the worship service would go to the Caring Place.

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.

Black Caucus Report

Elder Freeda Lawrence

The Black Caucus met in December 2013 for a joint worship service at Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian Church in Rocky Mount N.C. A mass choir from the Caucus churches provided the music. The speaker was Rev. Dr. Larry Hill. He is the pastor of Woodland Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, N.C. The Caucus will have a joint worship service on Palm Sunday April 13, 2013 at 4:00 P.M. at Timothy Darling Presbyterian Church in Oxford, N.C. Members of various choirs from the churches will again provide the music.

Report of Ministries of Missions Committee

Rev. Carol Pierson, Moderator

Rev. Pierson expressed thanks to those congregations participating in the Pennies for Hunger Fund. \$58,500.00 was distributed to Domestic Hunger Grant Recipients within the presbytery in 2013. \$10,000.00 was distributed to an international ministry. The name Pennies for Hunger will be changed to Hunger for Change. The Literacy Task Force now has a web site: <http://newhopeliteracy.org/> where notices of upcoming events including the visit of John Corcoran, author of The Teacher Who Couldn't Read will be posted as well as other news and resources.

**Worship and Installation of Moderator-Elect
Reverend Peter Bynum**

The worship leaders included: Dr. Jody Welker (Senior Pastor/Head of Staff, Kirk of Kildaire); Stephanie Arnold Workman, Amanda Golbek and Melinda Merkley King (Associate Pastors, Kirk of Kildaire); Dr. Larry Abernathy (Director of Music, Kirk of Kildaire); Jacob Drengler (Assistant Director of Music/Principal Organist); Dr. Esther E. Acolatse (Visiting Assistant Professor for Pastoral Theology and World Christianity at Duke University); Rev. Jimmie Hawkins (Pastor, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Durham); Elder Felecia Hardy (Davie Street

Presbyterian, Raleigh) who preached the sermon and combined youth choirs from New Hope Presbytery. The offering collected went to The Caring Place. During the worship service, Leorita Hankerson, outgoing Moderator, propounded the installation questions to the Moderator-Elect Rev. Peter Bynum and to the Presbytery. Rev. Bynum was duly installed as Moderator.

Report of Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk
Rev. Ted Churn

Rev. Churn reported on the state of the presbytery. He was elected one year ago to be Stated Clerk/Executive Presbytery and works to balance both rolls. The presbytery consists of 123 churches, 301 teaching elders, 14 racial ethnic congregations (11 African American, 3 Korean), 39 Inquirers and Candidates under care and 36 educators. There are five new worshiping communities to celebrate: Sanctuario (Milner), East Raleigh Fellowship (Milner), New Life (Duraleigh), Una Iglesia Para Todos (Peace Presbyterian) and Jubilee International Fellowship (Wake Forest). A Generosity Team is available to help churches with year round stewardship. Several churches have mission partnerships: University – family health ministries in Haiti; Blacknall – a Congo initiative and First, Goldsboro – two places in Africa. Why do we give to presbytery - because we are a connectional church. The financial resources are used as follows: 29.3% goes to outreach; 6.9% - institutions; 3% - division of leadership development; .5% - congregational ministries, 41.7% coordination body and administration; 18.3% per capita. When churches don't pay per capita, the presbytery must pay it.

Pentecost Project – Rev. Katie Owen and Rev. Mary Harris Todd

The project began in the Fall of 2012 to guide the presbytery in its discernment process. What we know is this: we want to be in relationship, we want to communicate and we want to live as a connectional church in a culture where connection is not important. The attention of the body was directed to the 2 page report, "What We've Learned Thus Far...Relationships and Communications Key" in the Commissioner's Handbook and to the Coordinating Body Report on Core Values and Core Ministries based on the Pentecost's Teams work with Presbytery through 2013.

Presbytery received the following:

1. Minutes of the commission to ordain Blake Jordan Daniel as pastoral resident of White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, on October 20, 2013
2. Minutes of the commission to install Rev. Rebekah Maul as pastor of Wake Forest Presbyterian Church on November 3, 2013.
3. Minutes of the commission to install Rev. Joseph (Jody) Moore as designated pastor of Outer Banks Presbyterian Church on November 10, 2013.
4. Ministers' 2013 stated meeting attendance.

