

**93rd STATED MEETING
PRESBYTERY OF NEW HOPE
October 25, 2014
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
Raleigh, NC**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with prayer at 9:02AM by Vice Moderator Deborah Kirk.

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 presented and approved.

Seating of Corresponding Members

The following were seated as corresponding members: Kate Fiedler Boswell (Presbytery of the James), Kent Hollingsworth (John Calvin Presbytery), John Maurice Thomas (Baltimore Presbytery), Raymond Privott (American Baptist), Fred Mangeni (Evangelical Church), Richard Goodman (Eastern Virginia).

Welcome by Host Churches

On behalf of the sessions and congregations of St. Andrews, Trinity and Davie Street Presbyterian churches, Rev. Tom Harris of St. Andrews welcomed the presbytery. During an upcoming short break, he asked commissioners to move to sit with someone they haven't met.

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 the Resolutions Committee:

Teaching Elders: Betty Connette (Western Boulevard) Lori Pistor (West Raleigh) and Mac Shafer (Hudson Memorial); Ruling Elder: Larry Bidwell (North Raleigh).

Service of Installation for the Moderator

Elder Leorita Hankerson

Elder Leorita Hankerson propounded the installation questions to the Moderator-Elect

Rev. Deborah Kirk and to the Presbytery. Rev. Kirk was duly installed as Moderator.

Presentation on Presbytery's New Mission Design

Elder Ben Cahoon
Consultant Phil Bergey
Rev. Byron Wade
Rev. Ted Churn

Presbytery was directed to pages 5 – 14 in the docket where the history of the Pentecost Project was described and the timeline for transitioning to a new model of doing ministry was outlined. In the past, presbytery has operated under a conventional committee structure. In the future, presbytery will continue with the core committees as defined in the Book of Order and encourage and support Passion Driven Ministries (PDMs). During 2015, the committee structure will remain in place. New small groups gathered around a ministry focus will submit grant requests to the coordinating body in June of 2015 to be implemented in 2016. In addition, an annual Leadership Summit will begin January 24, 2015. Those who should apply to attend the summit include current committee moderators and those interested in developing a Passion Driven Ministry. Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk Ted Churn cautioned the presbytery to be patient and to offer constructive advice during the transition period. The presentation closed with prayer led by Rev. Byron Wade.

Worship

Those involved in worship included: Liturgists: from Saint Andrews Presbyterian: Rev. Diane Knauf, Dennis Sullivan, Juan Ayala-Carmona, Julie Rashid, Collin Harris and Rev. Tom Harris, who preached the sermon; from Davie Street Presbyterian: Rev. Byron Wade and Millicent Fauntleroy; from Trinity Presbyterian: Rev. David Huffman and Vickie Byrd; from presbytery staff: Rev. Gun Ho Lee. Acolytes: Emma Casey and Collin Harris. Music Leadership: Deanna Boone-Domres, piano; Nancy Phillips, Bells of Saint Andrews: Jeff Tippett, Connections Band and piano; Bill Weisser, organ and members of the adult choirs of Saint Andrews, Trinity and Davie Street Presbyterian Churches. The Necrology of Ministers (2013 – 2014) was included in the service. The offering collected is to be given to the Interfaith Food Shuttle.

Life on Campus – Campus Ministry Report

Rev. Joe Harvard and Rev. John Rogers

Rev. Harvard reminded the body that the future of the church is tied up with our ability to engage young adults as disciples of Jesus Christ. The number of students who attend college and universities in our midst is 117,319. Rev. Harvard introduced the Campus Ministers and thanked the presbytery for its support of the program. Rev. Rogers introduced Maggie Kane from the NCSU PCM (Presbyterian campus ministry), Julius Ingram from NCCU PCM, Brittany Hahn from ECU PCM, Jonathan Raab from UNC PCM and Courtney Trutna from Duke PCM. All enthusiastically expressed the importance of campus ministry in their lives in terms of community, relationships, mission trips and an emphasis on growing as a person, in faith and in relationship to God. Campus ministry also provides an important place to read scripture, ask questions and share one's faith journey.

Small Church Ministries

Rev. Keith Benze and Rev. Mary Harris Todd

The majority of the churches in the presbytery are small churches, often in rural communities. Gatherings of small churches have begun in the northwestern part of the presbytery and one near Rocky Mount. Over a meal, folks share what they are doing in their communities (such as Smart Start, Meals on Wheels), what excites them about their church and its ministry and what things they might need to expand their ministries. They also talk about what they can do better and how they can help one another. It is hoped that more gatherings will be held in other parts of the presbytery.

