

**96th STATED MEETING
PRESBYTERY OF NEW HOPE
October 24, 2015
White Memorial Presbyterian Church
Raleigh, North Carolina**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with prayer at 9:00AM by Moderator Rev. Deborah Kirk.

Quorum

Pursuant to BOO G-3.0304 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

After minor changes in the sequence of presentations, the docket with the minor changes was approved.

Seating of Corresponding Members

The following were seated as corresponding members: Charles Betts Huntley (Tampa Bay Presbytery), Helen Locklear (Coastal Carolina) and Fred Mangini (Evangelical Church).

Appointment of Standing Committee

The following commissioners were appointed to the Resolutions Committee:

Millicent Fauntleroy (Ruling Elder, Davie Street), Katherine Kussmaul (Teaching Elder, St. Giles) and Jody Welker (Teaching Elder, Kirk of Kildaire).

Welcome by Hosts

On behalf of the sessions and many volunteers from White Memorial, Westminster and West Raleigh Presbyterian Churches, Rev. Christopher Edmonston welcomed the presbytery to White Memorial. Volunteers with name tags will be stationed around the campus to answer questions and provide directions.

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

Participants in worship included: Rene Baker (Presbytery Staff); Rev. Tracey Daniel, Rev. Gary Fulton and Rev. Christopher Edmonston,

who preached the sermon (White Memorial); Rev. Jonathan Sherrod (Westminster); Rev. David Wiseman (West Raleigh); Rev. Jordan Davis (Union Seminary), Elder Susan Mazzara (COM), Kristen Homdrom, Associate Director of Music, Karl Zinsmeister, Director of Music, members of the Chancel and Sanctuary Choirs (White Memorial). The offering collected was designated for Friends of Oberlin Village to aid in the clean up and restoration of the historic Oberlin Cemetery. The sacrament of communion was celebrated and the Necrology of Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders (2014-2105) was included in the service.

Table Conversations: Nurturing Leaders

The body divided into church cluster groups to discuss the following questions about leadership in the churches: When is your leadership (Session or others) functioning at its best? What does that look like within the Session or congregation? What does it look like when your leadership gets “stuck”? When or why does that tend to happen? Are there resources that your leadership needs to better live into your church’s mission?

Board of Pensions

The presbytery received an oral Board of Pensions report from Rev. Helen Locklear.

Youth Council

Rev. Evan Walker expressed his joy in serving with 29 youth from 11 churches. The Council meets monthly and plans and leads two retreats per year. He encouraged churches to nominate youth to serve on the council where they are trained throughout the year to lead music, worship, energizers and small groups. 238 young people attended the retreat at Camp Don Lee recently.

Campus Ministry

Rev. Christ Tuttle reminded the presbytery that congregations make promises when babies are baptized. Campus Ministry programs (Duke, N C State, UNC (Chapel Hill), Central and UNC (Greenville) are one way those promises are kept. Rev. Tuttle expressed gratitude for the financial support from the presbytery.

Black Caucus Report

Ruling Elder James Henderson of Covenant, Durham described the Invest in Kids Outreach Program run by Covenant’s men’s council.

Working with the Durham Housing Authority, eight young men (between the ages of 8 and 12) are selected from Cornwallis Road public housing and members of the men's council serve as mentors for them. Each first Sunday of the month, they gather for a breakfast meeting and an activity to provide emotional, psychological, spiritual and cultural enrichment. Once a month, a trip is taken for further enrichment, such as a visit to the White House or the Greensboro Civil Rights Museum. Elder Henderson expressed gratitude to the presbytery: the outreach ministry grant program provides funds to support the Invest in Kids Outreach Program.

Passion Driven Ministries

Elder Margaret Peacock (of Presbyterian Women area 3) described the Human Trafficking workshop they held in August. North Carolina is one of the top ten states in human trafficking, a global, national, state and city issue. Wake County has a Crisis Assessment Center and a Raleigh police unit dedicated to human trafficking. Elder Peacock showed a 4 minute video on human trafficking and what it means. She encouraged the presbytery to be involved in this issue.