Presbytery approved the following:

1. Report of churches with sessional records approved as noted:
 - Davie Street – with minor exceptions (2011, 2012)
2. Addressing the imbalance between resident ministers and elders. At the beginning of every year, when the number of ministers residing within the bounds of the presbytery has been established, the clerk shall assign additional elder commissioners in the following way:
 - An additional elder commissioner shall be assigned to each racial ethnic church.
 - Exempt staff members who are elders shall be eligible.
 - All lay members of council who are elders shall be eligible.
 - All certified educators who are elders shall be eligible.
 - Churches with membership up to 300 will be given one commissioner.
 - Additional elders will be assigned as follows: 301-1000 = 2 elders; 1,001 – 1,500 = 3 elders; 1,500 – 2,000 = 4 elders; 2,001 – 3,000 = 5 elders. Beyond 3,001 members, there shall be an additional elder representative for each 1,000 additional active members or major fraction thereof.
 - Additional assignments of elder commissioners will be given to churches having one elder on an alphabetical rotating basis. As of December 31, 2013 there were 243 eligible ministers residing within the bounds of the presbytery. Therefore for 2014, there will be 243 elder commissioners and 243 minister commissioners.

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR

1. Rev. Mike Nevling (former senior pastor of Saint Andrews, Raleigh), who has been diagnosed with cancer.

2. Rev. Jane Rose (Peace Presbyterian Church), who is recovering from surgery
3. Rev. Douglas Eddy (Edenton, First), who recently underwent surgery.
4. Rev. Claude Wilson-Stayton, who is recovering from surgery.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

1. Fuquay Varina Presbyterian Church, which celebrated its 150th anniversary on October 27, 2013.
2. Davie Street Presbyterian Church, which celebrated its 145th anniversary on November 3, 2013.
3. White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, and Church of Reconciliation, Chapel Hill for being re-certified as Earth Care Congregations by the PC(USA) Environmental Ministries.
4. Rev. Taylor Lewis Guthrie Hartman (Westminster, Durham) and her husband Blair Hartman, on the birth of their son, Henry Lewis Hartman, February 4, 2014.

CONDOLENCES TO

1. Elder Jerry Slaymaker (Cary), whose wife, Carroll, died October 30, 2013.
2. Rev. Ray Cobb (Triangle), on the passing of his mother.
3. Elder Felecia Hardy (Davie Street) on the passing of her mother.
4. Rev. Mac Shafer (Hudson Memorial) on the passing of his mother.
5. The family of Elder Miriam Tate Scott May (Howard Memorial), who died November 7, 2013.
6. Elder Brenda Buffaloe (Ernest Myatt), whose husband, Dwight, died November 24, 2013.
7. The family of Elder Walt Newman (Cornerstone), who died December 11, 2013.
8. Elder Dorothy Bass (Hudson Memorial), whose husband, Bill Bass, died December 13, 2013.
9. The family of Virginia Boland (Elder and director of music, Eno), who died December 24, 2013.
10. Rev. Bill Neely (Greenville, First), whose brother-in-law, Bruce Cash, died January 13, 2014.
11. Suzanne Wiley, spouse of Rev. Clyde Wiley, whose mother, Millie Blanton, died January 31, 2014.
12. Rev. Kyle Allen, whose father, William Herman Allen, Jr., died February 2, 2014.
13. George Dudley (commissioned lay pastor), on the recent loss of his brother.

14. Rev. Margaret dePrater, whose mother, Margaret Rogers, died February 9, 2014.

Report of the Coordinating Body Elder Leorita Hankerson

Presbytery received the following:

1. The Synod of Mid-Atlantic commissioner's report and the biographical sketch of the new synod executive/stated clerk, Rev. Warren J. Lesane, Jr.
2. The Finance and Property Committee, after an extensive search, was able to locate the beneficiaries of the Mosteller Children's Fund and successfully distributed the accumulated proceeds from within that fund in 2013. The Mosteller Children's Fund was established in the presbytery following the death of the Rev. Mark Mosteller and was funded with donations from individuals, with the intent of assisting with the education of Rev. Mosteller's three children. A total of \$13,683.96 was equally distributed to Elizabeth, Matthew and Michael on October 24, 2013.
3. The Coordinating Body approved the minutes of the October 26, 2013 stated meeting of the Presbytery of New Hope.
4. The Coordinating Body approved the dissolution of the relationship between Englewood Presbyterian Church and the Presbytery of New Hope.

