

**94th STATED MEETING  
PRESBYTERY OF NEW HOPE  
February 28, 2015  
First Presbyterian Church  
Greenville, NC**

**Call to Order**

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

**Quorum**

Pursuant to BOO G3.0304 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: John Fawcett (Chicago Presbytery), Leigh Gillis (Heartland Presbytery), Fred Mangeni (Evangelical Church), Heath Rada (Western Carolina) and Debbie Osterhoudt (Northeast Georgia Presbytery).

**Appointment of Standing Committee**

The following persons were appointed to the Resolutions Committee:

Teaching Elder: Ronn McCracken (William and Mary Hart) and Ruling Elders: John Stratton (West Haven) and Lori Hines Jones (Calvary, Wilson).

**Welcome by Host Churches**

Rev. Bill Neely, pastor/head of staff of First Presbyterian, Greenville, extended a warm welcome on behalf of the sessions and congregations of First Presbyterian, Greenville and Falkland Presbyterian Church.

**Welcome to Moderator for PC(USA) and 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. Moderator Kirk extended a warm welcome to Elder Heath Rada, Moderator of the PC(USA).

**Bills and Overtures Committee**

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

Elder Ray Watson (Moderator), Elder Richard Jackson, Rev. Aleta Ash, Rev. Carol Pierson and Rev. Steve Aschmann.

**Worship**

Those involved in worship included: Heath Rada (Moderator of the 221<sup>st</sup> General Assembly), who preached the sermon, William K. Neely (Pastor, First Greenville), Steve Prevatte (Campus Minister, First Greenville), Carol Pierson (Associate Pastor, First Greenville), Jane Love (Interim Pastor, Falkland Presbyterian), Gun Ho Lee (Pastor, Korean Fellowship, Greenville), Dick Marks (Elder, First Greenville), Jordan Prescott (Organist, student – School of Music, East Carolina University), Elements of Praise (Pitt Community College Gospel Choir), and RaSheeda Waddell, Director, Elements of Praise. The offering collected goes to the Greenville Community Shelters.

**Time with the Moderator of the PC(USA)  
Heath Rada**

Elder Rada described many of his recent trips in his role as Moderator, including one to Erbil, Iraq where tens of thousands of Christians live in a tent city with no hope of returning home. They became believers, in large part, because of previous PC(USA) mission efforts to start schools and hospitals. They ask for prayers and confess that church brings them the hope they need. Rada also traveled to Peru, South Sudan/Ethiopia, North Korea and Taiwan and found that the denomination is loved and celebrated around the world. In the United States, the church we grew up with (in the 50's and 60's) is dying and any time we deal with death, we have to deal with grief. We must do the work of grief in order to accept the "new" that is coming, because, at the end of the day, there is resurrection.

**Bills and Overtures Committee**

Elder Ray Watson

The Bills and Overtures Committee offered an omnibus motion recommending approval of the Amendments to the Book of Confession and the Book of Order as proposed by the 221<sup>st</sup> General Assembly. The presbytery voted yes to the following amendments:

Book of Order  
(14-B1) Regarding Ordination process and exams (G-2.0607)

(14-B2) Regarding Ordination process and exams (G-2.0610)  
(14-C) Child Protection Policy (G-3.0106)  
(14-D) Minimum Composition of a Presbytery (G-3.0301)

The presbytery debated and voted by paper ballot and approved the following:

**Book of Confession**

(14-1) Adding Confession of Belhar  
Yes: 183          No: 62          Abstain: 7

**Book of Order**

(14-E) Interreligious Stance (G-5.0102)  
Yes: 169          No: 75          Abstain: 8

(14-F) Marriage (W-4.9000)  
Yes: 162          No: 88          Abstain: 2

The presbytery debated and rejected the following:

(14-A) Renunciation of Jurisdiction (G-2.0509)  
Yes: 117          No: 126          Abstain: 9

**Recognition of Rev. Marilyn Hein**

Moderator Deborah Kirk

Rev. Marilyn Hein, who spent the last twenty years of her active ministry on the staff of New Hope Presbytery, was recognized by APCE (Association of Presbyterian Church Educators) with a lifetime achievement award at its annual meeting in Baltimore. A tireless advocate for certification, Marilyn was the “go to” person wherever she was on staff. In her acceptance speech, she commented, “We educators teach people faith,” and she focused her ministry to offer information and transformation to all who contacted her. Moderator Kirk offered congratulations from the presbytery and the presbytery responded by giving Marilyn a standing ovation.