Report of the Coordinating Body and Report of the Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk

Elder Leorita Hankerson

Rev. Ted Churn

Elder Leorita Hankerson reported that the Vice Moderator for presbytery is Ida Adams of Faith Presbyterian Church. She also directed the body's attention to the Coordinating Body's report on page 17. Two recommendations were highlighted:

1) the dissolution of New Hope Presbyterian Church (Willow Springs) and its administrative commission;

2) the bylaws of the Presbytery of New Hope be modified so that "in event of emergency while the EP/Stated Clerk is away, the moderator of presbytery has authority to act on behalf of the EP/Stated Clerk."

Rev. Kyle Allen presented a motion for #1 above on behalf of the Administrative Commission and the motion passed. Rev. Allen concluded with prayer.

Elder Bill Smith – Finance Committee

Elder Smith called the body's attention to the proposed 2015 budget on page 62. This budget will be voted on at presbytery's February meeting. Ministries of Mission is down by \$60,000.00. The body was reminded that income is needed to make the new passion driven ministries model work.

Presbytery received the following from the Stated Clerk's report

1. The minutes of the commission to install Rev. Sanghyun James Lee as pastor of Duraleigh Presbyterian Church on July 20, 2014.
2. The minutes of the commission to install Rev. Dorothea Ghering-Burick as pastor of Roanoke Island Presbyterian Church on August 17, 2014.
3. The minutes of the commission to install Rev. Charles Pope as associate pastor for youth at White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh on August 17, 2014.
4. The minutes of the commission to install Rev. Clark Vincent as pastor of Center Ridge and Oak Grove Presbyterian Churches on August 17, 2014.
5. The minutes of the commission to ordain and install Tracey Walston Daniel as designated associate pastor for education at White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh on September 21, 2014.
6. The minutes of the commission to install Rev. Andrew Ruth as pastor of Oakland Presbyterian Church on September 28, 2014.

Prayer Concerns for

1. Elder Lynette Williams (Trinity Avenue), member of the Ministries of Mission Committee, whose daughter suffered a stroke.
2. Rev. Antonia Lawrence (Faith), who is dealing with a number of health issues.
3. Rev. Jim Davis (Providence), who has suffered third-degree burns over parts of his legs and body.
4. Rev. Greg Gregory (HR) who continues to recover after having heart surgery in August.

5. Rev. Ronn McCracken (William and Mary Hart), as he recovers from surgery.
6. Lay Pastor Anne Etheredge (Rocky Mount, First), who recently underwent a series of medical tests.
7. Rev. David Dunderdale (Blacknall Memorial), who is dealing with health issues.

Congratulations to

1. Rev. Samuel Son and New Life Triangle Presbyterian Church, which was chartered on August 3, 2014.
2. Elder Henrietta Clark (Cotton Memorial), who celebrated her 100th birthday on September 14, 2014.
3. Rev. Whitney Bayer (New Bern, First) and her husband, Daniel, on the birth of their baby, Oliver James, on June 17, 2014.
4. Rev. Andrew Ruth (Oakland) and his wife, Claire, on the birth of their first baby, Jack, on August 15, 2014.
5. Rev. Amanda Diekman (Durham) and her husband, Brian, on the birth of their first baby, Colin, on September 2, 2014.
6. Rev. Dr. Robert Fields, Jr. on being honored with pastor emeritus status by Hudson Memorial.
7. Rev. Katie Crowe and her husband, Rob, on the birth of their baby boy on October 15, 2014.

Condolences to

1. Rev. David Dunderdale (Blacknall Memorial) on the loss of his mother.
2. Rev. Candace Worth (Bear Grass/Roberson Chapel) whose mother, Pam, died August 8, 2014.
3. Elder Mary Elliott (Geneva), whose mother, Foye Stephens Isaacs, died August 5, 2014.
4. The Moffett family in the passing of Lois Moffett, wife of Rev. Polk Moffett (deceased), who served as associate pastor at White Memorial, Raleigh.
5. Rev. Jason Leonard on the passing of his Great Aunt Marie Jernigan.
6. The family of Elder George Fuller (Grace), who died September 11, 2014.
7. The family of Rev. Dr. St. Paul Epps (HR), who died September 16, 2014.
8. Elder Helen Moore (Young Memorial), whose sister, Roberta, died September 22, 2014.