Presbytery approved the following:

Nominations Committee

Jason Leonard (class of 2016)

Report of Nominations Committee

Rev. Clinton Randall, Moderator

Committee on Representation

Rev. James McKinnon, Moderator

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

Coordinating Body

Ben Cahoon (Class of 2016)

Preparation for Ministry

Alice Fisler (Class of 2016)

Examinations and Transfers

Ingram Hedgpeth (Class of 2016)

Report of Self Development of People Committee

Elder John Etheredge

Funding for the Self Development of People (SDOP) comes from One Great Hour of Sharing. Those receiving funding last year included communities impacted by the Oklahoma tornado, hurricane Sandy and the typhoon in Korea. Funding also supported a group to improve communication skills and deal with peer pressure. Following Jesus is taking care of people in need. Thank you to the churches who participated in One Great Hour of Sharing. Churches are encouraged to prayerfully consider participating and writing a big check to SDOP.

Camp Albermarle

Tom Hussmann, Director

Registration for summer camp is already underway. In 2013, the Camp celebrated its 60th anniversary and served 900 children last summer. Other groups used the camp facilities for retreats, time away and smaller meetings. The super secret goal for this year is to have 1000 children in camp this summer. Thanks to the presbytery for its partnership and prayers.

Report of Committee on Ministry

Rev. Lee Kinney, Co-Moderator

Presbytery approved the following from the Committee on Ministry Report:

Interim Agreements:

1. Rev. Constance Button (HR) to serve as bridge interim pastor of Howard Memorial Presbyterian Church, effective October 20, 2013 through April 20, 2014. Terms: Annual Cash Salary \$14,400.00; Housing Allowance: \$15,600.00; Deferred Income: \$12,840.00; Board of Pensions Dues: \$5,141.00. Total Compensation Package: \$47,981.00.

2. Rev. Moffett Churn and Wake Forest Presbyterian Church: extension of ¾-time Associate Pastor agreement, effective December 12, 2013 through June 12, 2014. Terms: Annual Cash Salary: \$11,250.00; Housing Allowance: \$7,500.00; Social Security Offset: \$1,438.00; Reimbursable Expenses: \$1,125.00; Board of Pensions Dues: \$6,188.00. Total Compensation Package: \$27,501.00. Vacation: 2 weeks including 2 Sundays. Continuing Education: 1 week.

3. Rev. Edward Bellis and Oakland Presbyterian Church: extension of Interim Pastor agreement, effective February 13, 2014 through August 12, 2014. Terms: Annual Cash Salary: \$31,000.00; Housing Allowance: \$24,000.00; Social Security Offset: \$4,208.00; Reimbursable Expenses: \$3,000.00; Board of Pensions Dues: \$19,250.00. Total Compensation Package: \$81,458.00.

Supply Agreements:

1. Wallace Spragins (CRE) and Grace Chapel Community Presbyterian Church: renewal of Stated Supply agreement, effective January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. Terms: Annual Cash Salary: \$5,652.00; Social Security Offset: \$433.00; Sunday travel: \$2,572.00; Other Applicable Income: \$800.00. Total Compensation Package: \$9,457.00. Vacation: 3 weeks.

2. Rev. Dan Davis and Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, Rocky Mount: extension of Temporary Supply Pastor agreement, effective March 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015. Terms: Annual Cash Salary (as Housing Allowance): \$15,000.00; Discretionary Amount: \$8,500.00; Reimbursable Expenses: \$1,000.00. Total Compensation Package: \$24,500.00. Vacation: 4 weeks paid leave.

3. Rev. Lewis Spottswood Graves and Calvary, Swan Quarter Presbyterian Church: renewal of Stated Supply agreement, effective January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. Terms: Annual Cash Salary: \$9,870.00; Housing Allowance: \$1,800.00; Medical Supplement: \$1,575.00; Social Security Offset: \$755.00; Reimbursable Expenses: \$8,000.00. Total Compensation Package: \$22,000.00.