Report of the Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk

Rev. Ted Churn

Report of the Coordinating Body

Phyllis Supple

The body's attention was directed to the 2016 proposed budget on page 46 of the docket. The presbytery will vote on the budget at its March meeting.

Presbytery received the following as information. The Coordinating Body:

1. heard a report from Farm Church, an emerging new church development in the PC(USA).
2. received an email from Grady Parsons announcing he will not be running for a third term as stated clerk of the PC(USA).
3. appointed Rev. Elizabeth Cluff as chair of the Associate Executive Search Committee.
4. heard an updated report from co-chair of Commission on Ministry (Elder Susan Mazzara)
5. planned the docket for the October 24, 2015 stated meeting of the presbytery.

Coordinating Body approved the following:

1. Minutes of the July 28, 2015 stated meeting of the Presbytery of New Hope.
2. Recommendations from Passion Driven Ministries (PDM) Grant Proposals Sub-Team:

- West Raleigh Presbyterian Church Arts Ministry: \$1,333.33
- Westminster/Five Points (Raleigh) Moms and Dads: \$5,000.00
- ConnectEd: \$2,500.00.
- Westminster/Trinity Presbyterian Church: \$5,000.00
- A Place at the Table: \$5,000.00.
- OBX Room in the Inn/Roanoke Island Presbyterian Church: \$2,500.00
- Selma Presbyterian Church: \$5,000.00
- Older Adults Ministry Team: \$3,850.00.

3. The members of the administrative commission for Covenant Presbyterian Church, Wilson: Rev. Gary Fulton, Rev. Lynn Stall, Rev. Tom Watkins, A P Avery.

Presbytery received the following from the Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk

1. Minutes of the commission to commission Elbis Hernandez as a commissioned ruling elder of Santuario Congregation at Milner Memorial Presbyterian Church on August 9, 2015.
2. Minutes of the commission to commission Dr. Felecia Hardy as a commissioned ruling elder of St. Paul Presbyterian Church on August 20, 2015.
3. Minutes of the commission to ordain Esther Acolatse at Triangle Presbyterian church on September 26, 2015.
4. Minutes of the commission to install Rev. Christopher Berardi at First Presbyterian Church, Rocky Mount on October 4, 2015.

Presbytery approved the following:

1. Sessional records and rolls for the following churches and the years noted.
 - Bethlehem, Mebane – 2014 without exception
 - Covenant, Durham – 2014 without exception
 - Durham, First - 2014 without exception
 - Efland - 2013, 2014 without exception
 - Eno - 2014 without exception

- Fairfiled – 2013, 2014 without exception
- Hillsborough – 2012, 2014 without exception
- Little River - 2014 without exception
- Mt. Bethel - 2014 without exception
- Roxboro – 2011, 2014 without exception
- Triangle - 2014 without exception
- Trinity Avenue - 2014 without exception
- St. Andrews, Henderson - 2014 without exception
- Stanley White - 2014 without exception
- Wilson, First - 2014 without exception

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR

1. Rev. Portia Turner Williamson, who has been dealing with a prolonged illness.
2. Rev. Karl Travis, who is in UNC hospitals.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

1. Wake Forest and Western Boulevard Presbyterian Churches for being certified as PC(USA) Earth Care Congregations.
2. Rev. Jody Moore and his wife, Jeanne, on the birth of their twins, Joseph and Anna, on August 11, 2015.
3. The following churches on their anniversaries: Oakland (100th), Littleton (140th), Ebenezer (135th).
4. Rev. Dr. Ken McFayden, who was recently appointed dean of the faculty at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA. Ken is a member of our presbytery, faithfully serving the larger church in his capacity as dean.
5. Covenant Presbyterian Church, Durham on its upcoming Mortgage Burning Service, November 15, 2015.

CONDOLENCES TO

1. The family of Rev. Chang Myung Kim (HR), who faithfully served the Korean Church of Goldsboro in the early 1980's. Rev. Kim died August 4, 2015 in Aliso Viejo California.
2. The family of Rev. George Albert Grissom, who died August 19, 2015. Rev. Grissom served at Edgemont Presbyterian Church from August 1971 through July 1982.
3. Rev. Claire Colcord on the death of her husband, Roddy.