**One Great Hour of Sharing**

Elder John Etheredge

It is a privilege to thank you and the congregations for supporting One Great Hour of Sharing. Through this ministry, contributions are devoted to hunger issues, disaster relief and self-development of people. This presbytery has done an excellent job in helping the poor. It has supported the formation of a group to plant an organic garden and has provided help to the Cape Hatteras Secondary School. We need the presbytery to be the eyes and ears for Self Development of People, pray for One Great

Hour of Sharing and give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing. Add two zeroes to your check!

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**

Rev. John Robinson

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is one of three recipients of the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. I offer thanks to the presbytery for their support. Individual people and congregations have also supported this work. In conversation with churches in the northeast after Hurricane Sandy, a once in 26,350 year event, the churches were unable to meet the enormous needs and were often in need themselves. In this overwhelming disaster, PDA was able to help. Also in the Synod of Lakes and Prairies, we have worked to reduce the number of suicides among Native American youth.

**Black Caucus Report**

Elder Martha Jonson

Elder Johnson provided a summary of the important and unparalleled impact of George Henry White (December 18, 1852 – December 28, 1918), known as the last African American congressman from the Jim Crow era. North Carolina would not have another African American congressperson until Eva Clayton was elected in 1992. Congressman White was a founding member of Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. He was instrumental in forming normal schools for black children. While a congressman, he introduced legislation to label lynching as a federal crime. On January 29, 1901, he gave the negro temporary farewell speech to the American congress. The 115<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the speech is next year and a commemorative stamp in his honor will be issued.

**Meeting of the Corporation and Report of Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk**

Rev. Ted Churn

**Meeting of the Corporation:**

The meeting of the corporation opened with prayer by Moderator Kirk.

Good afternoon: Moderator Kirk, commissioners and guests of the Presbytery of New Hope. I stand before you today, privileged to be serving as your Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk. I want to begin by telling you a story.

Some time ago, I bought a car, a really neat car. This car can tell me just about everything I need to do. It tells me when I need to put air in my tires. It tells me how to get from point A to point B. It tells me to put my seat belt on when I forget. I really like this car. It tells me when a phone call is coming in and allows me to speak and hear without having to hold my phone to my ear. I really, really like this car. This car will even turn the lights on automatically when it gets dark. Did I tell you I like this car? One day I got an invitation to go to a new car workshop at the dealer where I bought this car. I thought, if this car can do all these things there are probably other things I don't know about that it could tell me to do, so I better go to that workshop and learn more about this car that I really like. At the workshop, I got a goodie bag. It had a scraper, a pen, a thermos for canned drinks, a hat, a sorter for my trunk and a calendar displaying a different model of vehicle every month of the year. And it all came in a handy dandy tote bag. We have a lot of tote bags in our home. I put this one in the very back of all our bags and I doubt that I will ever use it. Why? Well, because, of the message printed all over the bag. It says, "I love my Honda," But I don't. I really like my Honda. You see I was taught growing up that we don't love things; we can really, really, really like them, but we don't love them. We love people. Because that was what God taught us to do, and what God in Christ, demonstrated to us in the way he lived.

When I go out and visit churches, I once in a while will be asked, "Don't you just love our sanctuary?" I really, really like your sanctuary. But I do love to hear the stories of how members partner in mission ministry. I have had a chance to hear it, now I want to take a moment for a call out. Name the missions ministry in which your church engaged in last year during a shout out. On the count of 3--ready? One, two, three.

We as the presbytery have spent the year making a shift to a new way of doing ministry. Last January, your Coordinating Body and Pentecost Team joined together in a retreat and began the process of giving shape to something new, born out of the voices of this presbytery gathered around tables, through surveys and session visits. And now we are in our transition year, a time when we give thanks for the ministries of those who have served faithfully on presbytery committees and now move into a new way of carrying out our mission as we support a new

way of doing ministries that are consistent with our core values.