4. Rev. James Workman and St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church: renewal of Stated Supply agreement, effective March 1, 2014 through February 8, 2015. Terms: Annual Cash Salary: \$1,705.25; Deferred Income: \$180.00; Social Security Offset: \$114.75. Total Compensation Package: \$2,000.00.

5. Rev. David Vallenga and Nutbush Presbyterian Church: renewal of Stated Supply agreement, effective January 31, 2014 through January 31, 2015. Terms: Annual Cash Salary: \$7,200.00; Housing Allowance: \$8,400.00; Reimbursable Expenses: \$400.00. Total Compensation Package: \$16,000.00.

Dissolutions:

1. Rev. Craig Miller, North Raleigh Presbyterian Church, effective February 15, 2014.
2. Revs. Chad and Cynthia Neal, Fuqua Varina Presbyterian Church, effective December 31, 2013.

Dismissals:

1. Rev. John Fawcett to Presbytery of Chicago, effective November 13, 2013.
2. Rev. Samuel Johnson Taylor (SS), Rev. Joseph Ward (MAL) and Rev. Richard McDuffie (LOB) to Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, effective November 13, 2013.
3. Rev. Dr. Robert Westlund to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, effective December 1, 2013.
4. Rev. Matthew Hardin (LOB) to Presbytery of the Pacific, effective January 8, 2014.

Other

1. Waiver of length of time an elder is allowed to serve, Selma Presbyterian Church.
2. Rev. Marie Cone and Peace Presbyterian Church: revised Terms of Call (adjusted for salary and housing allowance), effective October 25, 2013: Annual Cash Salary: \$40,000; Housing Allowance: \$22,000.00; Social Security Offset: \$4,743.00; Reimbursable Expenses: \$3,000.00; Board of Pensions Dues: \$20,460.00; Moving Expenses: \$5,300.00. Total Compensation Package: \$95,503.00. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing Education: 2 weeks.
3. Waiver of vacancy dues to Board of Pensions, Burner Presbyterian Church, effective March 1, 2013.
4. Changes in ministers' terms of call for 2014 for the following (pending final review of computations): Edward Bellis, Betty Berghaus, Kevin Brunk, Casey Clark, Raymond Cobb, Betty Connette, David Crow, Kathleen Crowe, Amanda Diekman, Mary Kathleen Duncan, James Ferry, Dorothea Ghering-Burick, Franklin Golden, Bruce Grady, Scott Hardy, Taylor Lewis Guthrie Hartman, Jimmie Hawkins, Joseph Hester, Duane Hix, Gaylord Lehman, Gordon Marshall, Ronn McCracken, Elizabeth Michael,

Jody Moore, James Proctor, Preston Smith, Jeff Sockwell, Jeffrey Sapinhour, Sefton Strickland, Chris Tuttle, Claude Wilson-Stayton and Candace Worth.

5. COM to approve the following installation commissions:

Rev. Benjamin Kane, Howard Memorial Presbyterian Church
Rev. Dr. Katherine Kussmaul, St. Giles Presbyterian Church
Rev. Sang-Hyun James Lee, Duraleigh Presbyterian Church
Rev. Charles L. Pope, III, White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh

6. Waiver of pension dues for pastor/head of staff, First Presbyterian Church, Goldsboro.
7. Waiver of elder rotation (class of 2013), Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian Church.
8. Wake Forest Presbyterian Church to begin search for an Associate Pastor.
9. Transfer of Rev. Robert Brawley (HR) from Presbytery of Chicago.
10. Transfer of Rev. Bernard Nord (HR) from Presbytery of New Covenant.
11. Transfer of Rev. Alice Nord (HR) from Presbytery of New Covenant.