Missions Committee

Rev. Elizabeth Cluff

One of the functions of the missions committee is to oversee the hunger grant applications. The committee chooses recipients who are focused on issues related to hunger and who collaborate with other local partners. 19 recipients were chosen from 41 applicants. Many churches give to hunger but giving has been down in the last couple of years. Please continue supporting this mission of the presbytery.

Nominations

Rev. Melinda Merkley King

Presbytery received the 2014 Report to Synod on Representation. (attachment)

Rev. King reminded commissioners to nominate people to serve on presbytery committees. Presbytery approved the following individuals for the committees and classes indicated.

Coordinating Body

- Class of 2018: Katie Owen Aumann
- Class of 2018: Anna Rainey Dickson
- Class of 2018: Billy Leggett
- Class of 2018: David Vellenga

Finance and Property

- Class of 2016: _____
- Class of 2018: Carol A Moehring
- Class of 2018: Louis G. Sinclair
- Class of 2018: Samuel Stone

Personnel

- Class of 2018: Bob Dunham
- Class of 2018: Ellen Hall

Committee on Nomination and Representation (to be elected by Coordinating Body)

- Class of 2016: _____
- Class of 2018: _____

Disaster Assistance

- Class of 2018: Brenda Avery
- Class of 2018: Avant P. Coleman
- Class of 2018: James F. Ferry
- Class of 2018: Lisa Hermann
- Class of 2018: William Neely
- Class of 2018: Lynette Williams
- Class of 2018: James Williamson

Self-Development of People

- Class of 2018: John Etheredge
- Class of 2018: Robert Johnson
- Class of 2018: Ann Lanear

Class of 2018: Michael U. Smith

Campus Ministry

Class of 2016: Chris Tuttle
Class of 2017: Mary Kathleen Duncan
Class of 2017: Corrie Cadwallader
Class of 2017: Stephanie Arnold
Workman
Class of 2018: Leorita Hankerson
Class of 2018: Richard B. Jackson
Class of 2018: Jonathan Sherrod
Class of 2018: Marguerite Moore-Sirrine

Church Development and Evangelism

Class of 2016: _____
Class of 2016: _____
Class of 2017: _____
Class of 2018: James Kirby Fuller
Class of 2018 Ron McMenamin
Class of 2018: Samuel Son
Class of 2018: _____

Commission on Ministry

Class of 2017: Whitney Bayer
Class of 2018: Brenda Avery
Class of 2018: Susan Mazzara
Class of 2018: Gary McGee
Class of 2018: Wetonah (Toni) Rice
Parker
Class of 2018: Judith J. Rogers
Class of 2018: (Jerry) A. A. Slaymaker
Class of 2018: Lynn Stall
Class of 2018: Harold (Hal) Mark
Vandersea

Examinations and Transfers

Class of 2018: Kyle Allen
Class of 2018: Hyeok-Jin Choi
Class of 2018: Casey Clark
Class of 2018: David Huffman

Preparation for Ministry

Class of 2018: Betty Berghaus
Class of 2018: Kevin Brunk
Class of 2018: David Cole
Class of 2018: Eddie Bellis
Class of 2018: Taylor Lewis Hartman
Class of 2018: Charles Link

Moderator of Presbytery: Ida Adams

Vice-Moderator of Presbytery: Chris

**Commissioners to General Assembly 2016
(Portland, Oregon)**

Ruling Elders

Bob Griffin
Leorita Hankerson
Nancy Oates
Matt Wood

Teaching Elders

Kerri Hefner
Wanda Neely
Samuel Son
Jody Welker

Alternate RE

Ida Adams

Alternate TE

Cherrie Henry
Mac Schafer
Rocky Stone

Youth Advisory Delegate (YD): Hunter Wynns

ConnectED

Medora Hix

The ConnectED team of New Hope presbytery works to inspire and equip churches for Faith Formation through connection, collaboration, resource sharing and technology. A recent webinar was attended by persons representing 20 congregations. We have received a grant from Passion Driven Ministry (PDM). With this funding, we plan to offer a continually evolving website for sharing, exploring, and exchanging information on faith formation resources and on using technology. We plan to offer more locally created and timely webinars in the future. Also, we will be offering two or three fellowship and learning gatherings for those involved in educational ministries in the church. If your congregation has someone interested in joining us for these gatherings, please email a member of our team. Our contact information is on the presbytery website.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Rev. Keith Benze

The presbytery received the following Inquirer as a Candidate with reception:
I Sil Yoon (Durham, First). Moderator Deborah Kirk examined I Sil and declared her to be approved to become a candidate. Rev. Benze gave a charge to the applicant and a blessing to the applicant.