Report of Nominations Committee

Rev. Clinton Randall, Moderator
and

Committee on Representation

Rev. Jim Mckinnon, Moderator

Committee	Nominee	Class
Coordinating Body	Ida Adams	2017
	Felecia Hardy	2017
	Anna Pinckney Straight	2017
	Chris Tuttle	2017

Finance and Property

Warren Alvis	2017
Judy Kelly	2017
Bill Smith	2017

Personnel

Peggy Griffin	2017
Otto White	2017

Committee on Representation

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Nominations (to be elected by the Coordinating Body)	-----	2016
	-----	2017
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Permanent Judicial

Committee	Roger Askew	2020
	Haywood Hoderness	2020
	Jeb Jeutter	2020

Committee on Ministry

Betty Connette	2017
Katie Crowe	2017
Jim Ferry	2017
Benjamin Kane	2017
Ron McCracken	2017
Anne Vellenga	2017
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Examinations and Transfers

Casey Clark	2015
David Crow	2017
Jim Henninger	2017
Katherine Kussmaul	2017
Art Ross	2017
Janise Smith	2017

Preparation for Ministry

Keith Benze	2017
Katherine Dudley	2017
Gloria Johnson	2017
Rebekah Maul	2017
Jody Moore	2017
Paul Rowland	2017

Moderator of Presbytery Debbie Kirk

Vice Moderator of Presbytery Ida Adams

Commissioners to General Assembly 2016 (Portland, OR)

Ruling Elders:	Teaching Elders:
Bob Griffin	Kerri Hefner
Leorita Hankerson	Wanda Neely
Nancy Oates	Samuel Son
	Jody Welker

Personnel Committee
Rev. Bob Dunham, Moderator

In response to the desire for a more relational presbytery, the personnel committee proposes the creation of a new staff position: Associate Executive for Small Church Ministry and Technology. The person will work with churches of 100 and fewer members, help them with technological issues such as email and facilitate small church gatherings. The person will serve as staff resource for small churches and administer sacraments. The compensation package will be upwards of \$85,000.00. A compensation increase for the current staff is also recommended.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry
Rev. Duane Hix, Moderator
Rev. Keith Benze, Co-Moderator

The Presbytery received the following as an Inquirer:

Cynthia Little (Calvary, Wilson)

The Presbytery received the following transfer inquirer from Coastal Carolina

Alex Brewington (Durham, First)

The Presbytery received three candidates with reception: James Fenwick (Blacknall) who was introduced by letter from Rev. Allan Poole (Blacknall); Rebecca Gurney (Blacknall), who was introduced by letter from Elder Martha C. Carlough (Blacknall) and Julius Sheppard (Blacknall), who was introduced by letter from Rev. David Dunderdale (Blacknall). Presbytery Moderator Debbie Kirk examined the three applicants for candidacy and declared them to be approved to become candidates. Rev. Duane Hix charged the applicants and offered a blessing on their behalf.

Report of Committee on Ministry
Elder Susan Mazzara, Co-Moderator
Examinations and Transfers Sub-Committee
Rev. David Huffman

Presbytery received the following as information:

1. Members of the commission to ordain Whitney Fauntleroy at Davie Street Presbyterian Church on October 19, 2014. Ministers: Rev. Taylor Lewis Guthrie Hartman, Rev. Byron Wade, Rev. Christopher Edmonston. Elders: Felecia Hardy, Amy Veatch, Kathryn Wells.

Guests of the commission: Rev. Brian Belting, Rev. Andrew Scales.

2. Rev. Samuel Son to serve as pastor of New Life Triangle Church (chartered August 3, 2014), effective August 1, 2013. Terms: annual cash salary: \$29,409.00; housing allowance: \$17,377.00; 403(b): \$1,404.00; Board of Pensions dues: \$16,867.00; social security offset: \$3,685.00; reimbursable expenses: \$5,292.00. Total compensation package: \$74,034.00. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing Education: 2 weeks.

Presbytery approved the following from the Committee on Ministry Report

Interim Agreements:

1. Rev. John Maurice Thomas to transfer from Presbytery of Baltimore to the Presbytery of New Hope to serve as interim pastor of Calvary Presbyterian Church, Wilson, effective October 1, 2014 through October 1, 2014 and to labor within the bounds prior to being received by the Presbytery of New Hope on October 25, 2014. Terms: annual cash salary: \$9,000.00; housing allowance \$27,000.00; social security offset: \$2,754.00; reimbursable expenses \$3,000.00; Board of Pensions dues: \$13,980.00. Total compensation package \$55,734.00. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing Education: 2 weeks.

2. Rev. Lori Pistor and West Raleigh Presbyterian: extension of interim agreement, effective August 1, 2014 through January 31, 2015. Terms: annual cash salary: \$35,536.00; housing allowance: \$34,269.00; social security offset: \$5,340.00; reimbursable expenses: \$7,000.00; Board of Pensions dues: \$23,036.00. Total compensation package: \$105,181.00.