But this year our focus is on the formation of Life Together ministries, ministries where two or more entities identify and can receive partnership funding from presbytery. In January, we had a summit with representatives from our committees (and others who completed the signup in the October Presbytery handbook), attending along with the Coordinating Body. By the end, participants were leaving, with ideas about partnership ministries. But if you missed the summit, don't worry, we will do it again, and it is our goal to make it known just a few more times.

Next year, we will begin our focus on congregations resourcing congregations. With the guidance of a newly hired associate, we aim to help churches connect with each other in supporting and sharing resources. And then in 2017, we will focus on ways we can improve nurturing our leaders, our ministers, our educators, our Commissioned Ruling Elders in ministry. So by 2018, it is our hope to have the fully redesigned mission strategy for New Hope in place. All three of these branches, Life Together, Congregations Resourcing Congregations and Nurturing Leaders have a common thread. They all foster our relationships with each other. And in all the time we spent having conversations at round tables in the last two years, relationships is what we heard as being the number one priority.

#### Now let me take you on a tour through 2014

In 2014 we welcomed the following Teaching Elders into the life of New Hope: John Thomas (Calvary), Clark Vincent (Center Ridge/Oak Grove), James Lee (Duraleigh), Leigh Gillis (First Goldsboro), Ben Kane (Howard Memorial), Kent Hollingsworth (Interim, North Raleigh), Kate Fiedler Boswell (University, Chapel Hill), Katherine Kussmaul (St. Giles), Andrew Ruth (Oakland), Amanda Golbek (Kirk of Kildaire), Charles Pope (White Memorial), Robert Brawley, retired, David Wiseman, retired, and Bernie and Alice Nord, retired. Today we will be receiving some others who officially join at this meeting.

We had our losses in 2014: St. Paul Epps, David Garrison, William Ansell and our former long time staff employee Chuck Noonan. We

remembered and give thanks for those who served faithfully and have now retired: Aleta Ash, Marshall Gordon, Connie Button, Jim Ferry, Preston Smith, Rebecca Reyes and Moffett Churn.

#### Now for the numbers:

In 2014, we had a total of 123 churches. We dissolved the New Hope Willow Springs church at our July Presbytery meeting. We organized a new church, New Life, so we are still maintaining the same number we had in 2013. There were 197 Teaching Elders and 14 racial/ethnic congregations. Based on our stats for 2013, we had 29,148 church members. We currently have 36 candidates under care or as Inquirers. And there are 47 educators in our Presbytery.

We have three 1001 worshipping communities: Jubilee Fellowship in Wake Forest, East Raleigh Fellowship in East Raleigh, Hispanic Fellowship in East Raleigh and Hispanic Fellowship in Greenville. We continue to support our New Church Development in Clayton, Discovery, as they move closer to financial self-sufficiency.

Last year, we had the opportunity to see a prototype of a Passion Ministry with the formation of two Small Church Gatherings. Twice, once in May and once in October, small churches under the leadership of Reverends Keith Benze and Mary Harris Todd gathered to talk about their common struggles and joys. One group has decided to start a face-book page where they can share the happenings in the life of their churches. Would Keith, Mary and those churches who gathered please stand?

On a sadder note, one of our churches requested to enter into the Gracious Separation Discernment and at the conclusion of that process decided to request dismissal to another reformed body. Later today we will hear that report and vote on dismissing Hollywood Presbyterian Church.

And there were churches in our presbytery that rejoiced and others that grieved the decisions coming out of the 221st General Assembly last June. Some believe it will be difficult to find common ground in our unity. I pray that the Spirit will move us to not only stay together but to deepen our respect and gratitude for what all of our churches bring in their particular mission

ministry I have said it before and I will say it again, I ask that we commit to the practice of mutual forbearance and respect for the differing positions we hold.

Financially, we finished the year in a healthy manner, that is, we were in the black and not in the red. Your committees and your staff have been committed to being good stewards of the Presbytery's finances. I won't say we were frugal at the expense of jeopardizing our ministries, but we were attentive to the use of our funds and sought to be accountable. Later you will hear a brief budget update from Finance.

It has been an exciting year on a number of fronts and while we have a lot of work to do, we can give thanks to God for the many ways God has blessed us throughout the year. I especially want to express gratitude to both our former Pentecost Team and the Coordinating Body for their support as we have sought to make this shift in our life together. And thanks to those committees and commissions that have served so faithfully throughout the year.