The presbytery received the following as inquirers:

1. Mary Berry (Durham, First)
2. Katherine M. Ross (Trinity Avenue)
3. Ricky "Lee" Sartain (Milner Memorial)

Tuttle

Commission on Ministry
Examinations and Transfers Sub-Commission
Elder Dick Marks, Co-Moderator (COM)

Rev. David Huffman, Moderator (Examinations and Transfers)

Examinations and Transfers
Transfers (To Be Welcomed)

Rev. Brent Anderson (Seattle Presbytery)
Rev. Allen Brimer (Presbytery of Transylvania)
Rev. Sam Codrington (Trinity Presbytery)
Rev. Ben Johnson-Krase (Presbytery of Milwaukee)
Rev. Charles S. Rimmer (Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church)

Ordinand (To Be Examined)
Antonio Lawrence

Commissioned Ruling Elder (To Be Examined)
Robert "Dewey" Cassell

Presbytery received the following as information:

1. Members of the commission to install Rev. Christopher Berardi at First Presbyterian Church, Rocky Mount on October 4, 2015. Ministers: Rev. Ted Churn, Rev. Mary Kathleen Duncan, Rev. Byron Wade; Ruling elders Leorita Hankerson and Jim Lilley.

2. Members of the commission to install Rev. Herbert Samuel Taylor Codrington at West Haven Presbyterian Church on October 25, 2015. Ministers: Rev. Ted Churn, Rev. Art Ross, Rev. Bettie Kirkpatrick, Rev. Preston Smith; ruling elders: Billy Leggett, Ann Martin, Linda Amerson. Guest of the Commission: Rev. Herb Codrington.

Presbytery received the following as approved items by COM and Exams and Transfers on behalf of the presbytery:

Transfers

1. Rev. Brent Anderson: transfer from Seattle Presbytery to serve as pastor of Peace Presbyterian Church, effective August 17, 2015. Terms: annual cash salary: \$31,000.00; housing allowance: \$31,000.00; social security offset: \$4,743.00; reimbursable expenses: \$5,000.00; Board of Pensions Dues: \$24,263.00. Total compensation package: \$96,006.00. Moving expenses: \$9,000.00. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing education: 2 weeks.

2. Rev. Allen Brimer: transfer from the Presbytery of Transylvania as a member-at-large, effective October 13, 2015.

3. Rev. Sam Codrington: transfer from Trinity Presbytery to serve as pastor of West Haven Presbyterian Church, effective September 1, 2015. Terms: annual cash salary \$25,000.00; housing allowance: \$17,000.00; social security offset: \$3,213.00; reimbursable expenses: \$3,000.00; Board of Pensions Dues: \$15,820.00. Total compensation package: \$64,033.00. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing education: 2 weeks.

4. Rev. Ben Johnston-Krase: transfer from the Presbytery of Milwaukee as a member-at-large, effective October 13, 2015.

5. Rev. Charles S. Rimmer (HR): transfer from the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, effective September 8, 2015.

Interim Agreements

1. Rev. Marguerite Moore Sistine to serve as interim pastor of Unity Presbyterian Church, effective September 1, 2015 through September 20, 2016. Terms: annual cash salary: \$17,887.00; social security offset: \$1,368.36; reimbursable expenses: \$1,500.00. Total compensation package: \$19,755.36. Vacation: 2 weeks. Continuing education: 1 week.

2. Renewal of interim pastor agreement between Rev. Dr. John Thomas and Calvary Presbyterian Church, Wilson, effective October 2, 2015 through March 31, 2016. 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.

Supply Agreements

1. Rev. Rebecca Reyes to serve as stated supply of Butner Presbyterian Church, effective September 13, 2015 through September 11, 2016. Terms: \$150 per worship service; visitation rate: \$20.00 per hour; fees for weddings and funerals to be determined.