Calls:

1. The call to Rev. Amanda Golbek (Presbytery of the Cascades) to serve as Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adults of Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian Church, effective November 18, 2013. Terms: Annual Cash Salary: \$24,600.00; Housing Allowance: \$17,000.00; Social Security Offset: \$3,182.40; Reimbursable Expenses: \$3,000.00; Board of Pensions Dues: \$13,728.00; Moving Expenses: \$5,500.00. Total Compensation Package: \$67,010.40. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing Education: 2 weeks. Sabbatical according to the sabbatical policy of the Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian Church.
2. The call to Rev. Melinda Merkley King to serve as Designated Associate Pastor for Community Life and Discipleship of Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian Church, effective December 1, 2013, is approved for one year (renewable for an additional year). Terms:

Annual Cash Salary: \$14,929.00. Housing Allowance: \$17,000.00; Social Security Offset: \$2,442.57; Reimbursable Expenses: \$3,507.00; Board of Pensions Dues: \$13,218.61. Total Compensation Package: \$51,097.18. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing Education: 2 weeks.

3. The call to Rev. Dr. Katherine Kussmaul (Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois) to serve as Pastor of St. Giles Presbyterian Church, effective April 1, 2014. Terms: Annual Cash Salary: \$26,550.00; Housing Allowance: \$26,000.00; Social Security Offset: \$4,819.58; Deferred Income: \$10,000.00; Other Applicable Income: \$451.00; Reimbursable Expenses: \$8,500.00; Board of Pensions Dues: \$22,050.35. Total Compensation Package: \$98,370.93. (Moving expenses provided as incurred; not to exceed \$5000.00). Vacation: 5 weeks. Continuing Education: 2 weeks. Sabbatical leave of 4 months to be granted after 5 years.

4. The call to Rev. Charles L. Pope, III (Presbytery of Coastal Carolina) to serve as Associate Pastor of Youth of White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, effective April 1, 2014. Terms: Annual Cash Salary: \$31,875.00; Housing Allowance: \$30,625.00; Social Security Offset: \$4,781.00; Reimbursable Expenses: \$2,000.00; Board of Pensions Dues: \$21,875.00. Total Compensation Package: \$91,156.00. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing Education: 2 weeks. Sabbatical leave of 1 to 3 months to be granted after 7 years.

5. The call to Rev. Benjamin E. E. Kane (Presbytery of Middle Tennessee) to serve as Pastor/Head of Staff of Howard Memorial Presbyterian Church, effective April 28, 2014. Terms: Annual Cash Salary: \$49,500.00; Housing Allowance: \$25,500.00; Social Security Offset: \$5,737.50; Reimbursable Expenses: \$7,000.00; Board of Pensions Dues: \$26,250.00. Total Compensation Package: \$113,987.50. Moving Expenses: \$10,000.00. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing Education: 2 weeks. 3 month sabbatical after 5 years.

6. The call to Rev. Sang-Hyun James Lee (Trinity Presbytery) to serve as Senior Pastor of Duraleigh Presbyterian Church, effective May 1, 2014. Terms: Annual Cash Salary: \$27,000.00; Housing Allowance: \$21,000.00; Social Security Offset (greater than 7.65%): \$3,803.12; Deferred Income: \$1,534.00; Other Applicable Income: \$180.00; Social Security Offset (7.65%

or less): \$3,803.12; Reimbursable Expenses: \$15,104.77; Board of Pension Dues: \$18,730.99; Moving Expenses: \$6,000.00. Total Compensation Package: \$97,156.00. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing Education: 2 weeks. Sabbatical leave of 6+ months to be granted after 7 years.

Changes Within Presbytery

Rev. Melinda Merkley King

Commission to Ordain/Install

The commission to install Rev. Melinda Merkley King and Rev. Amanda Catherine Golbek at Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian Church on March 23, 2014: Ministers: Rev. Deborah Kirk, Rev. Elizabeth Cluff, Rev. Jonathan Sherrod, Rev. Gary Fulton; Elders: Linda Oglesby, Betsy McFarland, Mark Edwards, Frank Rogers and Audrey Sherk.