#### And on to 2015

We will continue to live into this new model for ministry as we begin offering our first partnership funding for Life Together Ministries. Your Coordinating Body will continue to inform you about the process whereby you can participate in this ministry.

If the way be clear, we hope to have a new Associate on board to lead our smaller churches in a resourcing ministry as well as assisting with technology. We'll see how that goes. It is my continued goal to be out in our churches, those places that embody who we are as the Presbytery of New Hope.

One last piece I want to share. Last fall six of us went to a Conflict Transformation Seminar hosted by Charlotte Presbytery. Our leader was Reverend Sarah Kromer who also happens to be a lawyer. Throughout the two day seminar, she reminded us over and over that Christ is in the middle of the room. We often want to say Christ is in me, but when we gather as the people of God, Christ is among us, at the center of our gathering. And so, she reminds us that conflict transformation is not about winners and losers, it is about acknowledging that while we may be in different places regarding our perspectives, our

theological stance, we are still one...just as Jesus prayed in his priestly prayer, "protect them that they may be one." I know this is going to be a challenging year in many different ways. But it is also a year of great opportunity. From time to time, I hear stories about dissatisfactions with one's church. These are members who are unhappy with members and members unhappy about policies and polity. I hear that and take it seriously. And I know we have not perfected the kingdom on earth. But when I encounter the disgruntlement, I will often say, "Let's take one step back." And I ask, "What is the one thing you love about your church, tell me one thing that gives you joy?" It is amazing the difference it makes when you define your starting point. Jesus' new commandment was not, "Go out and find what's wrong with everything and everyone." Rather, you know it: "Love one another." So let's live in the spirit of that age old new commandment. For it will see us through the differences we hold, the struggles we share and the joys we celebrate.

This concludes the business of the corporation.

Presbytery received the following from the Stated Clerk's report:

1. Minutes of the commission to ordain Whitney Fautleroy at Davie Street Presbyterian Church on October 19, 2014.
2. Minutes of the commission to install Rev. Katherine Fiedler Boswell at University Presbyterian Church on January 11, 2014.
3. Minutes of the commission to ordain Elinor Dale at White Memorial Presbyterian (Raleigh) on January 11, 2015.

Presbytery approved the following:

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, 2014, there were 197 eligible ministers residing within the bounds of the presbytery. Therefore for 2015, we recommend that there be 197 elder commissioners and 197 ministers commissioners. (Attachment)

#### PRAYER CONCERNS FOR

1. Barbara Campbell Davis, (former executive presbyter/stated clerk for New Hope), whose son, Charles "Chris" Carr, sustained serious injuries in a car accident December 4, 2014.
2. Rev. Betty Berghaus (Westminster, Durham), recovering from a car accident in December.
3. Lay Pastor Anne Etheredge (Rocky Mount, First), dealing with health issues that cause her a considerable amount of lower-back pain.
4. Rev. Jeff Sockwell, his wife Janet, and their son Daniel (webmaster, Presbytery of New Hope). Daniel was involved in a car accident on January 14, 2015.
5. Elder Robert Owens (Western Blvd.), suffering with shoulder pain from a fall.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO

1. Rev. Katie Owen (Duke Presbyterian Campus Minister) on her marriage to Wait Aumann on October 15, 2014.
2. Rev. Katie Crowe and her husband Robbie, on the birth of their son, Dillon Bernard Crowe, born October 15, 2014.
3. Rev. Deky Hall (presbytery staff) and her husband Bob, on the birth of their granddaughter, Mattie Deaver Hall, on November 7, 2014.
4. Hillsborough Presbyterian Church for being re-certified as an Earth Care Congregation.
5. Rev. Marilyn Hein (HR), who has been awarded the Life Time Achievement Award by the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators.