2. Rev. Steve Herring to serve as part-time stated supply of Cobb Memorial and Nahalah Presbyterian Churches, effective August 2, 2015

for 6 months (renewable). Terms: \$250.00 per week.

3. Renewal of stated supply agreement between Rev. Jane Rose and Fountain Presbyterian Church, effective September 1, 2015 through August 30, 2016 for 6 months (renewable). Terms: annual cash salary: \$23,231.41; housing allowance: \$3,000.00; social security offset: \$1,776.59. Total compensation package: \$28,000.08. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing education: 2 weeks.

4. Alex Stayer-Brewington (student intern) to serve as part-time stated supply of Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, Mebane, effective December 1, 2015 through November 30, 2016. Terms: annual cash salary \$17,250.00.

Dissolutions

1. Rev. David Crow and Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, Mebane, effective September 30, 2015.

Dismissals

1. Rev. Mark Diehl to Presbytery of New Harmony, effective August 13, 2015.

2. Rev. Nolan Huizenga to Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, effective August 13, 2015.

3. Rev. Raafat Girgis (ADMN/MAL) to Presbytery of the Pacific, effective October 14, 2015.

4. Rev. Carol Pierson to Whitewater Valley Presbytery, effective October 14, 2015.

Other

1. The honorable retirement of Rev. John Robinson (ADMN/MAL), effective October 14, 2015.

2. Bear Grass and Roberson Chapel Presbyterian Churches to be relieved from vacancy dues, effective January 1, 2015.

3. First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, to be relieved from associate pastor vacancy dues (position dissolved).

4. Roberson Chapel six-year term limit for session to be waived.

Presbytery approved the following:

1. Robert “Dewey” Cassell to serve as commissioned ruling elder of Butner Presbyterian Church effective October 24, 2015. Commission is for 3 years, renewable on an annual basis. Terms: worship leadership: \$150.00 per Sunday; mileage over 50 miles: \$0.56 per mile; pastora visitation: \$20.00 per hour.

2. Antonio Lawrence to serve as co-pastor of Faith Presbyterian Church, effective November 15, 2015. Terms: annual cash salary: \$26,670.00; housing allowance: \$8,255.00; social security offset: \$2,672.00; reimbursable expenses: \$3,000.00; Board of Pensions Dues: \$14,311.00. Total compensation package: \$54,908.00. Vacation: 4 weeks. Continuing education: 2 weeks. 3 months of sabbatical leave after 6 years.

Report of the Resolutions Committee

Rev. Katherine Kussmaul, Rev. Jody Welker

To the tune of “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Gathering on a blissful day
autumn colors, warming sun
Although the fair’s not far away
New Hope’s work is just begun!

(Chorus) Lord of all to thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise

Thankful for countless servant-bees
Getting all the details done
Gracious hosts for presbyter-
All kind words from everyone

(Chorus)

Worshipping God with hymns divine
Heard a word: flock, do not fear!
Communion (it’s too bad, no wine!)
Gospel truth for all to hear!

(Chorus)

All our people-old and young
Gone before and ventures new
We give praise with every tongue
All who give and all who do

(Chorus)

Clusters around the table talk
When does leadership work well?
What does it mean to faithfully walk?
We have stories all to tell.

(Chorus)

One final verse—it's here at last!
Aren't you glad we're almost through?
Don't you think our time has passed?
Let's go home – there's work to do!

(Chorus)

Report of Assistant to the Stated Clerk

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

Attendance

Ministers	102
Corresponding Members	3
Elder Commissioners	93
Lay Members of Coordinating Body	2
Elder Educators	1
Educators	1
Commissioned Ruling Elders	4
Non-Commissioned Ruling Elders	3
Candidates/Inquirers	5
Visitors	26
Presbytery Staff	<u>3</u>

Total: 243

Offering: \$1,471.75 was collected during the worship service and given to the Friends of Oberlin Village to aid in the clean-up and restoration of the historic Oberlin Cemetery.

NEXT STATED MEETING

March 5, 2016

**Hudson Memorial Presbyterian
Church
Raleigh, NC**