Report of Committee on Examinations and Transfers

Rev. David Huffman, Moderator

The examinations of the following were sustained:

Transfers

Rev. Amanda Golbek (Presbytery of the Cascades)
Rev. Dr. Katherine L. Kussmaul (Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois)
Rev. Charles L. Pope, III (Presbytery of Coastal Carolina)
Rev. Benjamin E. E. Kane (Presbytery of Middle Tennessee)
Rev. Sang-Hyun James Lee (Trinity Presbytery)

The presbytery received the following as inquirers:

James Fenwick (Blacknall Memorial)
Gregory Anthony Nash (Covenant, Durham)
Anastassia Sharpe (Westminster, Durham)
Timothy Dunham (Blacknall Memorial)

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

Esther Acolatse (Triangle)
Tracy Daniel (White Memorial, Raleigh)
Kenneth Griffin Gatewood (Blacknall Memorial)

Report of the Bills and Overtures Committee

Rev. Connie Button, Moderator
Rev. Button introduced the members of the Bills and Overtures Committee and called the

presbytery's attention to the two overtures in the Commissioner's Handbook: the Overture Concerning Gun Violence Prevention from the Hudson River Presbytery and On Divestment from Caterpillar, Hewlett-Packard and Motorola Solutions. After debate by the body on both overtures, the votes were conducted by paper ballot, collected and counted by the Bills and Overtures Committee.

Result of the Votes: Both overtures were approved.

Concerning Gun Violence

Approve: 108; Disapprove: 49

On Divestment from Caterpillar, Hewlett-Packard and Motorola Solutions

Approve: 108; Disapprove: 51

Report on Committee for Leadership Development

Rev. Stephanie Arnold Workman

Rev. Workman reminded the body that all ministers, educators and youth ministers must take Healthy Boundaries Training every three years. A class will be offered in April. One resource that has good information is available on-line: preventchildabuse.org.

Report of the Resolutions Committee

Rev. Jonathan Sherrod, Westminster, Raleigh

Whereas our gracious hosts have provided us a great experience through their efficient traffic direction, the gaggle of volunteers to shepherd us through the day, the great food, and the warm welcome of their Senior Pastor –all despite the deficiency of upstairs bathrooms;

And whereas we all together in one Spirit lifted our voices in praise and prayer and were led by the intoxicating and upbeat gifts of the New Hope Youth Choir, the bell choir, and the liturgical dancers, who provided us not merely with hope for the future, but more importantly hope for today;

And whereas God's thunderous call was thunderously proclaimed by Dr. Felicia Hardy even as we gave thanks for the proclamation of so many others whose legacy we celebrate during Black History Month and for the fight that has been fought and continues to be fought;

And whereas we have been ably led by the gracious and grace filled servant Leorita Hankerson who has now passed on the gavel to

an equally gracious and grace filled colleague Peter Bynum;

And whereas our "not-yet-afraid-of-us" fearless leader, Ted Churn, has decided we are not his enemies, but in fact his friends and family; we give thanks for his winsome ways, his pastoral presence, and for his sharing the core of who we are together as a family of faith and who we can be;

And whereas we received today that the good news of Jesus Christ is strongly proclaimed through word and deed in God's good creation at Camp Albemarle – sixty years and counting;

And whereas this day we went about the work of Jesus Christ through His church – His family of New Hope – when we received a vision for new ways of doing ministry; welcomed new colleagues; said goodbye to others; expressed our deep concerns on gun violence and did the exciting work of Presbytery as well as the boring work of Presbytery;

Be It Resolved that we not merely give thanks to God but that we shout and sing praise and thanksgiving to God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer for the Spirit's work among us and that we give thanks that God will continue to sustain us and bring us into the future that the Son, Jesus Christ, has for us. And that through the providence of God we will once again gather as family in July at First Presbyterian Church, Smithfield, where in Johnston County, the natives say, "Y'all Be Sure to Come Now, Y'hear."

Report of Assistant to the Stated Clerk

Rev. Deky Hall, recording clerk, gave the attendance report for the meeting:

Attendance

Ministers	119
Elder Commissioners	122
Candidates	2
Commissioned Ruling Elders	3
Non-commissioned Ruling Elders	1
Corresponding Members	10
Elder Educators	2
Lay Members of Coordinating Body	2
Staff	3
Visitors	<u>52</u>

Total 316

Offering: \$1,707.00 was collected during the Service of Worship and given to The Caring Place.

Adjourn

Upon a motion from the floor, Moderator Peter Bynum adjourned the meeting and closed with prayer at 3:15 p.m.

NEXT STATED MEETING

July 22, 2014

First Presbyterian Church
Smithfield, NC