#### CONDOLENCES TO

1. Elders Janice Smith (Rocky Mount, First) and Pauline Savage (Bear Grass) on the death of their

- brother Rev. Robert Bullock, who died October 5, 2014.
2. Rev. Gary Fulton (White Memorial, Raleigh), whose mother Betty, died November 4, 2014.
  3. The family of Elder Curtis Harper (Church of Reconciliation), who died November 19, 2014.
  4. The family of Rev. William Ansell (HR), who died November 27, 2014.
  5. The family of Elder Hugh McNeill (St. Giles), who died December 4, 2014.
  6. Elder Mary Watson (Rocky Mount, First), whose brother died December 13, 2014.
  7. The family of Elder and Choir Director Gloria Timberlake (Covenant, Durham), who died December 14, 2014.
  8. Elder Joyce Bauer (Kirk of Kildaire), whose husband, John, died December 21, 2014.
  9. Rev. Conway Lanford (HR) on the death of his mother, who died December 28, 2014.
  10. The family of Elder Brian Waldron (Falkland), who died January 1, 2015.
  11. The family of Rev. Dr. Henry Kreutzer (HR), who died January 6, 2015.
  12. Rev. Fran Olson (HR), whose husband, Jay Olson, died January 13, 2015.
  13. The family of Elder Gary Govert (Cary), son-in-law of Rev. David Voss (HR), who died January 19, 2015.
  14. The family of Elder Elizabeth Brown Nutter (Roanoke Rapids, First), who died January 19, 2015.
  15. The family of Rev. Richard Hiderbrandt (pastor emeritus, Hillsborough), who died January 27, 2015.
  16. Rev. Claude Wilson-Stayton (Covenant, Wendell), whose brother, Larry, died February 1, 2015.
  17. The family of Elder Charles Hughes Williams (Eno), who died February 3, 2015.

### **Report of Coordinating Body**

#### **Rev. Ed McLeod**

The presbytery received the following as information.

1. Coordinating Body meeting schedule for 2015: January 23/24, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, August 20, September 17, November 19, December 17.
2. Received and discussed evaluations from the October 25, 2014 stated meeting of presbytery.
3. Elected Rev. Ed McLeod as its chairperson and Rev. Katie Aumann as recording secretary.
4. Received 2015 budget for \$1,434,076.00.

The Coordination Body approved the following:

1. Minutes of the February 22, July 22 and October 25, 2014 stated meetings of the Presbytery of New Hope.
2. Rev. Stephen Aschmann (HR), Rev. Aleta Ash, Rev. Carol Pierson, Elder Richard Jackson and Elder Ray Watson to serve on the Bills and Overtures Committee.
3. Revision of presbytery manual.
4. Report of the Nominating Committee.
5. Request to invite the moderator of the PC(USA), Heath Rada, to preach at the February 28, 2015 stated meeting of the Presbytery of New Hope.
6. To allow the Presbyterian Engagement Team to present the terms of dismissal for Hollywood Presbyterian Church at the February 28, 2015 stated meeting of presbytery.
7. Recommendation to allow 2 minutes per speaker during the Bills and Overtures Committee presentation at the February 28, 2015 stated meeting of presbytery.
8. Agenda for January 2015 retreat and summit gathering.

Presbytery approved the following:

1. Nominees for the Nominating Committee:
  - Elder Steve Mabie (class of 2015)
  - Elder Anne Montgomery (class of 2016)
  - Elder Millicent Fauntleroy (class of 2017)
  - Rev. Leigh Gillis (class of 2017)

2. Report of the Nominations Committee and Committee on Representation

#### Exams and Transfers

- Kyle Allen, Class of 2015
- Bob Brizendine, Class of 2016
- Katherine Kussmaul, Class of 2016
- Moffett Churn, Class of 2017

#### Commission on Ministry

- Matt Wood, Class of 2017
- Sarah Peters, Class of 2017

#### GA Commissioner, 2016

- Matt Wood

#### Synod

- John Etheridge, Ruling Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Rocky Mount, Class of 2017
- Bill Pittman, Ruling Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Garner, Synod PJC, Class of 2017
- Lynn Henderson, Ruling Elder, Cotton Memorial, Committee on Representation
- Jim Ferry (HR), Speer Trust Committee, Class of 2017

### **Finance Committee**

Elder Bill Smith

Elder Smith called the body's attention to the 2015 budget on page 87 of the docket. The budget has been received and approved by the Coordinating Body. We hope to continue the trend of ending the year with a plus. We have received about half of the askings and need the remainder so we know what to expect. The narrative budget is on page 90 of the docket.

### **Report of the Presbyterian Engagement Team for Hollywood Presbyterian**

Rev. Rocky Stone

Rev. Stone called the body's attention to the Engagement Team report on pages 21-22 of the docket. The report is received as a motion to approve the terms of dismissal of Holly Presbyterian Church to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. The motion was approved and this portion of the meeting concluded with a litany.