3. Rev. Margaret Wilson-Stayton and West Haven Presbyterian: extension of interim agreement, effective September 4, 2014 through March 3, 2015. Terms: annual cash salary: \$14,300.00; housing allowance: \$2,400.00; utilities allowance: \$1,800.00; deferred income: \$3,000.00; social security offset: \$1,645.00; reimbursable expenses: \$2,000.00; Board of Pensions dues: \$7,095.00. Total compensation package: \$32,240.00.

4. Rev. Todd Allen to serve as interim pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Rocky Mount, effective October 12, 2014 through October 11, 2015. Terms: annual cash salary: \$15,800.00;

housing allowance: \$25,000.00; medical supplement: \$1,200.00; deferred income: \$23,000.00; social security offset: \$4,972.50; reimbursable expenses: \$3,000.00; Board of Pensions dues: \$14,950.00. Total compensation package: \$87,922.50. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing Education: 2 weeks.

5. Rev. Richard Goodman (LIB) and First Presbyterian Church, Ahoskie: extension of interim pastor agreement, effective September 21, 2014 through December 21, 2014. Terms: annual cash salary: \$7,135.00; social security offset: \$545.82. Total compensation package: \$7,680.82. Vacation: 1 week per quarter.

6. Rev. Kent Hollingsworth to transfer from John Calvin Presbytery to the Presbytery of New Hope to serve as interim pastor of North Raleigh Presbyterian Church, effective October 16, 2014 through October 16, 2015 and to labor within the bounds prior to being received by the Presbytery of New Hope on October 25, 2014. Terms: annual cash salary: \$45,000.00; housing allowance: \$15,000.00; social security offset: \$4,590.00; Board of Pensions Due: \$21,000.00. Total compensation package: \$85,590.00. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing Education: 2 weeks.

Supply Agreements

1. Rev. Carol Pierson to serve as temporary supply associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville on a month-to-month basis, effective August 16, 2014. Terms: annual cash salary: \$21,000.00; housing allowance: \$21,000.00; medical supplement: \$538.00; social security offset: \$3,213.00; reimbursable expenses: \$4,000.00; Board of Pensions dues: \$14,700.00. Total compensation package: \$64,451.00. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing Education: 2 weeks.

2. Rev. Jane Rose to serve as stated supply, Fountain Presbyterian Church, effective September 11, 2014 through September 11, 2015. Terms: annual cash salary: \$23,231.41; housing allowance: \$3,000.00; social security offset: \$1,776.59. Total compensation package: \$28,008.00. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing Education: 2 weeks.

Moderators

1. Dr. Paul Rowland (CRE) to serve as moderator for Berea Presbyterian Church,

pending assignment of a supervisor appointed by the executive presbyter.

Dissolutions

1. Rev. Karen Ricks and Church of Reconciliation, effective June 30, 2014.
2. Dissolution of the associate pastor position, Duraleigh Presbyterian Church.
3. Dissolution of the associate pastor position, First Presbyterian Church, Goldsboro, effective July 1, 2014.
4. Rev. Duane Hix and White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Willow Springs, effective November 8, 2014.

Dismissals

1. Rev. Clark Scalera (MAL) to Charleston Atlantic Presbytery, effective September 10, 2014.
2. Rev. Jane Wilson (MAL) to Presbytery of Boston, effective September 10, 2014.
3. Rev. Brett Webb-Mitchell to Presbytery of the Cascades, effective September 10, 2014.

Other

1. The honorable retirement of Rev. Rebecca Reyes, effective October 1, 2014.
2. The honorable retirement of Rev. David Wiseman, effective September 1, 2014.
3. The honorable retirement of Rev. James Ferry, effective January 1, 2015.
4. The honorable retirement of Rev. Gordon Marshall, effective July 1, 2014.
5. Rev. Debbie Osterhoudt (LIB/HR) to be placed on the interim, stated, temporary and pulpit supply lists.
6. Jonathan Crooms to remain on the pulpit supply list.
7. Rev. Duane Hix to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery of New Hope within the bounds of Coastal Carolina Presbytery.
8. Peace Presbyterian Church to elect a pastor nominating committee.
9. Cotton Memorial Presbyterian Church to be relieved from vacancy dues.