### **Committee on Preparation for Ministry**

Rev. Keith Benze

The presbytery received the following Inquirers as Candidates with reception:

1. Robert Beichner (Wake Forest) who was introduced by letter from Wake Forest Presbyterian.
2. Alex Brewington (First Presbyterian, Durham) who was introduced by letter from Barbara Gerwe, Clerk of Session. Presbytery Moderator Rev. Deborah Kirk examined Robert and Alex and declared they be approved to become candidates. Rev. Keith Benze offered the Blessing of the Applicants.

The presbytery received the following as Inquirers:

1. Amanda Hill (West Raleigh)
2. Barbara Styers (First Presbyterian Church, Raleigh)

The presbytery received the following candidate as certified ready to receive a call:

1. Ed Johnson (Western Boulevard)

### **Report of the Commission on Ministry and Examinations and Transfers Sub-commission**

Elder Richard Marks, Co-Moderator, COM  
Rev. David Huffman, Moderator (Exams and Transfers)

Elder Dick Marks called the body's attention to the new structure of the Commission on Ministry on pages 32-34 of the docket. Each COM member is assigned to a sub-team and is an advocate for particular churches. COM is also responsible for annually reviewing the status of Members-at-Large. Elder Marks led the body in prayer for those ministers who had died: Rev. William Ansell, Rev. Richard Hildebrandt, Sr. and Rev. Dr. Henry C. Kreutzer, Jr.

### **Presbytery received the following as information:**

1. Members of the commission to install Rev. John Fawcett as associate pastor for discipleship and mission at Wake Forest Presbyterian Church on March 8, 2015: ministers: Rev. Ted Churn, Rev. Rebekah Maul, Rev. Moffett Churn, Rev. Keith Benze, Rev. Tracey Daniel; elders: Ed Pulliam, Sharon Kucyk. Guest of the commission: Rev. Katherine Blakenship.

2. Ron Jones (CRE) and Plainview Presbyterian Church, renewal of stated supply agreement, effective January 1 through December 21, 2015. Terms: monthly housing allowance: \$1,100.00.

### **Presbytery approved the following from the COM and Exams and Transfers Report:**

#### **Interim Agreements**

1. Rev. Leigh Gillis to transfer from Heartland Presbytery to serve as interim pastor of First Presbyterian, Goldsboro, effective August 1, 2014 through July 31, 2015 (with permission to labor within the bounds of presbytery prior to being received by the Presbytery of New Hope on February 28, 2015). Terms: annual cash salary: \$39,000.00; housing allowance: \$30,000.00; social security offset: \$5,278.50; reimbursable expenses: \$1,571.50; Board of Pension Dues: \$24,150.00. Total compensation package: \$100,000.00. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing Education: 2 weeks.

2. Rev. Mark Diehl and First Presbyterian Church, Durham: extension of interim pastor agreement, effective September 1, 2015 through February 28, 2015. Terms: annual cash salary: \$50,000.00; housing allowance: \$29,500.00; social security offset: \$6,082.00; reimbursable expenses: \$5,333.00; Board of Pensions dues: \$26,235.00. Total compensation package: \$117,150.00. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing Education: 2 weeks.

3. Rev. Juli Gicker-Anderson to serve as intentional interim pastor of West New Bern Presbyterian Church, effective March 11, 2015 through March 10, 2016. Terms: annual cash salary: \$19,776.00; housing allowance: \$16,008.00; social security offset: \$2,738.00; reimbursable expenses: \$3,000.00; Board of Pensions dues: \$15,074.00. Total Compensation Package: \$56,596.00. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing Education: 2 weeks.

4. Rev. Richard Goodman (LWB) and First Presbyterian Church, Ahoskie: extension of interim pastor agreement effective January 1 through December 31, 2015. Terms: annual cash salary: \$30,010.00; housing allowance: \$12,000.00; medical supplement \$15,820.00; social security offset: \$3,213.00; reimbursable expenses \$4,800.00. Total compensation package: \$65,843.00. Moving expenses: \$2,000.00. Vacation: 1 week per quarter.

5. Rev. Lori Pistor and West Raleigh Presbyterian Church: extension of interim pastor agreement effective February 1 through August 1, 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.

#### **Supply Agreements**

1. Rev. Dan Davis (LWB) to serve as stated supply pastor of Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, Rocky Mount, effective January 1 through December 30, 2015. Terms: annual cash salary: \$15,000.00; discretionary amount: \$11,200.00; reimbursable expenses: \$1,000.00. Total compensation package: \$27,200.00. Vacation: 4 weeks. Rev. Preston Smith to serve as session moderator.

2. Rev. Lynn Stall to be received from Salem Presbytery to serve as stated supply pastor of Milner Memorial Presbyterian Church, effective January 20 through December 31, 2015. Terms: annual cash salary: \$39,555.00; housing allowance: \$20,000.00; dental: \$445.00; social security offset: \$4,590.00; reimbursable expenses: \$3,000.00; Board of Pensions dues: \$21,000.00. Total compensation package: \$88,590.00. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing Education: 2 weeks.

3. Renewal of stated supply agreement between Wallace Spragins (CRE) and Grace Chapel Community, effective January 1 through December 31, 2015. Terms: annual cash salary: \$5,652.00; social security offset: \$443.00; travel: \$2,608.00; other applicable income: \$800.00. Total compensation package: \$9,493.00. Vacation: 3 weeks.

4. Renewal of stated supply agreement between Rev. Frank Haggard (LWB) and Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lucama, effective January 1 through December 31, 2015. Terms: annual cash salary \$6,000.00; reimbursable expenses: \$1,800.00. Total compensation package: \$7,800.00. Vacation: 2 weeks. Continuing Education: 1 week.

5. Renewal of stated supply agreement between Rev. James Workman and St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church, effective March 1, 2015 through February 29, 2016. Terms: annual cash salary: \$1,705.25; deferred income: \$180.00; social security offset: \$114.75. Total compensation package: \$2,000.00. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing Education: 2 weeks.

#### **Dissolutions**

1. Rev. Clinton Randall and Unity Presbyterian Church, effective October 25, 2014.

2. Rev. Jeff Sockwell and West New Bern Presbyterian Church, effective December 7, 2014.

#### **Dismissals**

1. Rev. Joel Alvis (MAL) to Presbytery of Tampa Bay, effective November 12, 2014.

2. Rev. Patricia McElroy (MAL) to Presbytery of Olympia, effective December 10, 2014.

3. Rev. Peter Bynum to Presbytery of Charlotte, effective February 11, 2015.

4. Rev. Clinton Randall to Presbytery of Lackawanna, effective February 11, 2015.

5. Rev. Denise Thorpe (MAL) to Presbytery of Western North Carolina, effective February 11, 2015.

6. Rev. Marcia Mount Shoop (MAL) to Presbytery of Wabash Valley, effective February 11, 2015.

### **Other**

1. Transfer of Rev. Debbie Osterhoudt (HR) from Presbytery of Northeast Georgia, effective October 8, 2014.
2. Transfer of Rev. John Robinson (ADMN/MAL) from Shenandoah Presbytery, effective February 10, 2015.
3. Transfer of Rev. Richard Goodman (interim pastor, Ahoskie, First) from Eastern Virginia Presbytery, effective February 10, 2015.

### **Calls**

1. The call to Rev. John Fawcett to serve as associate pastor for discipleship and mission, Wake Forest Presbyterian Church, effective January 4, 2015. Terms: annual cash salary: \$36,000.00; housing allowance: \$14,000.00; social security offset: \$3,825.00; reimbursable expenses: \$3,000.00; Board of Pensions dues: \$18,250.00; continuing education: \$1,000.00; travel: \$1,500.00. Total compensation package: \$77,575.00. Actual incurred moving expenses included. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing Education: 2 weeks. 3 months sabbatical leave after 5 years.
2. The call to Dr. Esther Acolatse to serve in a validated ministry as assistant professor of the practice of pastoral theology and World Christianity at Duke Divinity School. Terms: \$5,820.83 per month; medical and vision plan provided.
3. The call to Rev. Anna Rainey Dickson to serve as designated associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, effective November 3, 2014 for one year. Terms: annual cash salary: \$32,500.00; housing allowance: \$17,500.00; social security offset: \$3,825.00; reimbursable expenses: \$5,431.00; Board of Pensions dues: \$17,500.00. Total compensation package: \$76,756.00. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing Education: 2 weeks.
4. The call to Jordan Davis to serve in a validated ministry as church relations officer, Union Presbyterian Seminary effective February 28, 2015. Terms: \$1,141.20 per week for up to 50 weeks a year and out-of-pocket expenses including \$30.00 per month toward cost of a mobile phone. Medical and retirement pension to be covered by the seminary.