Examinations and Transfers

The presbytery sustained the examination of the following transfers:

- Rev. John Maurice Thomas (Presbytery of Baltimore)
Rev. Kate Boswell (Presbytery of the James)
Rev. Kent Hollingsworth (John Calvin Presbytery)

Commissioned Ruling Elder

Lee Sartain

Calls

1. The call to Rev. Kate Fiedler Boswell to serve as associate pastor for adult ministries of University Presbyterian Church, effective November 1, 2014. Terms: annual cash salary: \$35,736.00; housing allowance: \$20,000.00; social security offset: \$4,264.00; reimbursable expenses: \$2,100.00; Board of Pensions dues: \$19,508.00; moving expenses provided. Total compensation package: \$81,608.00. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing Education: 2 weeks. 3 months sabbatical leave after 5 years.
2. The call to Rev. Melinda Merkley King to move from designated associate pastor for congregational life to associate pastor for congregational life of Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian Church.
3. The call to Ricky "Lee" Sartain to serve as commissioned ruling elder of East Raleigh Fellowship, effective November 1, 2014 through October 31, 2015. Terms: housing allowance: \$6,000.00; social security offset: \$459.00. Total compensation package: \$6,459.00. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing Education: 4 weeks.

Changes Within Presbytery

Rev. Carol Pierson
Rev. Jane Rose
Rev. Melinda Merkley King
Rev. Todd Allen

Installation Commissions

COM to approve an installation commission for Lee Sartain (CRE), East Raleigh Fellowship

Retirement of Ministers

Elder Mazzara congratulated those retiring: Rebecca Reyes, David Wiseman, James Ferry and Gordon Marshall. She celebrated their endurance inspired by hope in Jesus Christ and offered a prayer on their behalf.

Christian Education

Rev. Marguerite Moore Serrine
Rev. Serrine brought greetings from the Christian Education Committee. Although the Growing Together annual event has ended, the CE committee is working to facilitate connection through other kinds of events. In September 2015, Bruce Reyes-Chow will host a webinar on how churches can use technology in new ways. Three satellite churches will host the

presentation followed by a discussion led by an on-site leader.

Ministries of Missions

Rev. Carol Pierson
Rev. Pierson expressed thanks to the body for the Hunger Fund receipts totaling \$32,000.00. Hunger grants have been approved for 26 recipients for 2015. International peacemaker Rev. Nicole Ashwood visited First, Durham, First, Greenville and the Church of Reconciliation to speak on gender issues.

Leadership Development

Rev. Jonathan Sherrod
Mandatory Healthy Boundaries Training is scheduled in November: both 101 and 201. Watch the presbytery web site and emails for specific dates. Leadership Development also hopes to facilitate ministry groups gathered around fellowship, scripture study, current issues or lectionary topics.

Report of the Resolutions Committee

Rev. Lori Pistor, Rev. Mac Shafer, Rev. Betty Connette
Elder Larry Bidwell

WHEREAS, on this beautiful day, members of the Presbytery of New Hope could be consuming deep fried delicacies at the State Fair, BUT rather come to be graciously welcomed by St. Andrews Presbyterian Church members and staff;

WHEREAS, a diversity of elders BRANCHED into being first time commissioners and friend and colleague Debbie Kirk was installed as Moderator;

WHEREAS, the body affirmed for its trust and resilience took a virtual walk through an expanding stand of TREES and were proclaimed commissioned ARBORISTS;

WHEREAS, we are knotted in love with one another and the great cloud of witnesses in the Word proclaimed and the Word embodied in music and the bread and the cup;

WHEREAS, the fruits of the Spirit were evident in the passionate Presbyterian Campus Ministry students and ministers;

WHEREAS, the resources and connected generosity of small churches was raised up;

WHEREAS, we were passionately led to a scrumptious, healthy lunch;

WHEREAS, Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk Ted Church LEAFED through relevant concerns and joys of the church;

WHEREAS, the afternoon was SHADED in a CANOPY of farewells and welcomes, ministry reports, educational opportunities, important information and necessary conversation;

THEREFORE, on this 25th day of October, be it resolved that we find our strength in Jesus Christ, the TREE OF LIFE, as we go forth, passionately driven, as proclaimers of the Good News.

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

Ministers	93
Corresponding Members	6
Elder Commissioners	107
Lay Members of Coordinating Body	2
Elder Educators	1
Commissioned Ruling Elders	1
Inquirers/Candidates	7
Educators (DCE's)	1
Visitors	21
Presbytery Staff	<u>3</u>
Total	242

Offering: \$1,287.14 was collected during the worship service and given to the Interfaith Food Shuttle. 155 cans of food were collected and \$63.46 from those who forgot canned goods. The latter will be donated to the Food Bank.

Adjournment

Upon a motion from the floor, Moderator Debbie Kirk adjourned the meeting and Reverend Byron Wade closed the meeting with prayer at 3:07 p.m.

NEXT STATED MEETING

February 28, 2015

**First Presbyterian Church
Greenville, NC**