5. The call to Edward Johnson to serve as part-time stated supply pastor of Pinetops Presbyterian Church, effective February 15, 2015 through February 15, 2016. Terms: annual cash salary: \$25,190.10; reimbursable expenses: \$9,071.20. Total compensation package: \$34,261.30.

### **Examinations and Transfers**

The examinations of the following were sustained:

#### **Ordinands**

Dr. Esther Acolatse  
Jordan Davis  
Edward Johnson

#### **Transfers**

Rev. Leigh Gillis (Heartland Presbytery)  
Rev. Debbie Osterhoudt (Presbytery of Northeast Georgia)  
Rev. John Fawcett (Presbytery of Chicago)  
Rev. Lynn Stall (Salem Presbytery)  
Rev. John Robinson (Shenandoah Presbytery)  
Rev. Richard Goodman (Presbytery of Eastern Virginia)

### **Changes within presbytery**

Rev. Anna Rainey Dickson

### **COM to approve the following commissions:**

#### **Ordination**

Dr. Esther Acolatse (Validated Ministry, Duke Divinity School)  
Jordan Davis (Validated Ministry, Union Theological Seminary)  
Edward Johnson (Stated Supply, Pinetops Presbyterian Church)

#### **Installation**

Rev. Anna Rainey Dickson, First Presbyterian Church, Raleigh

### **Peacemaking**

Rev. Mark Davidson

A number of churches sent overtures to the General Assembly in 2010 to put in motion a peace discernment process. A lot has happened since the 1980 peacemaking commitment. The affirmations before us for consideration can be found in the docket on pp. 76-80. These are advisory; a policy paper will go to the General Assembly in 2016.

**Christian Education**

Rev. Kate Boswell

Rev. Boswell called the body’s attention to the announcement of a Webinar with Bruce Chow (page 81 of the docket), scheduled for September 19, 2015. Bruce will discuss digital media, social media, and specifics around technology to try in the church. Please sign up to attend at one of two sites where the Webinar will be presented: White Memorial in Raleigh and First Presbyterian in Goldsboro.

**Report of the Resolutions Committee**

Lori Hines Jones

**RESOLVED** that we give great thanks to the First Presbyterian Church of Greenville and the Falkland Presbyterian Church, their officers, staff, members and volunteers for:

- the warm and hospitable welcome from the time we entered the parking lot until the end of the day;
- the inspiring and meaningful worship service along with the musical contributions from the Elements of Praise, Pitt Community College Gospel Choir;
- the meaningful and heartfelt sharing of the Word from PC(USA) Moderator Heat Rada;
- thoughtful preparation and presentation of the nutritious breakfast and lunch.

**WHEREAS** we celebrate the collective wisdom of all participants for their efforts to take back information to their churches and communities;

**WHEREAS** we appreciate the oversight of Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk Ted Churn and Moderator Deborah Kirk, and give thanks for their skills and experience brought to us for the vision of the work of the presbytery going forward;

**WHEREAS** we give thanks to the Holy Spirit for the committees and individuals who do the work of the presbytery;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we give great thanks to God for the warm and kind welcome of the host churches and we hold up to God all work we have done as a presbytery this day.

**Report of Assistant to the Stated Clerk**

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

**Attendance**

Ministers	118
Elder Commissioners	138
Inquireres/Candidates	10
Commissioned Ruling Elders	3
Non-commissioned Ruling Elders	2
Corresponding Members	5
Elder Educators	1
Educators (DCE’s)	1
Lay Members of Coordinating Body	2
Presbytery Staff	3
Visitors	<u>50</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>333</b>

**Offering:** \$2,397.75 was collected during the Service of Worship and given to the Greenville Community Shelters to help equip their new building.

**Adjourn**

Upon a motion from the floor, Moderator Kirk adjourned the meeting and closed with prayer at 3:16 p.m.

**NEXT STATED MEETING**

**July 28, 2015**

**Covenant Presbyterian Church**  
**Durham, NC**